

## **PROSPECTUS**

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Credit Opportunities Fund

Investor Class
I Class
Advisor Class

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A fund seeking long-term capital appreciation and high income through investments in a variety of credit instruments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.



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# **SUMMARY**

#### **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks a combination of long-term capital appreciation and high income.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may also incur brokerage commissions and other charges when buying or selling shares of the fund, which are not reflected in the table.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

	Investor Class	l Class	Advisor Class
Shareholder fees (fees pa	nid directly from y	our investment)	
Redemption fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed on shares held for 90 days or less)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Maximum account fee	\$20 <sup>a</sup>	_	_
Annual fund (expenses that percentage of the	operating expens you pay each yea value of your inv	ır as a	
Management fees	0.64%	0.64%	0.64%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	-	_	0.25
Other expenses	0.86	0.79 <sup>c</sup>	1.24
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.50	1.43	2.13
Fee waiver/expense reimbursement	(0.59) <sup>b</sup>	(0.73) <sup>c</sup>	(1.12) <sup>d</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver/expense reimbursement	0.91 b	0.70 <sup>c</sup>	1.01 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Subject to certain exceptions, accounts with a balance of less than \$10,000 are charged an annual \$20 fee.

b T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., has agreed (through September 30, 2018) to waive its fees and/or bear any expenses (excluding interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; and acquired fund fees and expenses) that would cause the class' ratio of expenses to average daily net assets to exceed 0.90%. The agreement may be terminated at any time beyond September 30, 2018, with approval by the fund's Board of Directors. Fees waived and expenses paid under this agreement (and a previous limitation of 0.90%) are subject to reimbursement to T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., by the fund whenever the class' expense ratio is below 0.90%. However, no reimbursement will be made more than three years from the date such amounts were initially waived or reimbursed. The fund may only make repayments to T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., if such repayment does not cause the class' expense ratio (after the repayment is taken into account) to exceed both: (1) the expense limitation in place at the time such amounts were waived; and (2) the class' current expense limitation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., has agreed (through September 30, 2019) to pay the operating expenses of the fund's I Class excluding management fees; interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; and acquired fund fees and expenses ("I Class Operating Expenses"), to the extent the I Class Operating Expenses exceed 0.05% of the class' average daily net assets. Any expenses paid under this agreement are subject to reimbursement to T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., by the fund whenever the fund's I Class Operating Expenses are below 0.05%. However, no reimbursement will be made more than three years from the date such amounts were initially waived or reimbursed. The fund may only make repayments to T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., if such repayment does not cause the I Class Operating Expenses (after the repayment is taken into account) to exceed both: (1) the limitation on I Class Operating Expenses in place at the time such amounts were waived; and (2) the current expense limitation on I Class Operating Expenses.

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**Example** This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. The example also assumes that an expense limitation currently in place is not renewed; therefore, the figures have been adjusted to reflect fee waivers or expense reimbursements only in the periods for which the expense limitation arrangement is expected to continue. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Investor Class	\$93	\$416	\$762	\$1,740
I Class	72	304	638	1,583
Advisor Class	103	559	1,041	2,373

**Portfolio Turnover** The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 62.7% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### Investments, Risks, and Performance

**Principal Investment Strategies** Under normal conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in credit instruments and derivative instruments that are linked to, or provide investment exposure to, credit instruments. The fund defines credit instruments broadly to include any debt instrument or instrument with debt-like characteristics. The fund's investments in credit instruments typically include corporate and sovereign bonds, bank loans, convertible securities and preferred stocks, and securitized instruments, which are vehicles backed by pools of assets such as mortgages, loans, or other receivables.

The fund may invest without limit in bonds that are rated below investment grade (below BBB, or an equivalent rating) or are not rated by established credit rating

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agencies (commonly referred to as "high yield" bonds or "junk" bonds), as well as bank loans and other instruments that are rated below investment grade or are not rated by established credit rating agencies. Such investments should be considered speculative and may include distressed and defaulted securities. The fund may invest in bonds and other instruments of any maturity and does not attempt to maintain any particular weighted average maturity or duration.

High yield bonds tend to provide high income in an effort to compensate investors for their higher risk of default, which is the failure to make required interest or principal payments. High yield bond issuers often include small or relatively new companies lacking the history or capital to merit investment-grade status, former blue chip companies downgraded because of financial problems, companies electing to borrow heavily to finance or avoid a takeover or buyout, and firms with heavy debt loads.

While high yield corporate bonds are typically issued with a fixed interest rate, bank loans have floating interest rates that reset periodically (typically quarterly or monthly). Bank loans represent amounts borrowed by companies or other entities from banks and other lenders. In many cases, the borrowing companies have significantly more debt than equity and the loans have been issued in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, or refinancings. The loans held by the fund may be senior or subordinate obligations of the borrower, and may or may not be secured by collateral. The fund may acquire bank loans directly from a lender or through the agent, as an assignment from another lender who holds a floating rate loan, or as a participation interest in another lender's floating rate loan or portion thereof. The fund may invest up to 50% of its net assets in bank loans.

The fund may invest in securities issued by both U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including emerging markets (and frontier markets) issuers, and up to 50% of the fund's net assets may be invested in non-U.S. dollar-denominated holdings. The fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in securitized instruments, which may include residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations, asset-backed securities, and other instruments backed by pools of assets. The fund may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in equity securities, including common and preferred stocks, and securities that are convertible into common stocks or other equity securities.

In addition, the fund may use credit default swaps and options in keeping with the fund's objectives. Credit default swaps and options would primarily be used to gain exposure to a particular issuer or security, although credit default swaps may also be used to protect the fund against an expected credit event.

The fund may sell holdings for a variety of reasons, such as to adjust the portfolio's average maturity, duration, or credit quality, to shift assets into and out of higher-yielding instruments, or to reduce its exposure to certain instruments.

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**Principal Risks** As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective. The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund are summarized as follows:

**Active management risks** The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. If the investments selected and strategies employed by the fund fail to produce the intended results, the fund could underperform in comparison to other funds with a similar benchmark or similar objectives and investment strategies.

**Fixed income markets risks** Economic and other market developments can adversely affect fixed income securities markets. At times, participants in these markets may develop concerns about the ability of certain issuers of debt instruments to make timely principal and interest payments, or they may develop concerns about the ability of financial institutions that make markets in certain debt instruments to facilitate an orderly market. Those concerns could cause increased volatility and reduced liquidity in particular securities or in the overall fixed income markets and the related derivatives markets. A lack of liquidity or other adverse credit market conditions may hamper the fund's ability to sell the debt instruments in which it invests or to find and purchase suitable debt instruments.

Bank loan risks To the extent the fund invests in bank loans, it is exposed to additional risks beyond those normally associated with more traditional debt instruments. The fund's ability to receive payments in connection with the loan depends primarily on the financial condition of the borrower and whether or not a loan is secured by collateral, although there is no assurance that the collateral securing a loan will be sufficient to satisfy the loan obligation. In addition, bank loans often have contractual restrictions on resale, which can delay the sale and adversely impact the sale price. Transactions involving bank loans may have significantly longer settlement periods than more traditional investments (settlement can take longer than 7 days) and often involve borrowers whose financial condition is troubled or highly leveraged, which increases the risk that the fund may not receive its proceeds in a timely manner and that the fund may incur unexpected losses in order to pay redemption proceeds to its shareholders. In addition, loans are not registered under the federal securities laws like stocks and bonds, so investors in loans have less protection against improper practices than investors in registered securities

*Senior loans risks* Senior loans are subject to the risk that a court could subordinate a senior loan, which typically holds the most senior position in the issuer's capital structure, to presently existing or future indebtedness or take other action detrimental to the holders of senior loans.

*Impairment of collateral risks* The value of collateral securing a floating rate loan could decline, be insufficient to satisfy the loan obligation, or be difficult to liquidate.

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The fund's access to the collateral could be limited by bankruptcy or by the type of loan it purchases. As a result, a collateralized senior loan may not be fully collateralized and can decline significantly in value.

*Credit risks* A loan borrower or issuer of a debt instrument could suffer an adverse change in financial condition that results in a payment default, inability to meet a financial obligation, or the rating downgrade of a fund holding. The fund's overall credit risk is increased to the extent it invests in loans not secured by collateral or if it purchases a participation interest in a loan.

Junk investing risks Because a significant portion of the fund's investments may be rated below investment grade, the fund is exposed to greater volatility than if it invested mainly in investment-grade bonds and loans. High yield bond and loan issuers are usually not as strong financially as investment-grade bond issuers and, therefore, are more likely to suffer an adverse change in financial condition that would result in the inability to meet a financial obligation. Accordingly, securities and loans involving such companies carry a higher risk of default and should be considered speculative. The overall credit quality of securitized instruments depends primarily on the quality of the pools' underlying loans or other assets.

Any investments in distressed or defaulted securities subject the fund to even greater credit risk than investments in other below investment-grade bonds. Investments in obligations of restructured, distressed and bankrupt issuers, including debt obligations that are already in default, generally trade significantly below par and may be considered illiquid. Defaulted securities might be repaid only after lengthy bankruptcy proceedings, during which the issuer might not make any interest or other payments, and such proceedings may result in only partial recovery of cash payments or no recovery at all. In addition, recovery could involve an exchange of the defaulted obligation for other debt or equity securities of the issuer or its affiliates, which may in turn be illiquid or speculative and be valued by the fund at significantly less than its original purchase price. In addition, investments in distressed issuers may subject the fund to liability as a lender.

Interest rate risks Prices of, and the income generated by, debt instruments held by the fund may be affected by changes in interest rates. A rise in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to fall and its yield to rise. Conversely, a decline in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to rise and the yield to fall. Generally, securities with longer maturities or durations, and funds with longer weighted average maturities or durations, carry greater interest rate risk. The fund may face a heightened level of interest rate risk due to historically low interest rates and the potential effect of any government fiscal policy initiatives; for example, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board has ended its quantitative easing program and may continue to raise interest rates. The fund's bank loan investments typically have interest rates that reset periodically. The impact of interest rate changes on bank loans and other floating rate investments is typically mitigated by the periodic interest rate reset of the investments. While investments with longer maturities or durations

typically offer higher yields, they tend to be more volatile and sensitive to changes in interest rates than investments with shorter maturities or durations. In a declining interest rate environment, prepayments of loans may increase, which could cause the fund to reinvest the prepayment proceeds at lower yields.

**Prepayment and extension risks** The fund is subject to prepayment risks because the principal on mortgage-backed securities, or other assets that underlie securitized instruments, or any debt instrument with an embedded call option may be prepaid at any time, which could reduce the security's yield and market value. The rate of prepayments tends to increase as interest rates fall, which could cause the average maturity of the portfolio to shorten. Extension risk may result from a rise in interest rates, which tends to make mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other callable debt instruments more volatile.

*Liquidity risks* The fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Reduced liquidity in the bond markets can result from a number of events, such as limited trading activity, reductions in bond inventory, and rapid or unexpected changes in interest rates. Less liquid markets could lead to greater price volatility and limit the fund's ability to sell a holding at a suitable price. Floating rate loans may not have an active trading market and often have contractual restrictions on resale, which can delay the sale and adversely impact the sale price.

Convertible securities and preferred stock risks Stocks generally fluctuate in value more than bonds and tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising and falling prices. The value of a stock may decline due to general weakness in the stock market or because of factors that affect a particular company or industry. Investments in convertible securities and preferred stocks subject the fund to market risk, credit and interest rate risk, and other risks associated with both equity and fixed income securities, depending on the price of the underlying security and the conversion price. A convertible security may be called back by the issuer prior to maturity at a price that is disadvantageous to the fund. In addition, convertible securities are typically issued by smaller-capitalized companies whose stock prices are more volatile than companies that have access to more conventional means of raising capital. Preferred stock holders would be paid after corporate bondholders, but before common stockholders, in the event a company fails.

**Foreign investing risks** Investing in the securities of non-U.S. issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. Foreign securities tend to be more volatile and less liquid than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. In addition, foreign investments are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S.

*Emerging markets risks* The risks of foreign investing are heightened for securities of issuers in emerging market, including frontier market, countries. Emerging market

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countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. In addition to all of the risks of investing in foreign developed markets, emerging markets are more susceptible to governmental interference, local taxes being imposed on foreign investments, restrictions on gaining access to sales proceeds, and less liquid and less efficient trading markets.

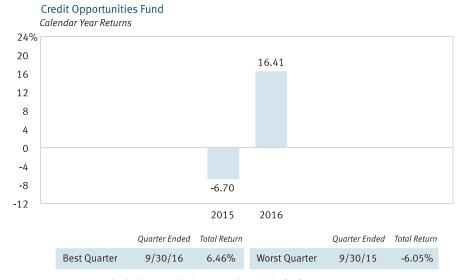
*Currency risks* Because the fund may invest in securities issued in foreign currencies, the fund could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies versus the U.S. dollar and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar.

**Derivatives risks** The fund uses credit default swaps and options and is therefore exposed to additional volatility in comparison to investing directly in bonds and other debt instruments. These instruments can be illiquid and difficult to value, and may not properly correlate to the underlying securities or index. In addition, derivative instruments not traded on an exchange are subject to the risk that a counterparty to the transaction will fail to meet its obligations under the derivatives contract. Credit default swaps involve the risk that the creditworthiness of an issuer or likelihood of a credit event will not be accurately predicted, which could significantly harm the fund's performance. Options expose the fund to the risk that the underlying security may not move in the direction anticipated by the portfolio manager, requiring the fund to buy or sell the security at a price that is disadvantageous to the fund. However, the losses associated with the purchase of a call option are limited to the premium paid up front for the option. Changes in regulations could significantly impact the fund's ability to invest in specific types of derivatives, which could limit the fund's ability to employ certain strategies that use derivatives

**Performance** The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance (before and after taxes) and is not necessarily an indication of future results.

The following bar chart illustrates how much returns can differ from year to year by showing calendar year returns and the best and worst calendar quarter returns during those years for the fund's Investor Class. Returns for other share classes vary since they have different expenses.

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The fund's return for the six months ended 6/30/17 was 4.49%.

The following table shows the average annual total returns for each class of the fund that has been in operation for at least one full calendar year, and also compares the returns with the returns of a relevant broad-based market index, as well as with the returns of one or more comparative indexes that have investment characteristics similar to those of the fund.

In addition, the table shows hypothetical after-tax returns to demonstrate how taxes paid by a shareholder may influence returns. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as a 401(k) account or an IRA. After-tax returns are shown only for the Investor Class and will differ for other share classes.

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Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2016		
Investor Class	1 Year	Since inception	Inception date 04/29/2014
Returns before taxes	16.41%	0.53%	
Returns after taxes on distributions	13.38	-2.26	
Returns after taxes on distributions			
and sale of fund shares	9.18	-0.89	
l Class			11/29/2016
Returns before taxes	_	_	
Advisor Class			04/29/2014
Returns before taxes	16.32	0.39	
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High-Yield 2% Issuer Capped deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	Bond Index (re	flects no	
	17.13	3.89 <sup>a</sup>	
Lipper High Yield Funds Average			
	13.27	2,44b	

a Return as of 4/29/14.

Updated performance information is available through **troweprice.com**.

## Management

**Investment Adviser** T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (T. Rowe Price)

Portfolio Manager	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
	Chairman of Investment		
Rodney M. Rayburn	Advisory Committee	2015	2014

### **Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The Investor Class generally requires a \$2,500 minimum initial investment (\$1,000 minimum initial investment if opening an IRA, a custodial account for a minor, or a small business retirement plan account). Additional purchases generally require a \$100 minimum. These investment minimums may be waived or modified for financial intermediaries and certain employer-sponsored retirement plans submitting orders on behalf of their customers. Advisor Class shares may generally only be purchased through a financial intermediary or retirement plan.

The I Class generally requires a \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment and there is no minimum for additional purchases, although the initial investment minimum may be waived for intermediaries and retirement plans maintaining omnibus accounts, and certain institutional client accounts for which T. Rowe Price or its affiliate has discretionary investment authority.

b Return as of 4/30/14.

For investors holding shares of the fund directly with T. Rowe Price, you may purchase, redeem, or exchange fund shares by mail; by telephone (1-800-225-5132 for IRAs and nonretirement accounts; 1-800-492-7670 for small business retirement plans; and 1-800-638-8790 for institutional investors and financial intermediaries); or, for certain accounts, by accessing your account online through **troweprice.com**.

If you hold shares through a financial intermediary or retirement plan, you must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares of the fund through your intermediary or retirement plan. You should check with your intermediary or retirement plan to determine the investment minimums that apply to your account.

#### **Tax Information**

The fund declares dividends daily and pays them on the first business day of each month. Any capital gains are declared and paid annually, usually in December. Redemptions or exchanges of fund shares and distributions by the fund, whether or not you reinvest these amounts in additional fund shares, may be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you invest through a tax-deferred account (in which case you will be taxed upon withdrawal from such account).

#### **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information. However, the fund and its investment adviser do not pay broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries for sales or related services of the L Class shares.

#### ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

#### How is the fund organized?

The fund was incorporated in Maryland in 2014 and is an "open-end management investment company," or mutual fund. Mutual funds pool money received from shareholders and invest it to try to achieve specified objectives.

Shareholders have benefitted from T. Rowe Price's investment management experience since 1937.

## What is meant by "shares"?

As with all mutual funds, investors purchase shares when they put money in the fund. These shares are part of the fund's authorized capital stock, but share certificates are not issued.

Each share and fractional share entitles the shareholder to:

- Receive a proportional interest in income and capital gain distributions. For funds
  with multiple share classes, the income dividends for each share class will generally
  differ from those of other share classes to the extent that the expense ratios of the
  classes differ.
- Cast one vote per share on certain fund matters, including the election of the fund's
  directors/trustees, changes in fundamental policies, or approval of material changes
  to the fund's investment management agreement. Shareholders of each class have
  exclusive voting rights on matters affecting only that class.

# Does the fund have annual shareholder meetings?

The mutual funds that are sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (the "T. Rowe Price Funds") are not required to hold regularly scheduled shareholder meetings. To avoid unnecessary costs to the funds' shareholders, shareholder meetings are only held when certain matters, such as changes in fundamental policies or elections of directors/trustees, must be decided. In addition, shareholders representing at least 10% of all eligible votes may call a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the removal of any fund director or trustee. If a meeting is held and you cannot attend, you can vote by proxy. Before the meeting, the funds will send or make available to you proxy materials that explain the matters to be decided and include instructions on voting by mail, telephone, or the Internet.

# Who runs the fund? General Oversight

The fund is governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board") that meets regularly to review the fund's investments, performance, expenses, and other business affairs. The Board elects the fund's officers. At least 75% of Board members are independent of T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (the "Firm").

#### **Investment Adviser**

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is a SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors, and sponsors and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. As of June 30, 2017, the Firm had approximately \$903 billion in assets under management and provided investment management services for more than 8 million individual and institutional investor accounts.

### Portfolio Management

T. Rowe Price has established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The committee chairman has day-to-day responsibility for managing the fund's portfolio and works with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Rodney M. Rayburn, Chairman, Jason A. Bauer, Carson R. Dickson, Andrew P. Jamison, Brian A. Rubin, Jamie Shin, Michael J. Trivino, and David A. Yatzeck. The following information provides the year that the chairman (the "portfolio manager") first joined the Firm and the chairman's specific business experience during the past five years (although the chairman may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Mr. Rayburn has been chairman of the committee since 2015. He joined the Firm in 2014 and his investment experience dates from 2000. Since joining the Firm, he has served as a high yield credit analyst and a portfolio manager (beginning in 2015). The Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of the fund's shares.

# The Management Fee

The management fee consists of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee." The group fee, which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm, is calculated daily based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is

graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund assets.

#### Group Fee Schedule

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0.334%*	First \$50 billion
0.305%	Next \$30 billion
0.300%	Next \$40 billion
0.295%	Next \$40 billion
0.290%	Next \$60 billion
0.285%	Next \$80 billion
0.280%	Next \$100 billion
0.275%	Next \$100 billion
0.270%	Next \$150 billion
0.265%	Thereafter

<sup>\*</sup> Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's group fee is determined by applying the group fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. On May 31, 2017, the annual group fee rate was 0.29%. The individual fund fee, also applied to the fund's average daily net assets, is 0.35%.

Pursuant to any agreement under which T. Rowe Price has agreed to waive or pay for certain expenses in order to keep a class' expenses below a certain amount, the classspecific expense limitation could result in waiving expenses that have not been allocated to only that particular class (referred to as "Fundwide Expenses"). T. Rowe Price has agreed to pay or reimburse Fundwide Expenses for all classes of the fund in the same proportional amount. Since Fundwide Expenses may be waived for all classes in certain situations in order to keep one class at or below its contractual limitation, a particular class of the fund may benefit from another class' expense limitation regardless of whether that class has its own expense limitation. In such situations, Fundwide Expenses are subject to reimbursement to T. Rowe Price by the fund and each class whenever the class whose expense limitation resulted in the waiver of Fundwide Expenses is operating below its contractual expense limitation and such reimbursement will not cause the class' expense ratio to exceed either the expense limitation in place at the time of the waiver or any expense limitation in place at the time of reimbursement. In addition, each class will only reimburse T. Rowe Price for its proportional share of Fundwide Expenses that were waived or paid.

A discussion about the factors considered by the Board and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any sub-advisory agreement, if applicable) appear in the fund's annual report to shareholders for the period ended May 31.

# MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND ITS PRINCIPAL RISKS

Consider your investment goals, your time horizon for achieving them, and your tolerance for risk. If you are a long-term, risk-tolerant investor seeking exposure to the noninvestment-grade credit markets, the fund may be appropriate but should not represent a significant portion of your assets. If you are investing primarily for stability and liquidity, the fund is not appropriate, and you should consider a money market fund.

The fund could generate higher income than higher-quality bond funds and could have greater potential for capital appreciation. Because the high yield bond and loan markets can be more sensitive to changes in economic growth than interest rates, the fund may outperform high-quality bond funds when the outlook for the economy is positive.

The fund's yield will vary. The fund's yield is the annualized dividends earned for a given period (typically 30 days for bond funds), divided by the share price at the end of the period. The fund's total return includes distributions from income and capital gains and the change in share price for a given period.

Credit quality refers to the expected ability of the borrower of a loan, or the issuer of a debt instrument, to make all required interest and principal payments on time. Because highly-rated issuers represent less risk, they can borrow at lower interest rates than less-creditworthy issuers. Therefore, a fund investing in high-quality securities should have a lower yield than an otherwise comparable fund investing in lower-quality securities.

Bonds and loans have a stated maturity date when their entire principal value must be repaid to the investor. However, many loans are prepayable at par at the borrower's discretion and many bonds are "callable," meaning their principal can be repaid before the stated maturity date. Fixed rate bonds are most likely to be called when interest rates are falling because the issuer can refinance at a lower rate, just as a homeowner refinances a mortgage when interest rates fall. In that environment, a bond's "effective maturity" is usually its nearest call date. For example, the rate at which homeowners pay down their mortgage principal determines the effective maturity of mortgage-backed bonds.

Mortgage-backed securities differ from other high-quality bonds in one major respect. Non-mortgage bonds generally repay principal (face value of the bond) when their maturity date is reached, but most mortgage-backed securities repay principal continually as homeowners make mortgage payments. Homeowners have the option of paying either part or all of the loan balance before maturity, perhaps to refinance or buy a new home. As a result, the effective maturity of a mortgage-backed security is virtually always shorter than its stated maturity. For example, a newly issued pass-through certificate backed by 30-year, fixed rate mortgages will generally have a far

shorter life than 30 years—probably 12 years or less. Therefore, it will usually be about as volatile as a 10-year Treasury bond. It is possible to estimate the average life of an entire mortgage pool backing a particular security with some accuracy, but not with certainty.

A bond fund has no real maturity, but it does have a weighted average maturity and a weighted average effective maturity. Each of these numbers is an average of the stated or effective maturities of the underlying bonds, with each bond's maturity "weighted" by the percentage of fund assets it represents. (The fund's average effective maturity takes into consideration the possibility that an issuer may call a bond before its maturity date or, with respect to a pool of mortgages, the likelihood of prepayments on the mortgages.) Some funds utilize effective maturities rather than stated maturities when managing a fund to a certain average maturity, which provides additional flexibility in portfolio management.

Duration is a calculation that seeks to measure the price sensitivity of a bond or a bond fund to changes in interest rates. It is expressed in years, like maturity, but it is a better indicator of price sensitivity than maturity because it takes into account the time value of cash flows generated over the bond's life. Future interest and principal payments are discounted to reflect their present value and then multiplied by the number of years they will be received to produce a value expressed in years—the duration. "Effective" duration takes into account call features and sinking fund payments that may shorten a bond's life.

Since duration can be computed for bond funds, you can estimate the effect of interest rate fluctuations on share prices by multiplying the fund's duration by an expected change in interest rates. For example, the price of a bond fund with a duration of five years would be expected to fall approximately 5% if rates rose by one percentage point. A bond fund with a longer duration will generally be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a bond fund with a shorter duration. (The fund's duration is shown in its shareholder report.)

Duration measures only sensitivity to interest rate changes—the dominant source of risk for high-quality bond funds. It does not reflect risk from other sources, such as bond defaults. Therefore, duration may not be as significant an indicator of overall risk for a fund such as this one that invests in noninvestment-grade bonds.

While the fund will normally invest a significant portion of its portfolio in corporate bonds, the fund seeks to leverage the investment adviser's fundamental research expertise in an effort to offer investors the diversification benefits of a wider variety of credit instruments versus investments in just traditional high yield corporate bonds. The fund invests with a focus on specific catalysts or events, such as reorganizations, bankruptcies, and other restructurings. The fund also expresses positive views on specific issuers by taking long positions through credit swaps and options.

As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee the fund will achieve its objective. The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money when you sell

your shares of the fund. The income level of the fund will change with market conditions and interest rate levels.

Some particular risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies include the following:

Market risks The market price of investments owned by the fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The fund's investments may decline in value due to factors affecting the overall markets, or particular industries or sectors. The value of a holding may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for an issuer's financial condition, changes in interest or currency rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors which negatively affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions within an industry. The fund may experience heavy redemptions that could cause it to liquidate its assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value, which could cause the value of your investment in the fund to decline.

**Interest rate risks** A rise in interest rates usually accompanies a decline in bond prices. Longer-maturity fixed rate bonds typically decline more than those with shorter maturities or durations. If the fund purchases fixed rate bonds and interest rates rise, the fund's share price could decline. Because interest payments on the fund's floating rate investments are typically based on a spread over another interest rate, declining interest rates will generally result in the fund receiving less interest income. Floating rate loans and securities should have lower interest rate risk but holdings with longer reset periods may be more vulnerable to interest rate and price volatility. Over the past few years most fixed income markets have traded at low yields and certain debt instruments have traded at negative yields. Low or negative interest rates may increase the fund's susceptibility to interest rate risk.

**Credit risks** The perceived creditworthiness of the fund's holdings may deteriorate, or the fund's holdings may have their credit ratings downgraded or default (fail to make scheduled interest or principal payments), potentially reducing the fund's income level and share price. Credit risk for the fund depends largely on the financial health of the companies whose loans or debt instruments are held by the fund. In general, lower-rated loans and bonds have higher credit risks.

The loans and debt instruments held by the fund typically will be noninvestment grade. These investments are usually considered speculative and involve a greater risk of default and price decline due to deterioration in the credit quality of the company or issuer. The companies in which the fund invests are not as strong financially as those with higher credit ratings and are more vulnerable to financial setbacks and recession than more creditworthy companies, which may impair their ability to make interest and principal payments. Therefore, the credit risk for the fund's portfolio increases when the economy slows or enters a recession.

The fund's credit risk will increase if it invests in credit obligations of distressed issuers and other issuers involved in restructurings, including those that are in covenant or payment default. Such obligations are subject to a multitude of legal, industry, market, economic and governmental forces, each of which makes analysis of these companies inherently difficult. The repayment of defaulted obligations is subject to significant uncertainties and might be repaid, either in full or in part or through the receipt of a new security or obligation, only after lengthy workout or bankruptcy proceedings. A bankruptcy court may approve actions that would be contrary to the fund's interests and, if an anticipated transaction does not occur, the fund may be required to sell its investment at a substantial loss.

The fund's overall credit risk will increase if it invests in loans that are not secured by collateral. Further, even if the fund's claim on a loan is senior when it first invests in the loan, the claim may be subordinated or diluted at the time the fund makes a claim. Senior loans are subject to the risk that a court could subordinate a senior loan, which typically holds the most senior position in the issuer's capital structure, to presently existing or future indebtedness or take other action detrimental to the holders of senior loans.

When the fund purchases a loan as an assignment, it will be subject to the credit risk of the borrower. When the fund purchases a loan as a participation interest, it does not have any direct claim on the loan or its collateral, or any rights of set-off against the borrower. As a result, the fund will be subject not only to the credit risk of the borrower but also to the credit risk of the lender or participant who sold the participation interest to the fund. In the event of the insolvency of the lender selling a participation interest, the fund may be treated as a general creditor of the lender and may not benefit from any set-off between the lender and the borrower.

Impairment of collateral risks The terms of the floating rate loans held by the fund may require that the borrowing company maintain collateral to support payment of its obligations. However, the value of the collateral securing a floating rate loan can decline or be insufficient to meet the obligations of the company. In addition, collateral securing a loan may be found invalid, may be used to pay other outstanding obligations of the borrower, or may be difficult to liquidate. The fund's access to the collateral may be limited by bankruptcy, other insolvency laws, or by the type of loan the fund has purchased. For example, if the fund purchases a participation interest instead of an assignment, it would not have direct access to collateral of the borrower. As a result, a floating rate loan may not be fully collateralized and can decline significantly in value.

**Liquidity risks** The fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Sectors of the bond and loan markets can experience sudden downturns in trading activity. Loans and securities with reduced liquidity involve greater risk than securities with more liquid markets. During periods of reduced market liquidity, the spread between the price at which a security can be bought and the price at which it can be sold can widen, and the fund may not be able to sell a

holding readily at a price that reflects what the fund believes it should be worth. Less liquid securities can also become more difficult to value. Liquidity risk may be the result of, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of broker-dealers to make a market in fixed income securities or the lack of an active trading market. The potential for price movements related to liquidity risk may be magnified by a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where selling activity from fixed income investors may be higher than normal, potentially causing prices to fall due to increased supply in the market.

Floating rate loans often have contractual restrictions on resale. These restrictions can delay or impede the fund's ability to sell loans and may adversely affect the price that can be obtained.

Loans and unlisted securities are typically less liquid than securities traded on national exchanges. The secondary market for loans may be subject to irregular trading activity and extended settlement periods, and the liquidity of individual floating rate loans can vary significantly over time. For example, if the credit quality of a floating rate loan unexpectedly declines significantly, secondary market trading in that floating rate loan can also decline. During periods of infrequent trading, valuing a floating rate loan can be more difficult and buying or selling a floating rate loan at an acceptable price may not be possible or may be delayed. A delay in selling a floating rate loan or security can result in a loss and cause the fund's price to decline

Other risks of "junk" investing The entire noninvestment-grade loan and bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market activity, large sustained sales by major investors, a high-profile default, or a change in the market's psychology. This type of volatility is usually associated more with stocks than bonds, but leveraged loan and "junk" bond investors should be prepared for it.

Unlike registered securities, such as most stocks and bonds, loans are not registered or regulated under the federal securities laws. As a result, investors in loans have less protection against fraud and other improper practices than investors in registered securities because investors in loans may not be entitled to rely on the protection of the federal securities laws.

**Foreign investing risks** To the extent the fund holds foreign securities, it will be subject to special risks, whether the securities are denominated in U.S. dollars or foreign currencies. These risks include potentially adverse local, political, social, and economic conditions overseas, greater volatility, lower liquidity, and the possibility that foreign currencies will decline against the U.S. dollar, lowering the value of securities denominated in those currencies and possibly the fund's share price. These risks are heightened for the fund's investments in emerging markets, which are more susceptible to governmental interference, less efficient trading markets, and the

imposition of local taxes or restrictions on gaining access to sales proceeds for foreign investors.

**Emerging markets risks** The fund's investments in emerging markets (including frontier markets) are subject to the risk of abrupt and severe price declines. The economic and political structures of developing or emerging market countries, in most cases, do not compare favorably with the U.S. or other developed countries in terms of wealth and stability, and their financial markets often lack liquidity. These economies are less developed, can be overly reliant on particular industries, and more vulnerable to the ebb and flow of international trade, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. Sanctions and other intergovernmental actions are more likely to be undertaken against an emerging market country, which could result in the devaluation of the country's currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and a decline in the value and liquidity of securities issued by the country's government and by companies located in or doing business in the country. Sanctions could result in the immediate freeze of securities issued by an emerging market company or government, which would impair the ability of the fund to buy, sell, or receive proceeds from the sanctioned securities. Some countries have legacies of hyperinflation and currency devaluations versus the U.S. dollar (which adversely affect returns to U.S. investors). Significant devaluations have occurred in recent years in various emerging market countries. Governments of some emerging market countries have defaulted on their bonds, and investors in this sector must be prepared for similar events in the future.

**Currency risks** A decline in the value of a foreign currency versus the U.S. dollar could reduce the dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. The overall impact on the fund's holdings can be significant and long-lasting, depending on the currencies represented in the portfolio, how each one appreciates or depreciates in relation to the U.S. dollar, and whether currency positions are hedged. To the extent the fund is exposed to foreign currencies, changes in currency exchange rates can play a significant role in the fund's performance. Currency trends are unpredictable, and to the extent the fund purchases and sells currencies, it will also be subject to the risk that its trading strategies, including efforts at hedging, will not succeed. Furthermore, hedging costs can be significant and reduce the fund's net asset value, and many emerging market currencies cannot be effectively hedged.

**Prepayment risks** A fund investing in mortgage-backed securities, certain asset-backed securities, and other debt instruments that have embedded call options can be negatively impacted when interest rates fall because borrowers tend to refinance and prepay principal. Receiving increasing prepayments in a falling interest rate environment causes the average maturity of the portfolio to shorten, reducing its potential for price gains. It also requires the fund to reinvest proceeds at lower interest rates, which reduces the fund's total return and yield, and could result in a loss if bond prices fall below the level that the fund paid for them.

**Extension risks** A rise in interest rates or lack of refinancing opportunities can cause the fund's average maturity to lengthen unexpectedly due to a drop in expected prepayments of mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and callable debt instruments. This would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising rates and its potential for price declines.

**Derivatives risks** The fund's use of credit default swaps and options exposes the fund to additional volatility in comparison to investing directly in bonds and other debt instruments. These instruments can experience reduced liquidity and become difficult to value, and any of these instruments not traded on an exchange are subject to the risk that a counterparty to the transaction will fail to meet its obligations under the derivatives contract. The use of these instruments involves the risks that anticipated changes in the creditworthiness of an issuer or appreciation in an underlying security will not be accurately predicted.

**Efforts to reduce risks** The portfolio manager may mitigate but not eliminate risk through one or more of the following:

- Thorough credit research performed by T. Rowe Price analysts;
- Extensive diversification, which helps limit the fund's exposure to any one industry or issuer; and
- Variations in the amount of assets invested in various types of securities.

Additional strategies and risks In addition to the fund's normal investments, the fund may employ other strategies that are not considered part of its principal investment strategies. Such investments may include other securities and, to a limited extent, other types of derivatives than those described in the fund's principal investment strategies. For instance, the fund may invest in initial public offerings, private debt instruments, and restricted securities, as well as enter into trade claims, which are effectively "IOUs" arising from a business transaction. Such securities would carry substantial market risk and would generally be considered illiquid. In addition, forward currency exchange contracts may be used to protect the fund's non-U.S. dollar-denominated holdings from adverse currency movements by hedging the fund's foreign currency exposure back to the U.S. dollar. These contracts may limit the benefit of favorable changes in a non-U.S. currency in which a fund holding is denominated.

A derivative involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the assets on which the derivative is based. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid, and difficult to value. Changes in the value of a derivative may not properly correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index. The fund could be exposed to significant losses if it is unable to close a derivatives position due to the lack of a liquid trading market. Derivatives involve the risk that a counterparty to the derivatives agreement will fail to make required payments or comply with the terms of the agreement. There is also the possibility that limitations or trading restrictions may be imposed by an exchange

or government regulation, which could adversely impact the value and liquidity of a derivatives contract subject to such regulation.

Recent regulations have changed the requirements related to the use of certain derivatives. Some of these new regulations have limited the availability of certain derivatives and made their use by funds more costly. The SEC has proposed a rule that would change the regulation of derivatives and how they are used by registered investment companies, such as the T. Rowe Price Funds. If adopted as proposed, the rule could require significant changes to the funds' use of derivatives. It is expected that additional changes to the regulatory framework will occur, but the extent and impact of additional new regulations are not certain at this time.

The Statement of Additional Information contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

This section takes a detailed look at some of the types of the fund's holdings and the various kinds of investment practices that may be used in day-to-day portfolio management, including investment practices that may or may not be considered principal investment strategies of the fund. The fund's investments are subject to further restrictions and risks described in the Statement of Additional Information.

Shareholder approval is required to substantively change the fund's investment objective. Shareholder approval is also required to change certain investment restrictions noted in the following section as "fundamental policies." Portfolio managers also follow certain "operating policies" that can be changed without shareholder approval. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change in the fund's policy requiring it to invest at least 80% of its net assets in credit instruments and derivative instruments that are linked to, or provide investment exposure to, credit instruments.

The fund's holdings in certain kinds of investments cannot exceed maximum percentages as set forth in this prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information. For instance, there are limitations regarding the fund's investments in certain types of derivatives. While these restrictions provide a useful level of detail about the fund's investments, investors should not view them as an accurate gauge of the potential risk of such investments. For example, in a given period, a 5% investment in derivatives could have a significantly greater impact on the fund's share price than its weighting in the portfolio. The net effect of a particular investment depends on its volatility and the size of its overall return in relation to the performance of all of the fund's investments.

Certain investment restrictions, such as a required minimum or maximum investment in a particular type of security, are measured at the time the fund purchases a security. The status, market value, maturity, duration, credit quality, or other characteristics of the fund's securities may change after they are purchased, and this may cause the amount of the fund's assets invested in such securities to exceed the stated maximum restriction or fall below the stated minimum restriction. If any of these changes occur, it would not be considered a violation of the investment restriction and will not require the sale of an investment if it was proper at the time the investment was made (this exception does not apply to the fund's borrowing policy). However, certain changes will require holdings to be sold or purchased by the fund during the time it is above or below the stated percentage restriction in order for the fund to be in compliance with applicable restrictions.

Changes in the fund's holdings, the fund's performance, and the contribution of various investments to the fund's performance are discussed in the shareholder reports.

Portfolio managers have considerable discretion in choosing investment strategies and selecting securities they believe will help achieve the fund's objective.

## **Types of Portfolio Securities**

In seeking to meet its investment objective, the fund may invest in any type of security or instrument (including certain potentially high-risk derivatives described in this section) whose investment characteristics are consistent with its investment program. The following pages describe various types of the fund's holdings and investment management practices.

Diversification As a fundamental policy, the fund will not purchase a security if, as a result, with respect to 75% of its total assets, more than 5% of the fund's total assets would be invested in securities of a single issuer or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer would be held by the fund. These limitations do not apply to the fund's purchases of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies, or instrumentalities.

#### **Bonds**

A bond is an interest-bearing security. The issuer has a contractual obligation to pay interest at a stated rate on specific dates and to repay principal (the bond's face value) on a specified date. An issuer may have the right to redeem or "call" a bond before maturity, and the investor may have to reinvest the proceeds at lower market rates. Bonds can be issued by U.S. and foreign governments, states, and municipalities, as well as a wide variety of companies.

A bond's annual interest income, set by its coupon rate, is usually fixed for the life of the bond. Its yield (income as a percent of current price) will fluctuate to reflect changes in interest rate levels. A bond's price usually rises when interest rates fall and vice versa, so its yield generally stays consistent with current market conditions. High

yield bond prices may be less directly responsive to interest rate changes than investment-grade issues and may not always follow this pattern.

Conventional fixed rate bonds offer a coupon rate for a fixed maturity with no adjustment for inflation. Real rate of return bonds also offer a fixed coupon but include ongoing inflation adjustments for the life of the bond.

Bonds may be unsecured (backed by the issuer's general creditworthiness only) or secured (also backed by specified collateral). Most high yield "junk" bonds are unsecured. Bonds include asset- and mortgage-backed securities.

Certain bonds have floating or variable interest rates that are adjusted periodically based on a particular index. These interest rate adjustments tend to minimize fluctuations in the bonds' principal values. The maturity of certain floating rate securities may be shortened under certain specified conditions.

The price and yield of noninvestment-grade (high yield) bonds, including noninvestment-grade emerging market bonds, can be expected to fluctuate more than the price and yield of higher-quality bonds. Because these bonds are rated below BBB (or an equivalent rating) or are in default, they are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. Successful investment in lower-medium and low-quality bonds involves greater investment risk and is highly dependent on T. Rowe Price's credit analysis. A real or perceived economic downturn or higher interest rates could cause a decline in high yield bond prices by lessening the ability of issuers to make principal and interest payments. These bonds are often thinly traded and can be more difficult to sell and value accurately than higher-quality bonds. Because objective pricing data may be less available, judgment may play a greater role in the valuation process. In addition, the entire high yield bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market activity, large or sustained sales by major investors, a high-profile default, or just a change in the market's psychology. This type of volatility is usually associated more with stocks than bonds, but high-yield bond investors should be prepared for it.

*Operating policy* There is no limit on the fund's investments in bonds that are rated below investment grade.

#### Common and Preferred Stocks

Stocks represent shares of ownership in a company. Generally, preferred stocks have a specified dividend rate and rank after bonds and before common stocks in their claim on income for dividend payments and on assets should the company be liquidated. After other claims are satisfied, common stockholders participate in company profits on a pro-rata basis and profits may be paid out in dividends or reinvested in the company to help it grow. Increases and decreases in earnings are usually reflected in a company's stock price, so common stocks generally have the

greatest appreciation and depreciation potential of all corporate securities. While most preferred stocks pay a dividend, the fund may decide to purchase preferred stock where the issuer has suspended, or is in danger of suspending, payment of its dividend.

### Convertible Securities, Contingent Capital Securities, and Warrants

Investments may be made in debt or preferred equity securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable for, equity securities at specified times in the future and according to a certain exchange ratio. Convertible bonds are typically callable by the issuer, which could in effect force conversion before the holder would otherwise choose. Traditionally, convertible securities have paid dividends or interest at rates higher than common stocks but lower than nonconvertible securities. They generally participate in the appreciation or depreciation of the underlying stock into which they are convertible, but to a lesser degree than common stock. Some convertible securities combine higher or lower current income with options and other features. Contingent capital securities are securities issued by banks and other financial institutions that are intended to provide a buffer (i.e., loss absorption) under scenarios when it may be difficult for the institution to raise new capital. Many of these securities are designed with features to either convert into equity of the issuer or have their principal written down by a predetermined percentage upon the occurrence of certain triggers. The principal write-down features may be triggered upon conditions such as the issuer's capital ratio falling below a certain level or the financial system being deemed in crisis based on an assessment by regulators or objective indicators such as aggregate losses. Contingent capital securities carry the risk that conditions could cause the principal to be written down to zero and that a coupon could be cancelled at the financial institution's discretion or at the request of regulators to help the institution absorb losses.

*Operating policy* The fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in equity securities, including common and preferred stocks, and securities that are convertible into, or which carry warrants for, common stocks or other equity securities.

## **Bank Loans and Floating Rate Debt Instruments**

Floating rate bank loans and floating rate and variable rate debt instruments have interest rates that reset periodically. Floating rate loans may include bank loans, term loans, delayed draw term loans, bridge loans, and synthetic (or funded) letters of credit. Floating rate debt instruments include variable rate bonds and notes.

Floating rate loans may be senior or subordinated obligations of the borrower and may be unsecured or secured by collateral of the borrower. Senior floating rate loans have a claim to the assets of the borrower that is senior to certain other creditors of the borrower and to certain other floating rate loans (such as second lien loans). The proceeds of floating rate loans are used by the borrower for a variety of purposes, including financing leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, dividends, and to finance internal growth. The fund may invest in loans

where a company is in uncertain financial condition, where the borrower has defaulted in the payment of interest or principal or performance of its covenants or agreements, or is involved in bankruptcy proceedings, reorganizations, or financial restructurings.

A term loan is a loan that has a specified repayment schedule. A delayed draw loan is a special feature in a term loan that permits the borrower to withdraw predetermined portions of the total amount borrowed at certain times. A bridge loan is a short-term loan arrangement typically made by a borrower in anticipation of longer-term permanent financing. Most bridge loans are structured so that their interest rates rise the longer the loans remain outstanding. A letter of credit is a guarantee by a bank that the borrower's payment to the lender will be received on time and for the correct amount. If the fund enters into a commitment with a borrower regarding a delayed draw term loan or bridge loan, the fund will be obligated on one or more dates in the future to lend the borrower monies (up to an aggregate stated amount) if called upon to do so by the borrower.

Bank loans may be acquired directly through an agent acting on behalf of the lenders participating in the loan, as an assignment from another lender who holds a direct interest in the loan, or as a participation interest in another lender's portion of the loan. An assignment typically results in the purchaser succeeding to all rights and obligations under the loan agreement between the assigning lender and the borrower. However, assignments may be arranged through private negotiations, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning lender.

A participation interest is a fractional interest in a loan, issued by a lender or other financial institution. To the extent the fund invests in loans through participation interests, it will be more difficult for it to enforce its rights against the borrower because it will have established a direct contractual relationship with the seller of the participation interest but not with the borrower. When the fund invests in a loan by participation, it must rely on another party not only for the enforcement of its rights against the borrower, but also for the receipt and processing of payments due under the loan. Investing in a participation interest limits the fund's ability to file a claim directly as a creditor in the event of the borrower's bankruptcy.

The fund may make investments in a company through the purchase or execution of a privately negotiated note representing the equivalent of a loan. Larger loans to corporations or governments, including governments of less developed countries, may be shared or syndicated among several lenders, usually banks. The fund could participate in such syndicates or could buy part of a loan, becoming a direct lender. These loans may often be obligations of companies or governments in financial distress or in default.

There is no organized exchange or board of trade on which loans are traded. Instead, the secondary market for loans is an unregulated inter-dealer or inter-bank resale

market. Market quotations for a particular loan may vary over time, and if the credit quality of a loan unexpectedly declines, secondary trading of that loan may decline or cease. In general, a secondary market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may impair the fund's ability to realize full value and thus cause a significant decline in the fund's net asset value.

Loans in which the fund invests may require the consent of the borrower and/or the agent prior to sale or assignment. These consent requirements can delay or impede the fund's ability to sell loans and may adversely affect the price that can be obtained.

*Operating policy* The fund's investments in bank loans, including loan participations and assignments, are limited to 50% of its net assets.

#### **Trade Claims**

Trade claims are non-securitized rights of payment arising from a business transaction, such as a vendor or supplier extending credit to a company by offering payment terms for products or services. As a result of the bankruptcy of a company, payments on trade claims stop and the claims are subject to compromise along with the other debts of the company. Trade claims may be purchased directly from the creditor or through a broker, and are typically bought at a discount to their face value with the size of the discount reflecting the probability of repayment. Trade claims may experience considerable price volatility and are typically considered to be illiquid.

*Operating policy* The fund's investments in trade claims are limited to 10% of its net assets.

# **Foreign Securities**

The fund may invest in foreign securities. Foreign securities could include non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside of the U.S. and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the U.S. (such as Yankee bonds). Investing in foreign securities involves special risks that can increase the potential for losses. These include exposure to potentially adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, or imposition of punitive taxes; the imposition of international trade and capital barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures; potentially lower liquidity and higher volatility; possible problems arising from accounting, disclosure, settlement, and regulatory practices and legal rights that differ from U.S. standards; and the potential for fluctuations in foreign exchange rates to decrease the investment's value (favorable changes can increase its value). These risks are heightened for the fund's investments in emerging markets.

# Foreign securities increase fund diversification and may enhance returns, but they involve special risks, especially from emerging markets.

*Operating policy* The fund may invest up to 50% of its net assets in non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities and may invest without limit in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers. Subject to the overall limit on the fund's investments in foreign securities, there is no limit on the amount of foreign investments that may be made in emerging markets (including frontier markets).

#### **Asset-Backed Securities**

An underlying pool of assets, such as credit card or automobile trade receivables or corporate loans or bonds, backs these bonds and provides the interest and principal payments to investors. On occasion, the pool of assets may also include a swap obligation, which is used to change the cash flows on the underlying assets. As an example, a swap may be used to allow floating rate assets to back a fixed rate obligation. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the underlying assets, the level of any credit support provided by the structure or by a third-party insurance wrap or a line of credit, and the credit quality of the swap counterparty, if any. The underlying assets (i.e., loans) are sometimes subject to prepayments, which can shorten the security's effective maturity and may lower its return. The value of these securities also may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the individual borrowers, the originator, the servicing agent, the financial institution providing the credit support, or the swap counterparty. Investments in asset-backed securities can include collateralized loan obligations, which take the form of a special purpose vehicle that owns a pool of loans and receives repayments and cash flows from those loans. The underlying loans are organized into tranches based on their risk profile, with cash flows generated by the underlying loans allocated so that each tranche has its own payment schedule and maturity.

#### **Mortgage-Backed Securities**

The fund may invest in a variety of mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage lenders pool individual home mortgages with similar characteristics to back a certificate or bond, which is sold to investors such as the fund. Interest and principal payments generated by the underlying mortgages are passed through to the investors. The "big three" issuers are the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Government National Mortgage Association certificates are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, while others, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation certificates, are only supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or by the credit of the agency. (Since September 2008, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation have operated under conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, an independent federal agency.) Private mortgage bankers and other institutions also issue mortgage-backed securities.

Mortgage-backed securities are subject to scheduled and unscheduled principal payments as homeowners pay down or prepay their mortgages. As these payments are received, they must be reinvested when interest rates may be higher or lower than on the original mortgage security. Therefore, these securities are not an effective means of locking in long-term interest rates. In addition, when interest rates fall, the rate of mortgage prepayments, including refinancings, tends to increase. Refinanced mortgages are paid off at face value or "par," causing a loss for any investor who may have purchased the security at a price above par. In such an environment, this risk limits the potential price appreciation of these securities and can negatively affect the fund's net asset value. When interest rates rise, the prices of mortgage-backed securities can be expected to decline. In addition, when interest rates rise and prepayments slow, the effective duration of mortgage-backed securities extends, resulting in increased price volatility.

Other types of mortgage-backed securities in which the fund may invest include:

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations Collateralized mortgage obligations are debt instruments that are fully collateralized by a portfolio of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities including Government National Mortgage Association, Federal National Mortgage Association, and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and non-agency-backed mortgages. All interest and principal payments from the underlying mortgages are passed through to the collateralized mortgage obligations in such a way as to create different classes with varying risk characteristics, payment structures, and maturity dates. Collateralized mortgage obligation classes may pay fixed or variable rates of interest, and certain classes have priority over others with respect to the receipt of prepayments and allocation of defaults.

**Stripped Mortgage Securities** Stripped mortgage securities are created by separating the interest and principal payments generated by a pool of mortgage-backed securities or a collateralized mortgage obligation to create additional classes of securities. Generally, one class receives interest-only payments and another receives principal-only payments. Unlike other mortgage-backed securities and principal-only strips, the value of interest-only strips tends to move in the same direction as interest rates. The fund can use interest-only strips as a hedge against falling prepayment rates (when interest rates are rising) and/or in an unfavorable market environment. Principal-only strips can be used as a hedge against rising prepayment rates (when interest rates are falling) and/or in a favorable market environment. Interest-only strips and principal-only strips are acutely sensitive to interest rate changes and to the rate of principal prepayments.

A rapid or unexpected increase in prepayments can severely depress the price of interest-only strips, while a rapid or unexpected decrease in prepayments could have the same effect on principal-only strips. Of course, under the opposite conditions these securities may appreciate in value. These securities can be very volatile in price and may have less liquidity than most other mortgage-backed securities. Certain non-stripped collateralized mortgage obligation classes may also exhibit these qualities,

especially those that pay variable rates of interest that adjust inversely with, and more rapidly than, short-term interest rates. In addition, if interest rates rise rapidly and prepayment rates slow more than expected, certain collateralized mortgage obligation classes, in addition to losing value, can exhibit characteristics of long-term securities and become more volatile. There is no guarantee that the fund's investments in collateralized mortgage obligations, interest-only strips, or principal-only strips will be successful, and the fund's total return could be adversely affected as a result.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Commercial mortgage-backed securities are securities created from a pool of commercial mortgage loans, such as loans for hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, and apartment buildings. Interest and principal payments from the loans are passed on to the investor according to a schedule of payments. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the loans themselves and on the structure of the particular deal. Generally, deals are structured with senior and subordinate classes. The degree of subordination is determined by the rating agencies who rate the individual classes of the structure. Commercial mortgages are generally structured with prepayment penalties, which greatly reduce prepayment risk to the investor. However, the value of these securities may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the individual borrowers, their tenants, the servicing agents, or the general state of commercial real estate.

*Operating policy* The fund's total investments in mortgage- and asset-backed securities and other securitized instruments are limited to 20% of its net assets.

# Zero Coupon Bonds and Pay-in-Kind Bonds and Loans

A zero coupon bond does not make cash interest payments during a portion or all of the life of the bond. Instead, it is sold at a deep discount to face value, and the interest consists of the gradual appreciation in price as the bond approaches maturity. Zero coupon bonds can be an attractive financing method for issuers with near-term cash-flow problems or seeking to preserve liquidity. Pay-in-kind bonds and loans pay interest in cash or additional securities, at the issuer's option, for a specified period. Like zero coupon bonds, they may help a corporation conserve cash flow. Pay-in-kind prices reflect the market value of the underlying debt plus any accrued interest. Zero coupon bonds and pay-in-kinds can be higher- or lower-quality debt, and both are more volatile than coupon bonds. There is no limit on the fund's investments in these securities.

The fund is required to distribute to shareholders income imputed to any zero coupon bonds or pay-in-kind investments even though such income may not be received by the fund as distributable cash. Such distributions could reduce the fund's reserve position and require it to sell securities and incur a gain or loss at a time it may not otherwise want to in order to provide the cash necessary for these distributions

#### **Deferrable Subordinated Securities**

These are securities with long maturities that are deeply subordinated in the issuer's capital structure. They generally have maturities of 30 years or longer, and permit the issuer to defer distributions for up to five years. These characteristics give the issuer more financial flexibility than is typically the case with traditional bonds. As a result, the securities may be viewed as possessing certain "equity-like" features by rating agencies and bank regulators. However, the securities are treated as debt instruments by market participants, and the fund intends to treat them as such as well. These securities may offer a mandatory put or remarketing option that creates an effective maturity date significantly shorter than the stated one. The fund may invest in these securities to the extent their yield, credit, and maturity characteristics are consistent with its investment objective and program.

## **Derivatives and Leverage**

A derivative is a financial instrument whose value is derived from an underlying security, such as a stock or bond, or from a market benchmark, such as an interest rate index. Many types of investments representing a wide range of risks and potential rewards may be considered derivatives, including conventional instruments such as futures and options, as well as other potentially more complex investments such as swaps and structured notes. The use of derivatives can involve leverage. Leverage has the effect of magnifying returns, positively or negatively. The effect on returns will depend on the extent to which an investment is leveraged. For example, an investment of \$1, leveraged at 2 to 1, would have the effect of an investment of \$2. Leverage ratios can be higher or lower with a corresponding effect on returns. The fund may use derivatives in situations to help accomplish any or all of the following: as a hedge against a decline in principal value, to increase yield, to gain exposure to eligible asset classes or securities with greater efficiency and at a lower cost than is possible through a direct investment, or to adjust portfolio duration or credit risk exposures. In accordance with the Investment Company Act of 1940 and various SEC and SEC staff interpretive positions, the fund must "set aside" (often referred to as "asset segregation") liquid assets, or engage in other SEC or staffapproved measures, to "cover" open positions with respect to certain kinds of derivative instruments.

While the fund's individual investments may involve leverage, it will not invest in any high-risk, highly leveraged derivative instrument that, at the time of entering into the derivative transaction, is expected to cause the overall price volatility of the portfolio to be meaningfully greater than that of a long-term below investment-grade bond.

Derivatives that may be used include the following instruments, as well as others that combine the risk characteristics and features of futures, options, and swaps:

**Futures and Options** Futures are often used to establish exposures or manage or hedge risk because they enable the investor to buy or sell an asset in the future at an agreed-upon price. Options may be used to generate additional income, to enhance

returns, or as a defensive technique to protect against anticipated declines in the value of an asset. Call options give the investor the right to purchase (when the investor purchases the option), or the obligation to sell (when the investor "writes" or sells the option), an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Put options give the purchaser of the option the right to sell, or the seller (or "writer") of the option the obligation to buy, an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Futures and options contracts may be bought or sold for any number of reasons, including to manage exposure to changes in interest rates, bond prices, foreign currencies, and credit quality; as an efficient means of increasing or decreasing the fund's exposure to certain markets; in an effort to enhance income; to improve risk-adjusted returns; to protect the value of portfolio securities; and to serve as a cash management tool. Call or put options may be purchased or sold on securities, futures, financial indexes, and foreign currencies. The fund may choose to continue a futures contract by "rolling over" an expiring futures contract into an identical contract with a later maturity date. This could increase the fund's transaction costs and portfolio turnover rate.

Futures and options contracts may not always be successful investments or hedges; their prices can be highly volatile; using them could lower the fund's total return; the potential loss from the use of futures can exceed the fund's initial investment in such contracts; and the losses from certain options written by the fund could be unlimited.

*Operating policies* Initial margin deposits on futures and premiums on options used for non-hedging purposes will not exceed 5% of the fund's net asset value. The total market value of securities covering call or put options may not exceed 25% of the fund's total assets. No more than 5% of the fund's total assets will be committed to premiums when purchasing call or put options.

**Swaps** The fund may invest in interest rate, index, total return, credit default, and other types of swap agreements, as well as options on swaps, commonly referred to as "swaptions," and interest rate swap futures, which are instruments that provide a way to obtain swap exposure and the benefits of futures in one contract. All of these agreements are considered derivatives and, in certain cases, high-risk derivatives. Interest rate, index, and total return swaps are two-party contracts under which the fund and a counterparty, such as a broker or dealer, agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or indexes. Credit default swaps are agreements where one party (the protection buyer) will make periodic payments to another party (the protection seller) in exchange for protection against specified credit events, such as defaults and bankruptcies related to an issuer or underlying credit instrument. Swap futures are futures contracts on interest rate swaps that enable purchasers to settle in cash at a future date at the price determined by a specific benchmark rate at the end of a fixed period. Swaps, swaptions, and swap futures can be used for a variety of purposes, including to manage the fund's overall exposure to changes in interest or foreign currency exchange rates and credit quality; as an efficient means of adjusting the fund's exposure to certain markets; in an effort to enhance income or total return or

protect the value of portfolio securities; to serve as a cash management tool; and to adjust portfolio duration or credit risk exposure.

There are risks in the use of swaps and related instruments. Swaps could result in losses if interest or foreign currency exchange rates or credit quality changes are not correctly anticipated by the fund. Total return swaps could result in losses if the reference index, security, or investments do not perform as anticipated. Credit default swaps can increase the fund's exposure to credit risk and could result in losses if evaluation of the creditworthiness of the counterparty, or of the company or government on which the credit default swap is based, is incorrect. The use of swaps, swaptions, and swap futures may not always be successful. Using them could lower the fund's total return, their prices can be highly volatile, and the potential loss from the use of swaps can exceed the fund's initial investment in such instruments. Also, the other party to a swap agreement could default on its obligations or refuse to cash out the fund's investment at a reasonable price, which could turn an expected gain into a loss. Although there should be minimal counterparty risk associated with investments in interest rate swap futures, the fund could experience delays and/or losses due to the bankruptcy of a swap dealer through which the fund engaged in the transaction.

Operating policies A swap agreement with any single counterparty will not be entered into if the net amount owed or to be received under existing contracts with that party would exceed 5% of the fund's total assets or if the net amount owed or to be received by the fund under all outstanding swap agreements will exceed 10% of its total assets. (Swap agreements that are cleared and settled through a clearinghouse, or traded on an exchange or swap execution facility, are not subject to these limits.) For swaptions, the total market value of securities covering call or put options may not exceed 25% of the fund's total assets. No more than 5% of the fund's total assets will be committed to premiums when purchasing call or put swaptions.

**Hybrid Instruments** Hybrid instruments (a type of potentially high-risk derivative) can combine the characteristics of securities, futures, and options. For example, the principal amount or interest rate of a hybrid could be tied (positively or negatively) to the price of some commodity, currency, security, or securities index or another interest rate (each a "benchmark"). Hybrids can be used as an efficient means of pursuing a variety of investment goals, including currency hedging, duration management, and increased total return. Hybrids may or may not bear interest or pay dividends. The value of a hybrid or its interest rate may be a multiple of a benchmark and, as a result, may be leveraged and move (up or down) more steeply and rapidly than the benchmark. These benchmarks may be sensitive to economic and political events, such as commodity shortages and currency devaluations, which cannot be readily foreseen by the purchaser of a hybrid. Under certain conditions, the redemption value of a hybrid could be zero. Thus, an investment in a hybrid may entail significant market risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a traditional, U.S. dollar-denominated bond that has a fixed principal amount and pays

a fixed rate or floating rate of interest. The purchase of hybrids also exposes the fund to the credit risk of the issuer of the hybrid. These risks may cause significant fluctuations in the net asset value of the fund.

# Hybrids can have volatile prices and limited liquidity, and their use may not be successful.

Operating policy The fund's investments in hybrid instruments are limited to 10% of its total assets

Currency Derivatives A fund that invests in foreign securities may attempt to hedge its exposure to potentially unfavorable currency changes. The primary means of doing this is through the use of forward currency exchange contracts, which are contracts between two counterparties to exchange one currency for another on a future date at a specified exchange rate. The fund may also use these instruments to create a synthetic bond, which is issued in one currency with the currency component transformed into another currency. However, futures, swaps, and options on foreign currencies may also be used. In certain circumstances, the fund may use currency derivatives to substitute a different currency for the currency in which the investment is denominated, a strategy known as proxy hedging. If the fund were to engage in any of these foreign currency transactions, it could serve to protect its foreign securities from adverse currency movements relative to the U.S. dollar, although the fund may also use currency derivatives in an effort to gain exposure to a currency expected to appreciate in value versus other currencies. As a result, the fund could be invested in a currency without holding any securities denominated in that currency. Such transactions involve, among other risks, the risk that anticipated currency movements will not occur, which could reduce the fund's total return. There are certain markets, including many emerging markets, where it is not possible to engage in effective foreign currency hedging.

*Operating policy* The fund will not commit more than 50% of its total assets to any combination of currency derivatives.

# **Investments in Other Investment Companies**

The fund may invest in other investment companies, including open-end funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds.

The fund may purchase the securities of another investment company to temporarily gain exposure to a portion of the market while awaiting purchase of securities or as an efficient means of gaining exposure to a particular asset class. The fund might also purchase shares of another investment company to gain exposure to the securities in the investment company's portfolio at times when the fund may not be able to buy those securities directly. Any investment in another investment company would be consistent with the fund's objective and investment program.

The risks of owning another investment company are generally similar to the risks of investing directly in the securities in which that investment company invests.

However, an investment company may not achieve its investment objective or execute its investment strategy effectively, which may adversely affect the fund's performance. In addition, because closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds trade on a secondary market, their shares may trade at a premium or discount to the actual net asset value of their portfolio securities and their shares may have greater volatility if an active trading market does not exist.

As a shareholder of another investment company, the fund must pay its pro-rata share of that investment company's fees and expenses. The fund's investments in non-T. Rowe Price investment companies are subject to the limits that apply to investments in other funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or under any applicable exemptive order.

The fund may also invest in certain other T. Rowe Price Funds as a means of gaining efficient and cost-effective exposure to certain asset classes, provided the investment is consistent with the fund's investment program and policies.

Investments in other investment companies could allow the fund to obtain the benefits of a more diversified portfolio than might otherwise be available through direct investments in a particular asset class, and will subject the fund to the risks associated with the particular asset class or asset classes in which an underlying fund invests. Examples of asset classes in which other mutual funds (including T. Rowe Price Funds) focus their investments include high yield bonds, inflation-linked securities, floating rate loans, international bonds, emerging market bonds, stocks of companies involved in activities related to real assets, stocks of companies that focus on a particular industry or sector, and emerging market stocks. If the fund invests in another T. Rowe Price Fund, the management fee paid by the fund will be reduced to ensure that the fund does not incur duplicate management fees as a result of its investment.

### **Illiquid Securities**

Some of the fund's holdings may be considered illiquid because they are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale or because they cannot be sold in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the prices at which they are valued. The determination of liquidity involves a variety of factors. Illiquid securities may include private placements that are sold directly to a small number of investors, usually institutions. Unlike public offerings, such securities are not registered with the SEC. Although certain of these securities may be readily sold (for example, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933) and therefore deemed liquid, others may have resale restrictions and be considered illiquid. The sale of illiquid securities may involve substantial delays and additional costs, and the fund may only be able to sell such securities at prices substantially lower than what it believes they are worth.

*Operating policy* The fund may not purchase an illiquid security if it holds 15% or more of its net assets in illiquid securities.

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# **Types of Investment Management Practices**Reserve Position

A certain portion of the fund's assets may be held in reserves. The fund's reserve positions will primarily consist of: 1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund or short-term bond fund (which does not charge any management fees); 2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and foreign dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and 3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. In order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, the fund may assume a temporary defensive position that is inconsistent with its principal investment objective and/or strategies and may invest, without limitation, in reserves. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective. The reserve position provides flexibility in meeting redemptions, paying expenses and managing cash flows into the fund, and can serve as a short-term defense during periods of unusual market volatility. Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

#### **Short Sales**

The fund may sell a security short as a hedge against portfolio holdings that may be expected to decline in value. In short sales, investors sell borrowed securities in hopes of buying them back later at a lower price. However, if the price rises instead of falls, the investor will lose money when repurchasing the security.

Operating policy The fund's short sales of specific securities are limited to situations where the fund owns a debt instrument of a company and sells short a different type of security issued by the same company, such as common or preferred stock or a senior or junior debt instrument. The total market value of all securities sold short may not exceed 2% of the fund's net assets.

#### When-Issued Securities and Forwards

The fund may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis or may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment basis. There is no limit on the fund's investments in these securities. The price of these securities is fixed at the time of the commitment to buy, but delivery and payment take place after the customary settlement period for that type of security (often a month or more later). During the interim period, the price and yield of the securities can fluctuate, and typically no interest accrues to the purchaser. At the time of delivery, the market value of the securities may be more or less than the purchase or sale price. To the extent the fund remains fully or almost fully invested (in securities with a remaining maturity of more than one year) at the same time it purchases these securities, there will be greater fluctuations in the fund's net asset value than if the fund did not purchase them.

# **Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets**

The fund may borrow from banks, other persons, and other T. Rowe Price Funds for temporary or emergency purposes, to facilitate redemption requests, or for other purposes consistent with the fund's policies as set forth in this prospectus and the

Statement of Additional Information. Such borrowings may be collateralized with the fund's assets, subject to certain restrictions.

Fundamental policy Borrowings may not exceed 33½% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, and applies at the time of the transaction and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

*Operating policy* The fund will not transfer portfolio securities as collateral except as necessary in connection with permissible borrowings or investments, and then such transfers may not exceed  $33^{1/3}\%$  of its total assets. The fund will not purchase additional securities when its borrowings exceed 5% of its total assets.

## **Meeting Redemption Requests**

We expect that the fund will hold cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests. The fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The fund reserves the right to redeem in-kind as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind are typically used to meet redemption requests that represent a large percentage of the fund's net assets in order to minimize the effect of large redemptions on the fund and its remaining shareholders. In general, any in-kind redemptions will represent a pro-rata distribution of a fund's securities, subject to certain limited exceptions. Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above, and may also be used in stressed market conditions

The fund, along with other T. Rowe Price Funds, is a party to an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the funds meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In addition, to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs during normal and stressed market conditions, the fund has in place a line of credit. Unless renewed, the line of credit will terminate on January 8, 2018, and there can be no guarantee that it will be renewed.

During periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions, when an increased portion of a fund's portfolio may be comprised of less-liquid investments, or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances, the fund may be more likely to pay redemption proceeds with cash obtained through interfund lending, short-term borrowing arrangements (if available), or by redeeming a large redemption request in-kind.

# **Lending of Portfolio Securities**

The fund may lend its securities to broker-dealers, other institutions, or other persons to earn additional income. Risks include the potential insolvency of the

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broker-dealer or other borrower that could result in delays in recovering securities and capital losses. Additionally, losses could result from the reinvestment of collateral received on loaned securities in investments that decline in value, default, or do not perform as well as expected.

Fundamental policy The value of loaned securities may not exceed 331/3% of the fund's total assets.

## **Credit Quality Considerations**

The credit quality of many fund holdings is evaluated by rating agencies such as Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's), S&P Global Ratings (S&P), and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (Fitch). Credit quality refers to the issuer's ability and willingness to meet all required interest and principal payments. The highest ratings are assigned to issuers perceived to have the lowest credit risks. T. Rowe Price credit research analysts also evaluate the fund's holdings, including those rated by outside agencies. Other things being equal, bonds and other debt obligations with lower ratings typically have higher yields due to greater credit risk.

Credit quality ratings are not guarantees. They are estimates of an issuer's creditworthiness and ability to make interest and principal payments as they come due. Ratings can change at any time due to actual or perceived changes in an issuer's creditworthiness or financial fundamentals.

Bonds rated Baa and above by Moody's, and BBB and above by S&P and Fitch, are considered to be "investment grade." Bonds that are rated below these categories are considered to have greater credit risk and are referred to as "below investment grade" or "noninvestment grade." Bonds rated below investment-grade range from speculative to highly speculative with respect to the issuer's ability or willingness to pay interest and repay principal. The following table summarizes the rating scales and associated credit risk assigned by the major rating agencies. Within these categories, the rating may be modified with a symbol (such as 1, 2, and 3, or a plus or minus) to indicate whether the bond is ranked in the higher or lower end of its rating category. T. Rowe Price generally relies upon its own credit analysis when selecting investments.

#### Ratings of Debt Instruments

Moody's	S&P	Fitch	Description of Category
Aaa	AAA	AAA	Lowest level of credit risk with extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments
Aa	AA	AA	Very low credit risk with very strong capacity to meet financial commitments
А	Α	А	Low credit risk with strong capacity to meet financial commitments
Baa	BBB	BBB	Moderate credit risk with adequate capacity to meet financial commitments
Ва	ВВ	ВВ	Subject to substantial credit risk and adverse conditions could lead to inadequate capacity to meet financial commitments
В	В	В	Subject to high credit risk and adverse conditions will likely impair capacity to meet financial commitments
Caa	CCC	CCC	Subject to very high credit risk and dependent upon favorable conditions to meet financial commitments
Ca	СС	CC	Highly vulnerable to nonpayment and likely in, or very near, default with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest
С	С	С	Typically in default with little prospect for recovery of principal and interest
_	D	D	In default

#### Portfolio Turnover

Turnover is an indication of frequency of trading. Each time the fund purchases or sells a security, it incurs a cost. This cost is reflected in its net asset value but not in its operating expenses. The higher the turnover rate, the higher the transaction costs and the greater the impact on the fund's total return. Higher turnover can also increase the possibility of taxable capital gain distributions. The fund's portfolio turnover rates are shown in the Financial Highlights tables.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights tables, which provide information about each class' financial history, are based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The tables are part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its annual report and are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information (available upon request). The total returns in the tables represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions and no payment of any applicable

account or redemption fees). The financial statements in the annual report were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

## Financial Highlights

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Investor Class	through 5/31/14	2015	2016	2017
Net asset value,				
beginning of period	\$10.00	\$10.03	\$9.14	\$8.05
Income From Investment Op	erations			
Net investment incomea	0.03b	0.65b	0.54b	0.50b
Net gains or losses on				
securities (both realized				
and unrealized)	0.04	(0.89)	(1.11)	0.64
Total from investment				
operations	0.07	(0.24)	(0.57)	1.14
Less Distributions				
Dividends (from net				
investment income)	(0.04)	(0.65)	(0.48)	(0.42)
Distributions (from				
capital gains)	_	_	(0.04)	(80.0)
Returns of capital	_	_	_	_
Total distributions	(0.04)	(0.65)	(0.52)	(0.50)
Net asset value,				-
end of period	\$10.03	\$9.14	\$8.05	\$8.69
Total return	0.67%b	(2.39 <b>)%</b> b	(6.17 <b>)%</b> b	14.44%b
Ratios/Supplemental Data				
Net assets, end of period				
(in thousands)	\$26,233	\$39,095	\$34,447	\$47,126
Ratio of expenses to				
average net assets	0.90%b,c	0.91% <sup>b,d</sup>	0.92%b,d	0.91% <sup>b,d</sup>
Ratio of net income to				
average net assets	2.84% <sup>b,c</sup>	6.94% <sup>b</sup>	6.62%b	5.87% <sup>b</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate	9.4%	132.6%	100.9%	62.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Inception date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Excludes expenses in excess of a 0.90% contractual expense limitation in effect through September 30, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Annualized.

d Includes interest and borrowing-related expenses equal to 0.01%, 0.02% and 0.01% of average net assets for the years ended May 31, 2017, May 31, 2016 and May 31, 2015, respectively.

## Financial Highlights

Financial Highlights	
	11/29/16* through
I Class	5/31/17
Net asset value,	
beginning of period	\$8.50
Income From Investment Op	perations
Net investment incomea	0.22 <sup>b</sup>
Net gains or losses on	
securities (both realized	
and unrealized)	0.27
Total from investment	
operations	0.49
Less Distributions	
Dividends (from net	
investment income)	(0.22)
Distributions (from	
capital gains)	(0.08)
Returns of capital	_
Total distributions	(0.30)
Net asset value,	
end of period	\$8.69
Total return	5.82%b
Ratios/Supplemental Data	
Net assets, end of period	
(in thousands)	\$256
Ratio of expenses to	
average net assets	0.70%b,c,d
Ratio of net income to	
average net assets	5.97% <sup>b,c</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate	62.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Inception date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Excludes expenses waived (0.73% of average net assets) related to the contractual operating expense limitation in effect through September 30, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Includes interest and borrowing-related expenses equal to 0.01% of average net assets for the period ended May 31, 2017.

### Financial Highlights

	4/29/14* through	Year ended May 31		
Advisor Class	5/31/14	2015	2016	2017
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$10.00	\$10.03	\$9.14	\$8.04
Income From Investment Op	erations			
Net investment incomea	0.02 b	0.63 <sup>b</sup>	0.52b	0.49b
Net gains or losses on securities (both realized and unrealized)	0.05	(0.88)	(1.11)	0.64
Total from investment		(/	, ,	
operations	0.07	(0.25)	(0.59)	1.13
Less Distributions				
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.04)	(0.64)	(0.47)	(0.41)
Distributions (from	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.47)	(0.41)
capital gains)	_	_	(0.04)	(0.08)
Returns of capital	_	_	_	_
Total distributions	(0.04)	(0.64)	(0.51)	(0.49)
Net asset value,				
end of period	\$10.03	\$9.14	\$8.04	\$8.68
Total return	0.67%b	(2.49 <b>)%</b> b	(6.37 <b>)%</b> b	14.34%b
Ratios/Supplemental Data				
Net assets, end of period				
(in thousands)	\$251	\$509	\$252	\$296
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	1.00% <sup>b,c</sup>	1.01% <sup>b,d</sup>	1.02% <sup>b,d</sup>	1.01% <sup>b,d</sup>
Ratio of net income to				
average net assets	2.74% <sup>b,c</sup>	6.89% <sup>b</sup>	6.55%b	5.77%b
Portfolio turnover rate	9.4%	132.6%	100.9%	62.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Inception date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Excludes expenses in excess of a 1.00% contractual expense limitation in effect through September 30, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Includes interest and borrowing-related expenses equal to 0.01%, 0.02% and 0.01% of average net assets for the years ended May 31, 2017, May 31, 2016 and May 31, 2015, respectively.

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#### DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

The T. Rowe Price Funds' full portfolio holdings as of their fiscal year-ends are disclosed in their annual shareholder reports and their full portfolio holdings as of their fiscal mid-point are disclosed in their semiannual shareholder reports. The annual and semiannual shareholder reports are filed with the SEC and sent to the funds' shareholders within 60 days of the period covered. The T. Rowe Price Funds also disclose their full portfolio holdings as of their first and third fiscal quarter-ends on Form N-Q. Form N-Q is filed with the SEC within 60 days of the period covered, but is not sent to the funds' shareholders. Under certain conditions, the shareholder reports and Form N-Q may include up to 5% of a fund's holdings under the caption "Miscellaneous Securities" without identifying the specific security or issuer. Generally, a holding would not be individually identified if it is determined that its disclosure could be harmful to the fund or its shareholders. A holding will not be excluded for these purposes from a fund's SEC filings for more than one year. The money market funds also file detailed month-end portfolio holdings information on Form N-MFP with the SEC each month. Form N-MFP, as well as the shareholder reports and Form N-Q, are publicly available immediately upon filing with the SEC.

In addition, most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their calendar quarter-end full portfolio holdings on troweprice.com 15 calendar days after each quarter. At the discretion of the investment adviser, these holdings reports may exclude the issuer name and other information relating to a holding in order to protect the fund's interests and prevent harm to the fund or its shareholders. Private placements and other restricted securities may not be individually identified in the calendar quarterend holdings on troweprice.com, but would be disclosed in any SEC filings. Money market funds also disclose on **troweprice.com** their month-end full portfolio holdings five business days after each month-end and historical information about the fund's investments for the previous six months, as of the last business day of the preceding month. This information includes, among other things, the percentage of the fund's investments in daily and weekly liquid assets, the fund's weighted average maturity and weighted average life, the fund's market-based net asset value, and the fund's net inflows and outflows. The calendar quarter-end portfolio holdings will remain on the website for one year and the month-end money market fund portfolio holdings will remain on the website for six months. In addition, most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their 10 largest holdings on **troweprice.com** on the seventh business day after each month-end. These holdings are listed in alphabetical order along with the aggregate percentage of the fund's total assets that these 10 holdings represent. Each monthly top 10 list will remain on the website for six months. A description of T. Rowe Price's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio information is available in the Statement of Additional Information

The following policies and procedures generally apply to Investor Class, I Class, Advisor Class, and R Class accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds.

#### **INVESTING WITH T. ROWE PRICE**

This section of the prospectus explains the basics of investing with T. Rowe Price and describes some of the different share classes that may be available. Certain share classes can be held directly with T. Rowe Price, while other share classes must typically be held through a financial intermediary, such as a bank, broker, retirement plan recordkeeper, or investment adviser.

#### **AVAILABLE SHARE CLASSES**

Each class of a fund's shares represents an interest in the same fund with the same investment program and investment policies. However, each class is designed for a different type of investor and has a different cost structure primarily due to shareholder services or distribution arrangements that may apply only to that class. For example, certain classes may make payments to financial intermediaries for various administrative services they provide (commonly referred to as administrative fee payments, or AFP) and/or make payments to certain financial intermediaries for distribution of the fund's shares (commonly referred to as 12b-1 fee payments). Determining the most appropriate share class depends on many factors, including how much you plan to invest, whether you are investing directly in the fund or through a financial intermediary, and whether you are investing on behalf of a person or an organization.

This section generally describes the differences between Investor Class, I Class, Advisor Class, and R Class shares. This section does not describe the policies that apply to accounts in T. Rowe Price institutional funds and certain other types of funds. Policies for these other funds are described in their respective prospectuses and all available share classes for the T. Rowe Price Funds are described more fully in the funds' Statement of Additional Information. While many T. Rowe Price Funds are offered in more than one share class, not all funds are offered in the share classes described in this section. The front cover and Section 1 of this prospectus indicate which share classes are available for the fund.

#### Investor Class

A T. Rowe Price Fund that does not include the term "institutional" or indicate a specific share class as part of its name is considered to be the Investor Class of that

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fund. The Investor Class is generally designed for individual investors, but is also available to institutions and a wide variety of other types of investors. The Investor Class may be purchased directly from T. Rowe Price or through a retirement plan or financial intermediary. The Investor Class does not impose sales charges and does not make any 12b-1 fee payments to financial intermediaries but may make administrative fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the class' average daily net assets. For investors holding the Investor Class through the T. Rowe Price ActivePlus Portfolios program, the terms and conditions of the program will be applicable.

#### **I Class**

The I Class may be purchased directly from T. Rowe Price or through a financial intermediary. The I Class does not impose sales charges and does not make any administrative fee payments or 12b-1 fee payments to financial intermediaries.

I Class shares are designed to be sold to corporations, endowments and foundations, charitable trusts, defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans, brokers, registered investment advisers, banks and bank trust programs, investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles, and certain individuals meeting the investment minimum or other specific criteria. The I Class generally requires a \$1,000,000 initial investment minimum, although the minimum may be waived for retirement plans, financial intermediaries maintaining omnibus accounts for their customers, client accounts for which T. Rowe Price or its affiliate has discretionary investment authority, and certain other accounts. For investors holding the I Class through the T. Rowe Price ActivePlus Portfolios program, the terms and conditions of the program will be applicable. Accounts that are not eligible for the I Class may be converted to the Investor Class following notice to the financial intermediary or investor.

#### **Advisor Class**

The Advisor Class is designed to be sold through various financial intermediaries, such as broker-dealers, banks, insurance companies, retirement plan recordkeepers, and financial advisors. The Advisor Class must be purchased through an eligible financial intermediary (except for certain retirement plans held directly with T. Rowe Price). The Advisor Class does not impose sales charges but may make 12b-1 fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets and may also separately make administrative fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the class' average daily net assets.

The Advisor Class requires an agreement between the financial intermediary and T. Rowe Price to be executed prior to investment. Purchases of Advisor Class shares for which the required agreement with T. Rowe Price has not been executed or that are not made through an eligible financial intermediary are subject to rejection or cancellation without prior notice to the financial intermediary or investor, and

accounts that are no longer eligible for the Advisor Class may be converted to the Investor Class following notice to the financial intermediary or investor.

#### **R Class**

The R Class is designed to be sold through financial intermediaries for employer-sponsored defined contribution retirement plans and certain other accounts. The R Class must be purchased through an eligible financial intermediary (except for certain retirement plans held directly with T. Rowe Price). The R Class does not impose sales charges but may make 12b-1 fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.50% of the class' average daily net assets and may also separately make administrative fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the class' average daily net assets.

The R Class requires an agreement between the financial intermediary and T. Rowe Price to be executed prior to investment. Purchases of R Class shares for which the required agreement with T. Rowe Price has not been executed or that are not made through an eligible financial intermediary are subject to rejection or cancellation without prior notice to the financial intermediary or investor, and accounts that are no longer eligible for the R Class may be converted to the Investor Class or Advisor Class following notice to the financial intermediary or investor.

### DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

## Administrative Fee Payments (Investor Class, Advisor Class, and R Class)

Certain financial intermediaries perform recordkeeping and administrative services for their clients that would otherwise be performed by the funds' transfer agent. T. Rowe Price Funds (other than I Class shares) may make administrative fee payments to retirement plan recordkeepers, broker-dealers, and other financial intermediaries (at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the fund's average daily net assets) for transfer agency, recordkeeping, and other administrative services that they provide on behalf of the funds. These administrative services may include maintaining account records for each customer; transmitting purchase and redemption orders; delivering shareholder confirmations, statements, and tax forms; and providing support to respond to customers' questions regarding their accounts. Except for funds that have an all-inclusive management fee, these separate administrative fee payments are reflected in the "Other expenses" line that appears in a fund's fee table in Section 1.

# 12b-1 Fee Payments (Advisor Class and R Class)

Mutual funds are permitted to adopt a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of the fund's shares out of the fund's assets. Each fund offering Advisor and/or R Class shares has adopted a 12b-1 plan under which those classes may make payments (for the Advisor Class, at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the

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class' average daily net assets, and for the R Class, at an annual rate of up to 0.50% of the class' average daily net assets) to various financial intermediaries, such as brokers, banks, insurance companies, investment advisers, and retirement plan recordkeepers for distribution and/or shareholder servicing of the Advisor and R Class shares. The 12b-1 plans provide for the class to pay such fees to the fund's distributor and for the distributor to then pay such fees to the financial intermediaries that provide services for the class and/or make the class available to investors.

For the Advisor Class, distribution payments may include payments to financial intermediaries for making the Advisor Class shares available to their customers (e.g., providing the fund with "shelf space" or inclusion on a "preferred list" or "supermarket" platform). For the R Class, distribution payments may include payments to financial intermediaries for making the R Class shares available as investment options to retirement plans and retirement plan participants, assisting plan sponsors in conducting searches for investment options, and providing ongoing monitoring of investment options.

Shareholder servicing payments under the plans may include payments to financial intermediaries for providing shareholder support services to existing shareholders of the Advisor and R Class. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the financial intermediaries. Because the fees are paid from the Advisor Class or R Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment over time. In addition, payments of 12b-1 fees may influence your financial advisor's recommendation of the fund or of any particular share class of the fund. 12b-1 fee payments are reflected in the "Distribution and service (12b-1) fees" line that appears in a fund's fee table in Section 1.

# **Additional Compensation to Financial Intermediaries**

In addition to the AFP payments made by certain funds and the 12b-1 payments made by each Advisor and R Class, T. Rowe Price or the fund's distributor may, at their own expense, provide compensation to financial intermediaries that have sold shares of or provide shareholder or other services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. These payments may be in the form of asset-based, transaction-based, or flat payments. These payments would be used to compensate third parties for distribution and non-distribution shareholder services, including sub-accounting, sub-transfer agency, post-sale shareholder or other servicing, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or the fund's distributor's own resources and not as an expense of the funds) to financial intermediaries, such as brokers-dealers, registered investment advisers, banks, insurance companies, and retirement plan recordkeepers, in connection with the sale, distribution, marketing, and/or servicing of the Price Funds. The Statement of Additional Information provides more information about these payment arrangements.

The receipt of, or the prospect of receiving, these payments and expense reimbursements from T. Rowe Price or the fund's distributor may influence intermediaries, plan sponsors, and other third parties to offer or recommend T. Rowe Price Funds over other investment options for which an intermediary does not receive additional compensation (or receives lower levels of additional compensation). In addition, if financial intermediaries receive these payments and/or expense reimbursements, they may elevate the prominence of the T. Rowe Price Funds by, for example, placing the T. Rowe Price Funds on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or provide preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the T. Rowe Price Funds in various ways. Since these additional payments are not paid by a fund directly, these arrangements do not increase fund expenses and will not change the price that an investor pays for shares of the T. Rowe Price Funds or the amount that is invested in a T. Rowe Price Fund on behalf of an investor. However, T. Rowe Price's revenues or profits may in part be derived from fees earned for services provided to and paid for by the T. Rowe Price Funds. You may ask your financial intermediary for more information about any payments they may receive from T. Rowe Price or the fund's distributor.

## **Comparison of Fees**

The following table summarizes the distribution and shareholder servicing fee arrangements applicable to each class.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Investor Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
I Class	None	None
Advisor Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year
R Class	Up to 0.50% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

### **ACCOUNT SERVICE FEE**

#### **Investor Class**

to you.

In an effort to help offset the disproportionately high costs incurred by the funds in connection with servicing lower-balance accounts that are held directly with the T. Rowe Price Funds' transfer agent, an annual \$20 account service fee (paid to T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., or one of its affiliates) is charged to certain Investor Class accounts with a balance below \$10,000. The determination of whether a fund account is subject to the account service fee is based on account balances and services selected for accounts as of the last business day of August. The fee may be charged to an account with a balance below \$10,000 for any reason, including market fluctuation and recent redemptions. The fee, which is automatically deducted from an account by redeeming fund shares, is typically charged to accounts in early September each calendar year. Such redemption may result in a taxable gain or loss

The account service fee generally does not apply to fund accounts that are held through a financial intermediary, participant accounts in employer-sponsored retirement plans for which T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services provides recordkeeping services, accounts held through the T. Rowe Price ActivePlus Portfolios program, or money market funds that are used as a T. Rowe Price Brokerage sweep account. Regardless of a particular fund account's balance on the last business day of August, the account service fee is automatically waived for accounts that satisfy any of the following conditions:

- Any accounts for which the shareholder has elected to receive electronic delivery of all of the following: account statements, transaction confirmations, prospectuses, and shareholder reports (paper copies of fund documents are available, free of charge, upon request, to any shareholder regardless of whether the shareholder has elected electronic delivery);
- Any accounts of a shareholder with at least \$50,000 in total assets with T. Rowe
  Price (for this purpose, total assets includes investments through T. Rowe Price
  Brokerage and investments in T. Rowe Price Funds, except for those held through a
  retirement plan for which T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services provides
  recordkeeping services); or
- Any accounts of a shareholder who is a T. Rowe Price Preferred Services, Personal Services, or Enhanced Personal Services client (enrollment in these programs generally requires T. Rowe Price assets of at least \$100,000—visit **troweprice.com** or call 1-800-537-1098 for more information).
- T. Rowe Price reserves the right to authorize additional waivers for other types of accounts or to modify the conditions for assessment of the account service fee. Fund shares held in a T. Rowe Price IRA, Education Savings Account, or small business retirement plan account (including certain 403(b) plan accounts) are subject to the account service fee and may be subject to additional administrative fees when distributing all fund shares from such accounts.

#### POLICIES FOR OPENING AN ACCOUNT

Investor and I Class shares may be purchased directly from T. Rowe Price or through various financial intermediaries. Advisor and R Class shares must be purchased through a financial intermediary (except for certain retirement plans held directly at T. Rowe Price). If you are opening an account through an employer-sponsored retirement plan or other financial intermediary, you should contact the retirement plan or financial intermediary for information regarding its policies on opening an account, including the policies relating to purchasing, exchanging, and redeeming shares, and the applicable initial and subsequent investment minimums.

#### **Tax Identification Number**

Investors must provide T. Rowe Price with a valid Social Security number or taxpayer identification number on a signed new account form or Form W-9, and financial intermediaries must provide T. Rowe Price with their certified taxpayer identification number. Otherwise, federal law requires the funds to withhold a percentage of dividends, capital gain distributions, and redemptions and may subject you or the financial intermediary to an Internal Revenue Service fine. If this information is not received within 60 days of the account being established, the account may be redeemed at the fund's then-current net asset value.

## **Important Information Required to Open a New Account**

Pursuant to federal law, all financial institutions must obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or entity that opens an account. This information is needed not only for the account owner and any other person who opens the account, but also for any person who has authority to act on behalf of the account.

When you open an account, you will be asked for the name, U.S. street address (post office boxes are not acceptable), date of birth, and Social Security number or taxpayer identification number for each account owner and person(s) opening an account on behalf of others, such as custodians, agents, trustees, or other authorized signers. When opening an entity account, you will be asked to identify and provide personal information for: (i) any individual who, either directly or indirectly, owns 25% or more of the equity interest of the entity and (ii) a single individual who controls, manages, or directs the entity. Corporate and other institutional accounts require documents showing the existence of the entity (such as articles of incorporation or partnership agreements) to open an account. Certain other fiduciary accounts (such as trusts or power of attorney arrangements) require documentation, which may include an original or certified copy of the trust agreement or power of attorney, to open an account.

T. Rowe Price will use this information to verify the identity of the person(s)/entity opening the account. An account cannot be opened until all of this information is received. If the identity of the account holder cannot be verified, T. Rowe Price is authorized to take any action permitted by law. (See "Rights Reserved by the Funds" later in this section.)

Institutional investors and financial intermediaries should call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790 for more information on these requirements, as well as to be assigned an account number and instructions for opening an account. Other investors should call Investor Services at 1-800-638-5660 for more information on these requirements.

The funds are generally available only to investors residing in the United States. In addition, nongovernment money market funds that operate as "retail money market funds" pursuant to Rule 2a-7 are required to limit their beneficial owners to natural

persons. An investor in a retail money market fund is required to demonstrate eligibility (for example, by providing a valid Social Security number) before an account can be opened.

### PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

### **How and When Shares Are Priced**

The trade date for your transaction request depends on the day and time that T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by T. Rowe Price or its agent (or by your financial intermediary if it has the authority to accept transaction orders on behalf of the fund). The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, a fund's assets are valued and totaled, liabilities are subtracted, and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. If a market value for a portfolio holding is not available or normal valuation procedures are deemed to be inappropriate, the fund will make a good faith effort to assign a fair value to the holding by taking into account various factors and methodologies that have been approved by the fund's Board. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

Amortized cost is used to price securities held by money market funds and certain short-term debt securities held by other funds. The retail and government money market funds, which seek to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00, use the amortized cost method of valuation to calculate their net asset value. Amortized cost allows the money market funds to value a holding at the fund's acquisition cost with adjustments for any premiums or discounts, and then round the net asset value per

share to the nearest whole cent. The amortized cost method of valuation enables the money market funds to maintain a \$1.00 net asset value, but it may also result in periods during which the stated value of a security held by the funds differs from the market-based price the funds would receive if they sold that holding. The current market-based net asset value per share for each business day in the preceding six months is available for the retail and government money market funds through **troweprice.com**. These market-based net asset values are for informational purposes only and are not used to price transactions.

The funds use various pricing services to provide closing market prices and information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. A fund cannot predict how often it will use closing prices and how often it will adjust those prices. As a means of evaluating its fair value process, the fund routinely compares closing market prices, the next day's opening prices in the same markets, and adjusted prices.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If a fund determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of the NYSE will affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, the fund will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, the fund reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

A fund may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges which trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, a fund may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. The funds also evaluate a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

The various ways you can purchase, sell, and exchange shares are explained throughout this section. These procedures differ based on whether you hold your account directly with T. Rowe Price or through an employer-sponsored retirement plan or financial intermediary.

### INVESTING DIRECTLY WITH T. ROWE PRICE

The following policies apply to accounts that are held directly with T. Rowe Price and not through a financial intermediary.

## **Options for Opening Your Account**

If you own other T. Rowe Price Funds, you should consider registering any new account identically to your existing accounts so you can exchange shares among them easily (the name[s] of the account owner[s] and the account type must be identical).

For joint accounts or other types of accounts owned or controlled by more than one party, either owner/party has complete authority to act on behalf of all and give instructions concerning the account without notice to the other party. T. Rowe Price may, in its sole discretion, require written authorization from all owners/parties to act on the account for certain transactions (for example, to transfer ownership). There are multiple ways to establish a new account directly with T. Rowe Price.

**Online** You can open a new Investor Class account online. (I Class accounts must currently be opened either by telephone or in writing.) Go to **troweprice.com/newaccount** to choose the type of account you wish to open.

You can exchange shares online from an existing account in one fund to open a new account in another fund. The new account will have the same registration as the account from which you are exchanging, and any services (other than systematic purchase and systematic distribution arrangements) that you have preauthorized will carry over from the existing account to the new account.

To open an account online for the first time or with a different account registration, you must be a U.S. citizen residing in the U.S. or a resident alien and not subject to Internal Revenue Service backup withholding. Additionally, you must provide consent to receive certain documents electronically. You will have the option of providing your bank account information, which will enable you to make electronic funds transfers to and from your bank account. To set up this banking service online, additional steps will be taken to verify your identity.

**By Mail** If you are sending a check, please make your check payable to T. Rowe Price Funds (otherwise it may be returned) and send the check, together with the applicable new account form, to the appropriate address. (Please refer to the appropriate address under "Contacting T. Rowe Price" later in this section to avoid a

delay in opening your new account.) T. Rowe Price does not accept third-party checks for initial purchases; however, third-party checks are typically accepted for additional purchases to an existing account. In addition, T. Rowe Price does not accept purchases by cash, traveler's checks, money orders, or credit card checks. For exchanges from an identically registered account, be sure to specify the fund(s) and account number(s) that you are exchanging out of and the fund(s) you wish to exchange into.

**By Telephone** Direct investors can call Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-5132 (institutional investors should call 1-800-638-8790) to exchange from an existing fund account to open a new identically registered account in another fund. You may also be eligible to open a new account by telephone and provide your bank account information in order to make an initial purchase. To set up the account and banking service by telephone, additional steps will be taken to verify your identity and the authenticity of your bank account. Although the account may be opened and the purchase made, services may be not be established and Internal Revenue Service penalty withholding may occur until we receive the necessary signed form to certify your Social Security number or taxpayer identification number.

#### **How Your Trade Date Is Determined**

If you invest directly with T. Rowe Price and your request to purchase, sell, or exchange shares is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form by the close of the NYSE (normally 4 p.m. ET), your transaction will be priced at that business day's net asset value. If your request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form after the close of the NYSE, your transaction will be priced at the next business day's net asset value.

*Note:* There may be times when you are unable to contact us by telephone or access your account online due to extreme market activity, the unavailability of the T. Rowe Price website, or other circumstances. Should this occur, your order must still be placed and received in correct form by T. Rowe Price prior to the time the NYSE closes to be priced at that business day's net asset value. The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE, and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

## **Transaction Confirmations**

T. Rowe Price sends immediate confirmations for most of your fund transactions. However, certain transactions, such as systematic purchases and systematic redemptions, dividend reinvestments, checkwriting redemptions from money market funds, and transactions in money market funds used as a Brokerage sweep account, do not receive an immediate transaction confirmation but are reported on your account statement. Please review transaction confirmations and account statements as

soon as you receive them, and promptly report any discrepancies to Shareholder Services.

# **Telephone and Online Account Transactions**

You may access your accounts and conduct transactions involving Investor Class accounts using the telephone or the T. Rowe Price website at **troweprice.com**. You can only conduct transactions involving the I Class over the telephone or in writing. The T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents use reasonable procedures to verify the identity of the shareholder. If these procedures are followed, the funds and their agents are not liable for any losses that may occur from acting on unauthorized instructions. Please review your confirmation carefully, and contact T. Rowe Price immediately about any transaction you believe to be unauthorized. Telephone conversations are recorded.

## **Purchasing Shares**

Shares may be purchased in a variety of ways.

**By Check** Please make your check payable to the T. Rowe Price Funds. Include a New Account Form if establishing a new account, and include either a fund investment slip or a letter indicating the fund and your account number if adding to an existing account. Your transaction will receive the share price for the business day that the request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent prior to the close of the NYSE (not the day the request is received at the post office box).

**By Electronic Transfer** Shares may be purchased using the Automated Clearing House system if you have established the service on your account, which allows T. Rowe Price to request payment for your shares directly from your bank account or other financial institution account. You may also arrange for a wire to be sent to T. Rowe Price (wire transfer instructions can be found at

**troweprice.com/wireinstructions** or by calling Shareholder Services). T. Rowe Price must receive the wire by the close of the NYSE to receive that day's share price. There is no assurance that you will receive the share price for the same day you initiated the wire from your financial institution.

**By Exchange** You may purchase shares of a fund using the proceeds from the redemption of shares from another fund. The redemption and purchase will receive the same trade date, and if you are establishing a new account, it will have the same registration as the account from which you are exchanging. The purchase must still generally meet the applicable minimum investment requirement.

**Systematic Purchases (Automatic Asset Builder)** You can instruct T. Rowe Price to automatically transfer money from your account at your bank or other financial institution at least once per month, or you can instruct your employer to send all or a portion of your paycheck to the fund or funds that you designate. Each systematic purchase must be at least \$100 per fund account to be eligible for the Automatic Asset Builder service. To automatically transfer money to your account from a bank

account or through payroll deductions, complete the appropriate section of the New Account Form when opening a new account or complete an Account Services Form to add the service to an existing account. Prior to establishing payroll deductions, you must set up the service with T. Rowe Price so that the appropriate instructions can be provided to your employer.

#### **Initial Investment Minimums**

Investor Class accounts, other than the Retirement Income 2020 Fund and Summit Funds, require a \$2,500 minimum initial investment (\$1,000 minimum initial investment for IRAs, certain small business retirement accounts, and custodial accounts for minors, known as Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or Uniform Transfer to Minors Act accounts). The Retirement Income 2020 Fund and Summit Funds require a \$25,000 minimum initial investment. I Class accounts generally require a \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment, although the minimum may be waived for certain types of accounts. If you request the I Class of a particular fund when you open a new account but the investment amount does not meet the applicable minimum, the purchase will be automatically invested in the Investor Class of the same fund.

#### **Additional Investment Minimums**

Investor Class accounts, other than Summit Funds, require a \$100 minimum for additional purchases, including those made through Automatic Asset Builder. Summit Funds require a \$100 minimum for additional purchases through Automatic Asset Builder and a \$1,000 minimum for all other additional purchases. I Class accounts require a \$100 minimum for additional purchases through Automatic Asset Builder but do not require a minimum amount for other additional purchases.

# **Exchanging and Redeeming Shares**

Certain T. Rowe Price Funds assess a fee on redemptions of shares (including exchanges out of a fund) that are not held for a specified period of time. Please refer to "Contingent Redemption Fee" later in this section.

**Exchanges** You can move money from one account to an existing, identically registered account or open a new identically registered account. For taxable accounts, an exchange from one fund to another will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as a sale for tax purposes (institutional investors are restricted from exchanging into a fund that operates as a retail money market fund). You can set up systematic exchanges so that money is automatically moved from one fund account to another on a regular basis.

**Receiving Redemption Proceeds** Redemption proceeds can be mailed to your account address by check or sent electronically to your bank account by Automated Clearing House transfer or bank wire. You can set up systematic redemptions and have the proceeds automatically sent via check or Automated Clearing House on a regular basis. If your request is received in correct form by T. Rowe Price or its agent on a business day prior to the close of the NYSE, proceeds are usually sent on the

next business day. However, if you request a redemption from a money market fund on a business day prior to noon ET and request to have proceeds sent via bank wire, proceeds are normally sent later that same day.

Proceeds sent by Automated Clearing House transfer are usually credited to your account the second business day after the sale, and there are typically no fees associated with such payments. Proceeds sent by bank wire are usually credited to your account the next business day after the sale (except for wire redemptions from money market funds received prior to noon ET). A \$5 fee will be charged for an outgoing wire of less than \$5,000, in addition to any fees your financial institution may charge for an incoming wire.

# If for some reason your request to exchange or redeem shares cannot be processed because it is not received in correct form, we will attempt to contact you.

If you request to redeem a specific dollar amount and the market value of your account is less than the amount of your request and we are unable to contact you, your redemption will not be processed and you must submit a new redemption request in correct form.

If you change your address on an account, proceeds will not be mailed to the new address for 15 calendar days after the address change, unless we receive a letter of instruction with a Medallion signature guarantee.

Please note that large purchase and redemption requests initiated through the Automated Clearing House may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by calling Shareholder Services.

**Checkwriting** You may write an unlimited number of free checks on any money market fund and certain bond funds, with a minimum of \$500 per check. Keep in mind, however, that a check results in a sale of fund shares; a check written on a bond fund will create a taxable event that must be reported by T. Rowe Price to the Internal Revenue Service as a redemption.

# **Converting to Another Share Class**

You may convert from one share class of a fund to another share class of the same fund. Although the conversion has no effect on the dollar value of your investment in the fund, the number of shares owned after the conversion may be greater or less than the number of shares owned before the conversion, depending on the net asset values of the two share classes. A conversion between share classes of the same fund is a nontaxable event. The new account will have the same registration as the account from which you are converting.

T. Rowe Price conducts periodic reviews of account balances and may, if your account balance in a fund exceeds the minimum amount required for the I Class, automatically convert your Investor Class shares to I Class shares with advance notice unless T. Rowe Price has investment discretion.

## **Maintaining Your Account Balance**

*Investor Class* Due to the relatively high cost to a fund of maintaining small accounts, we ask you to maintain an account balance of at least \$1,000 (\$10,000 for Summit Funds). If, for any reason, your balance is below this amount for three months or longer, we have the right to redeem your account at the then-current net asset value after giving you 60 days to increase your balance.

*I Class* To keep operating expenses lower, we ask you to maintain an account balance of at least \$1 million. If your investment falls below \$1 million (even if due to market depreciation), we have the right to redeem your account at the thencurrent net asset value after giving you 60 days to increase your balance, or convert your account to a different share class in the same fund (if available) with a higher expense ratio with advance notice unless T. Rowe Price has investment discretion.

The redemption of your account could result in a taxable gain.

Investors holding the fund through the T. Rowe Price ActivePlus Portfolios program will be subject to the minimum account balance requirements of the program, which may differ from the minimum account balance requirements listed above.

### INVESTING THROUGH A FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY

The following policies apply to accounts that are held through a financial intermediary.

Accounts in Investor Class and I Class shares are not required to be held through a financial intermediary, but accounts in Advisor Class and R Class shares must be held through an eligible financial intermediary (except for certain retirement plans held directly with T. Rowe Price). It is important that you contact your retirement plan or financial intermediary to determine the policies, procedures, and transaction deadlines that apply to your account. The financial intermediary may charge a fee for its services.

# **Opening an Account**

The financial intermediary must provide T. Rowe Price with its certified taxpayer identification number. Financial intermediaries should call Financial Institution Services for an account number and wire transfer instructions. In order to obtain an account number, the financial intermediary must supply the name, taxpayer identification number, and business street address for the account. (Please refer to "Contacting T. Rowe Price" later in this section for the appropriate telephone number and mailing address.) Financial intermediaries must also enter into a separate agreement with the fund or its agent.

#### How the Trade Date Is Determined

If you invest through a financial intermediary and your transaction request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form by the close of the NYSE, your transaction will be priced at that business day's net asset value. If your request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form after the close of the New York Stock Exchange, your transaction will be priced at the next business day's net asset value unless the fund has an agreement with your financial intermediary for orders to be priced at the net asset value next computed after receipt by the financial intermediary.

The funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. When authorized financial intermediaries receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the authorized financial intermediary. The financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your financial intermediary by the close of the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

*Note:* The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted by the fund or a financial intermediary may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE, and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET. Should this occur, your order must still be placed and received in correct form by T. Rowe Price (or by the financial intermediary in accordance with its agreement with T. Rowe Price) prior to the time the NYSE closes to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

# **Purchasing Shares**

All initial and subsequent investments by financial intermediaries should be made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire was initiated. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Financial Institution Services.

#### **Investment Minimums**

You should check with your financial intermediary to determine what minimum applies to your initial and additional investments.

The Retirement Income 2020 Fund and Summit Funds require a \$25,000 minimum initial investment, and other funds generally require a \$2,500 minimum initial

investment, although the minimum is generally waived or modified for any retirement plans and financial intermediaries establishing accounts in the Investor Class, Advisor Class, or R Class. I Class accounts generally require a \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment, although the minimum is waived for certain retirement plans and financial intermediaries maintaining omnibus accounts for their customers.

Investments through a financial intermediary generally do not require a minimum amount for additional purchases.

## **Redeeming Shares**

Certain T. Rowe Price Funds assess a fee on redemptions of shares (including exchanges out of a fund) that are not held for a specified period of time. Please refer to "Contingent Redemption Fee" later in this section.

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Financial Institution Services. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on either the next business day or third business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the financial intermediary. Proceeds for redemption orders received prior to noon ET for a money market fund may be sent via wire the same business day. You must contact your financial intermediary about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Financial Institution Services.

### **GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS**

The following policies and requirements apply generally to accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, regardless of whether the account is held directly or indirectly with T. Rowe Price.

The funds generally do not accept orders that request a particular day or price for a transaction or any other special conditions. However, when authorized by the fund, certain institutions, financial intermediaries, or retirement plans purchasing fund shares directly with T. Rowe Price may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The institution, financial intermediary, or retirement plan is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

**U.S. Dollars** All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars; checks must be drawn on U.S. banks. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any purchase of \$5 million or more.

**Nonpayment** If a check or Automated Clearing House transfer does not clear or payment for an order is not received in a timely manner, your purchase may be canceled. You (or the financial intermediary) will be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares in your account or another identically registered T. Rowe Price account as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase, exchange, or redemption due to nonpayment.

**Retail Money Market Funds** The retail money market funds have implemented policies and procedures designed to limit purchases to accounts beneficially owned by a natural person. Purchases of a retail money market fund may be rejected from an investor who has not demonstrated sufficient eligibility to purchase shares of the fund or from a financial intermediary that has not demonstrated adequate procedures to limit investments to natural persons. In addition, purchases may be prohibited or subject to certain conditions during periods where a liquidity fee or redemption gate is in effect

# **Contingent Redemption Fee**

Short-term trading can disrupt a fund's investment program and create additional costs for long-term shareholders. For these reasons, all share classes of the T. Rowe Price Funds listed in the following table assess a fee on redemptions (including exchanges out of a fund), which reduces the proceeds from such redemptions by the amounts indicated:

T. Rowe Price Funds With Redemption Fees				
Fund	Redemption fee	Holding period		
Africa & Middle East	2%	90 days or less		
Asia Opportunities	2%	90 days or less		
Credit Opportunities	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Europe	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Markets Bond	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Markets Stock	2%	90 days or less		
Emerging Markets Value Stock	2%	90 days or less		
Equity Index 500	0.5%	90 days or less		
European Stock	2%	90 days or less		
Extended Equity Market Index	0.5%	90 days or less		
Floating Rate	2%	90 days or less		

T. Rowe Price Funds With Redemption Fees			
Fund	Redemption fee	Holding period	
Global Growth Stock	2%	90 days or less	
Global High Income Bond	2%	90 days or less	
Global Real Estate	2%	90 days or less	
Global Stock	2%	90 days or less	
High Yield	2%	90 days or less	
Intermediate Tax-Free High Yield	2%	90 days or less	
International Bond	2%	90 days or less	
International Bond Fund (USD Hedged)	2%	90 days or less	
International Concentrated Equity	2%	90 days or less	
International Discovery	2%	90 days or less	
International Equity Index	2%	90 days or less	
International Stock	2%	90 days or less	
International Value Equity	2%	90 days or less	
Japan	2%	90 days or less	
Latin America	2%	90 days or less	
New Asia	2%	90 days or less	
Overseas Stock	2%	90 days or less	
QM Global Equity	2%	90 days or less	
QM U.S. Small & Mid-Cap Core Equity	1%	90 days or less	
QM U.S. Small-Cap Growth Equity	1%	90 days or less	
Real Assets	2%	90 days or less	
Real Estate	1%	90 days or less	
Small-Cap Value	1%	90 days or less	
Spectrum International	2%	90 days or less	
Tax-Efficient Equity	1%	less than 365 days	
Tax-Free High Yield	2%	90 days or less	
Total Equity Market Index	0.5%	90 days or less	
U.S. Bond Enhanced Index	0.5%	90 days or less	
U.S. High Yield	2%	90 days or less	

Redemption fees are paid to the fund (and not to T. Rowe Price) to deter short-term trading, offset costs, and help protect the fund's long-term shareholders. Subject to the exceptions described on the following pages, all persons holding shares of a T. Rowe Price Fund that imposes a redemption fee are subject to the fee, whether the person is holding shares directly with a T. Rowe Price Fund, through a retirement plan for which T. Rowe Price serves as recordkeeper, or indirectly through a financial

intermediary (such as a broker, bank, or investment adviser), recordkeeper for retirement plan participants, or other third party.

**Computation of Holding Period** When an investor sells shares of a fund that assesses a redemption fee, T. Rowe Price will use the "first-in, first-out" method to determine the holding period for the shares sold. Under this method, the date of redemption or exchange will be compared with the earliest purchase date of shares held in the account. The day after the date of your purchase is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the holding period. For a fund with a 365-day holding period, a redemption fee will be charged on shares sold **before** the end of the required holding period. For funds with a 90-day holding period, a redemption fee will be charged on shares sold **on or before** the end of the required holding period. For example, if you redeem your shares on or before the 90th day from the date of purchase, you will be assessed the redemption fee. If you purchase shares through a financial intermediary, consult your financial intermediary to determine how the holding period will be applied.

**Transactions Not Subject to Redemption Fees** The T. Rowe Price Funds will not assess a redemption fee with respect to certain transactions. As of the date of this prospectus, the following transactions in T. Rowe Price Funds will not be subject to redemption fees:

- Shares redeemed through an automated, systematic withdrawal plan;
- Shares redeemed through or used to establish certain rebalancing, asset allocation, wrap, and advisory programs (including the ActivePlus Portfolios program), as well as non-T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, if approved in writing by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;\*
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class of the same fund;\*
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees (e.g., for failure to meet account minimums);
- Shares purchased by rollover or changes of account registration within the same fund;\*
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that other shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Certain transactions in defined benefit and nonqualified plans, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares that are redeemed in-kind:

- Shares transferred to T. Rowe Price or a financial intermediary acting as a service provider when the age of the shares cannot be determined systematically;\* and
- Shares redeemed in retirement plans or other products that restrict trading to no more frequently than once per quarter or other approved time period, if approved in writing by T. Rowe Price.
- \* Subsequent exchanges of these shares into funds that assess redemption fees will subject such shares to the fee.

**Redemption Fees on Shares Held in Retirement Plans** If shares are held in a retirement plan, redemption fees generally will be assessed on shares redeemed by exchange only if they were originally purchased by a participant-directed exchange. However, redemption fees may apply to transactions other than exchanges depending on how shares of the plan are held at T. Rowe Price or how the fees are applied by your plan's recordkeeper. To determine which of your transactions are subject to redemption fees, you should contact T. Rowe Price or your plan recordkeeper.

**Omnibus Accounts** If your shares are held through a financial intermediary in an omnibus account, T. Rowe Price relies on the financial intermediary to assess the redemption fee on underlying shareholder accounts. T. Rowe Price seeks to enter into agreements with financial intermediaries establishing omnibus accounts that require the intermediary to assess the redemption fees. There are no assurances that T. Rowe Price will be successful in identifying all financial intermediaries or that the intermediaries will properly assess the fees.

Certain financial intermediaries may not apply the exemptions previously listed to the redemption fee policy; all redemptions by persons trading through such intermediaries may be subject to the fee. Certain financial intermediaries may exempt transactions not listed from redemption fees, if approved by T. Rowe Price. Persons redeeming shares through a financial intermediary should check with their respective intermediary to determine which transactions are subject to the fees.

# Liquidity Fees and Redemption Gates—Retail Money Market Funds

A money market fund that operates as a retail money market fund pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 has the ability to impose liquidity fees of up to 2% of the value of the shares redeemed if the fund's weekly liquid assets fall below certain thresholds, as specified in Rule 2a-7. A retail money market fund also has the ability to impose a redemption gate, which enables the fund to temporarily suspend redemptions for up to 10 days within a 90-day period if the fund's weekly liquid assets fall below a certain threshold, as specified in Rule 2a-7. A money market fund's Board has ultimate discretion to determine whether or not a liquidity fee or redemption gate would be in the best interests of the fund's shareholders and should be imposed.

A money market fund that operates as a government money market fund pursuant to Rule 2a-7 is not required to impose a liquidity fee or redemption gate upon the sale of your shares. The Boards of the T. Rowe Price money market funds that operate as

government money market funds have determined that the funds do not intend to impose liquidity fees and redemption gates. However, the Board of a T. Rowe Price government money market fund reserves the right to impose liquidity fees and redemption gates in the future, at which point shareholders would be provided with at least 60 days' notice prior to such a change.

If a liquidity fee is in place, all exchanges out of the fund will be subject to the liquidity fee, and if a redemption gate is in place, all exchanges out of the fund will be suspended. When a liquidity fee or redemption gate is in place, the fund may elect to not permit the purchase of shares or to subject the purchase of shares to certain conditions, which may include affirmation of the purchaser's knowledge that a liquidity fee or a redemption gate is in effect.

**Omnibus Accounts** If your shares are held through a financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price may rely on the financial intermediary to assess any applicable liquidity fees or impose redemption gates on underlying shareholder accounts. In certain situations, T. Rowe Price enters into agreements with financial intermediaries maintaining omnibus accounts that require the financial intermediary to assess liquidity fees or redemption gates. There are no assurances that T. Rowe Price will be successful in ensuring that all financial intermediaries will properly assess the fees.

Please refer to Sections 1 and 2 of retail money market fund prospectuses for more information regarding liquidity fees and redemption gates.

# **Large Redemptions**

Large redemptions (for example, \$250,000 or more) can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay all or part of redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash ("redemption in-kind"). If this occurs, the securities will be selected by the fund in its absolute discretion, and the redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities and bearing any associated costs and risks (for example, market risks until the securities are disposed of). In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of \$5 million or more.

# **Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds**

The T. Rowe Price Funds typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form, regardless of the method the fund uses to make such payment (e.g., check, wire, or Automated Clearing House transfer). However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order.

In addition, if shares are sold that were just purchased and paid for by check or Automated Clearing House transfer, the fund will process your redemption but will generally delay sending the proceeds for up to 10 calendar days to allow the check or Automated Clearing House transfer to clear. If, during the clearing period, we receive a check drawn against your newly purchased shares, it will be returned marked "uncollected." (The 10-day hold does not apply to purchases paid for by bank wire or automatic purchases through payroll deduction.)

The Board of a retail money market fund may impose a redemption gate and elect to temporarily suspend redemptions for up to 10 business days in a 90-day period if the fund's weekly liquid assets fall below 30% of its total assets and the fund's Board determines that imposing a redemption gate is in the fund's best interests. In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

## **Involuntary Redemptions and Share Class Conversions**

Since nongovernment money market funds that operate as retail money market funds are required to limit their beneficial owners to natural persons, shares held directly by an investor or through a financial intermediary in these funds that are not eligible to invest in a retail money market fund are subject to involuntary redemption at any time without prior notice.

Shares held by any investors or financial intermediaries that are no longer eligible to invest in the I Class or who fail to meet or maintain their account(s) at the investment minimum are subject to involuntary redemption or conversion to the Investor Class of the same fund (which may have a higher expense ratio). Investments in Advisor Class shares that are no longer held through an eligible financial intermediary may be automatically converted by T. Rowe Price to the Investor Class of the same fund following notice to the financial intermediary or shareholder. Investments in R Class shares that are no longer held on behalf of an employer-sponsored defined contribution retirement plan or other eligible R Class account or that are not held through an eligible financial intermediary may be automatically converted by T. Rowe Price to the Investor Class or Advisor Class of the same fund following notice to the financial intermediary or shareholder.

# **Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy**

Excessive transactions and short-term trading can be harmful to fund shareholders in various ways, such as disrupting a fund's portfolio management strategies, increasing a fund's trading and other costs, and negatively affecting its performance. Short-term traders in funds that invest in foreign securities may seek to take advantage of developments overseas that could lead to an anticipated difference between the price of the funds' shares and price movements in foreign markets. While there is no assurance that T. Rowe Price can prevent all excessive and short-term trading, the Boards of the T. Rowe Price Funds have adopted the following trading limits that are

designed to deter such activity and protect the funds' shareholders. The funds may revise their trading limits and procedures at any time as the Boards deem necessary or appropriate to better detect short-term trading that may adversely affect the funds, to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, or to impose additional or alternative restrictions.

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (the "30-Day Purchase Block"). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

**General Exceptions** As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the funds' excessive and short-term trading policy:

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions in defined benefit and nonqualified plans, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy); and
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price.

Transactions in certain rebalancing, asset allocation, wrap programs, and other advisory programs (including the ActivePlus Portfolios program), as well as non-T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, may also be exempt from the 30-Day Purchase Block, subject to prior written approval by T. Rowe Price.

In addition to restricting transactions in accordance with the 30-Day Purchase Block, T. Rowe Price may, in its discretion, reject (or instruct a financial intermediary to reject) any purchase or exchange into a fund from a person (which includes individuals and entities) whose trading activity could disrupt the management of the fund or dilute the value of the fund's shares, including trading by persons acting collectively (e.g., following the advice of a newsletter). Such persons may be barred, without prior notice, from further purchases of T. Rowe Price Funds for a period longer than 30 calendar days, or permanently.

**Financial Intermediary Accounts** If you invest in T. Rowe Price Funds through a financial intermediary, you should review the financial intermediary's materials carefully or consult with the financial intermediary directly to determine the trading policy that will apply to your trades in the funds as well as any other rules or conditions on transactions that may apply. If T. Rowe Price is unable to identify a transaction placed through a financial intermediary as exempt from the excessive trading policy, the 30-Day Purchase Block may apply.

Financial intermediaries may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts) on behalf of their customers. When financial intermediaries establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity of the underlying shareholders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the financial intermediary (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects such trading activity, T. Rowe Price may contact the financial intermediary to request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all underlying shareholders (including plan participants, if applicable) pursuant to a written agreement that T. Rowe Price has entered into with each financial intermediary. Any nonpublic personal information provided to the fund (for example, a shareholder's taxpayer identification number or transaction records) is subject to the fund's privacy policy. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the financial intermediary to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying shareholder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. Each financial intermediary has agreed to execute such instructions pursuant to a written agreement. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its excessive trading policies for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the intermediaries' timely performance of their responsibilities.

T. Rowe Price may allow a financial intermediary or other third party to maintain restrictions on trading in the T. Rowe Price Funds that differ from the 30-Day Purchase Block. An alternative excessive trading policy would be acceptable to T. Rowe Price if it believes that the policy would provide sufficient protection to the T. Rowe Price Funds and their shareholders that is consistent with the excessive

T. Rowe Price Funds and their shareholders that is consistent with the excessive trading policy adopted by the funds' Boards.

**Retirement Plan Accounts** If shares are held in a retirement plan, generally the 30-Day Purchase Block applies only to shares redeemed by a participant-directed exchange to another fund. However, the 30-Day Purchase Block may apply to transactions other than exchanges depending on how shares of the plan are held at T. Rowe Price or the excessive trading policy applied by your plan's recordkeeper. An alternative excessive trading policy may apply to the T. Rowe Price Funds where a retirement plan has its own policy deemed acceptable to T. Rowe Price. You should contact T. Rowe Price or your plan recordkeeper to determine which of your transactions are subject to the funds' 30-Day Purchase Block or an alternative policy.

There is no guarantee that T. Rowe Price will be able to identify or prevent all excessive or short-term trades or trading practices.

### **Unclaimed Accounts and Uncashed Checks**

If your account has no activity for a certain period of time and/or mail sent to you from T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) is returned by the post office, T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) may be required to transfer your account and any assets related to uncashed checks to the appropriate state under its abandoned property laws. To avoid such action, it is important to keep your account address up to date and periodically communicate with T. Rowe Price by contacting us or logging in to your account at least once every two years.

# **Delivery of Shareholder Documents**

If two or more accounts own the same fund, share the same address, and T. Rowe Price reasonably believes that the two accounts are part of the same household or institution, we may economize on fund expenses by mailing only one shareholder report and prospectus for the fund. If you need additional copies or do not want your mailings to be "householded," please call Shareholder Services.

T. Rowe Price can deliver account statements, transaction confirmations, prospectuses, tax forms, and shareholder reports electronically. If you are a registered user of **troweprice.com**, you can consent to the electronic delivery of these documents by logging in and changing your mailing preferences. You can revoke your consent at any time through **troweprice.com**, and we will begin to send paper copies of these documents within a reasonable time after receiving your revocation.

## Signature Guarantees

A Medallion signature guarantee is designed to protect you and the T. Rowe Price Funds from fraud by verifying your signature.

A shareholder or financial intermediary may need to obtain a Medallion signature guarantee in certain situations, such as:

- Requests to wire redemption proceeds when bank account information is not already authorized and on file for an account;
- Requests to redeem over a specific dollar amount (varies by share class);
- Remitting redemption proceeds to any person, address, or bank account not on file:
- Establishing certain services after an account is opened; or
- Changing the account registration or broker-dealer of record for an account.

Financial intermediaries should contact T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services for specific requirements.

The signature guarantee must be obtained from a financial institution that is a participant in a Medallion signature guarantee program. You can obtain a Medallion signature guarantee from most banks, savings institutions, broker-dealers, and other guarantors acceptable to T. Rowe Price. When obtaining a Medallion signature guarantee, please discuss with the guarantor the dollar amount of your proposed transaction. It is important that the level of coverage provided by the guarantor's stamp covers the dollar amount of the transaction or it may be rejected. We cannot accept guarantees from notaries public or organizations that do not provide reimbursement in the case of fraud.

# **Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions**

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls; requiring personalized security codes or other information online and certain identifying information for telephone calls; requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes; and promptly sending confirmations of transactions and address changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. For transactions conducted online, we recommend the use of a secure Internet browser. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of your confirmation statements immediately after you receive them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

# **Fund Operations and Shareholder Services**

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc. acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. T. Rowe Price

Retirement Plan Services, Inc. provides recordkeeping, sub-transfer agency, and administrative services for certain types of retirement plans investing in the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. The funds may also pay financial intermediaries for performing shareholder and administrative services for underlying shareholders in omnibus accounts. In addition, certain funds serve as an underlying fund in which some fund-of-funds products, the T. Rowe Price Spectrum and Retirement Funds, invest. Subject to approval by each applicable fund's Board, each underlying fund bears its proportionate share of the direct operating expenses of the T. Rowe Price Spectrum and Retirement Funds. All of the fees discussed above are included in a fund's financial statements and, except for funds that have an all-inclusive management fee, are also reflected in the "Other expenses" line that appears in a fund's fee table in Section 1.

### **CONTACTING T. ROWE PRICE**

### **Accounts Held Directly With T. Rowe Price**

Investors who want to open an account directly with T. Rowe Price or who already have an account held directly with T. Rowe Price (and not through a financial intermediary) should refer to the following information.

**Online** You can open an account and place most transactions online at **troweprice.com**.

**Telephone** If you have questions relating to the opening of a new account (including Traditional, Roth, and Rollover IRAs and most nonretirement accounts) with T. Rowe Price, please call Investor Services at 1-800-638-5660. To place a transaction, report unauthorized activity on your account or a discrepancy on your transaction confirmation, elect out of the "householding" of prospectuses and shareholder reports, or ask a question about an existing account, please call Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-5132. If you find our phones busy during unusually volatile markets, please consider placing your order online.

To access information on fund performance, prices, account balances, and your latest transactions 24 hours a day, please call T. Rowe Price Tele\*Access® at 1-800-638-2587. (Please note that transactions cannot be placed through Tele\*Access®.)

If you are an institutional investor opening an account directly with T. Rowe Price or have questions or want to place a transaction on an existing account, please call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790.

For inquiries regarding funds owned in a small business retirement plan, which include SEP-IRA, SAR-SEP, SIMPLE IRA, individual 401(k), profit sharing, money purchase pension, and certain 403(b) plan accounts, please call T. Rowe Price

Retirement Client Services at 1-800-492-7670 or consult your plan administrator. Requests for redemptions from these types of retirement accounts may be required to be in writing.

Funds held through other employer-sponsored retirement plans should call the appropriate telephone number that appears on your retirement plan account statement.

If you hold shares of a T. Rowe Price Fund through a T. Rowe Price Brokerage account and want to place a transaction, please call 1-800-225-7720.

For inquiries or to place a transaction, the hearing-impaired should call 1-800-367-0763 (1-800-521-0325 if you hold shares in a small business retirement plan account).

**By Mail** Please be sure to use the correct address to avoid a delay in opening your account or processing your transaction. These addresses are subject to change at any time, so you may want to consider checking **troweprice.com/contactus** or calling the appropriate telephone number to ensure that you use the correct mailing address.

Investors (other than institutions and small business retirement plans) opening a new account or making additional purchases by check should use the following addresses:

#### via U.S. Mail

T. Rowe Price Account Services P.O. Box 17300 Baltimore, MD 21297-1300

#### via private carriers/overnight services

T. Rowe Price Account Services Mail Code 17300 4515 Painters Mill Road Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

Investors (other than institutions and small business retirement plans) requesting an exchange or redemption should use the following addresses:

#### via U.S. Mail

T. Rowe Price Account Services P.O. Box 17468 Baltimore, MD 21298-8275

#### via private carriers/overnight services

T. Rowe Price Account Services Mail Code 17468 4515 Painters Mill Road Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

Investors in a small business retirement plan opening a new account, making a purchase by check, or placing an exchange or redemption should use the following addresses:

#### via U.S. Mail

T. Rowe Price Retirement Client Services P.O. Box 17479 Baltimore, MD 21297-1479

#### via private carriers/overnight services

T. Rowe Price Attn.: Retirement Operations 4515 Painters Mill Road Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

Institutional investors opening a new account, making a purchase by check, or placing an exchange or redemption should use the following addresses:

#### via U.S. Mail

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services P.O. Box 17300 Baltimore, MD 21297-1603

### via private carriers/overnight services

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services Mail Code: OM-4232 4515 Painters Mill Road Owings Mills, MD 21117-4842

*Note*: Your transaction will receive the share price for the business day that the request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent prior to the close of the NYSE (normally 4 p.m. ET), which could differ from the day that the request is received at the post office box.

# **Accounts Held Through Financial Intermediaries**

If you hold shares of a fund through a financial intermediary, you must contact your financial intermediary to determine the requirements for opening a new account and placing transactions. Financial intermediaries should refer to the following information.

**Telephone** To open a new account, place transactions, or ask any question about an account, please call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790.

**By Mail** Financial intermediaries should send new account agreements and other documentation to the following addresses:

### via U.S. Mail

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services P.O. Box 17300 Baltimore, MD 21297-1603

#### via private carriers/overnight services

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services Mail Code: OM-4232 4515 Painters Mill Road Owings Mills, MD 21117-4842

## INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Each fund intends to qualify to be treated each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In order to qualify, a fund must satisfy certain income, diversification, and distribution requirements. A regulated investment company is not subject to U.S. federal income tax at the portfolio level on income and gains from investments that are distributed to shareholders. However, if a fund were to fail to qualify as a regulated investment company and was ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure, the result would be fund-level taxation and, consequently, a reduction in income available for distribution to the fund's shareholders.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders.

#### **Dividends and Other Distributions**

Except for the Retirement Income 2020 Fund, dividend and capital gain distributions are reinvested in additional fund shares in your account unless you select another option. For the Retirement Income 2020 Fund, subject to certain exceptions, regularly scheduled monthly dividends may generally not be reinvested. Reinvesting distributions results in compounding, which allows you to receive dividends and capital gain distributions on an increasing number of shares.

Distributions not reinvested may be paid by check or transmitted to your bank account via Automated Clearing House or may be automatically invested into another fund account. For the Retirement Income 2020 Fund, regularly scheduled monthly dividends are generally not paid by check. If the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver your check or if your check remains uncashed for six months, the fund reserves the right to reinvest your distribution check in your account at the net asset value on the day of the reinvestment and to reinvest all subsequent distributions in additional shares of the fund. Interest will not accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distributions or redemption checks.

The following table provides details on dividend payments:

Dividend Payment Schedule	
Fund	Dividends
Money market funds	<ul> <li>Shares purchased via wire that are received by T. Rowe Price by noon ET begin to earn dividends on that day. Shares purchased via a wire received after noon ET and through other methods normally begin to earn dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price.</li> <li>Dividends are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.</li> </ul>
Bond funds	<ul> <li>Shares normally begin to earn dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price.</li> <li>Dividends are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.</li> </ul>
These stock funds only:	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March,
• Balanced	June, September, and December.
Dividend Growth	Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
Equity Income	
• Equity Index 500	
Global Real Estate	
Growth & Income	
Personal Strategy Balanced	
Personal Strategy Income	
Real Estate	
These funds only: Capital Appreciation & Income Retirement Income 2020	Dividends are declared and normally paid in the middle of each month.

Dividend Payment Schedule	
Fund	Dividends
Other stock funds	<ul> <li>Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December.</li> </ul>
	Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
Retirement, Retirement I, Spectrum, and Target Funds:	
Retirement Balanced and Spectrum Income	• Shares normally begin to earn dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price.
	<ul> <li>Dividends are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.</li> </ul>
• All others	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December.
	Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.

For funds that declare dividends daily, shares earn dividends through the date of a redemption (for redemptions from money market funds where the request is received prior to noon ET and proceeds are sent via wire, shares only earn dividends through the calendar day prior to the date of redemption). Shares redeemed on a Friday or prior to a holiday will continue to earn dividends until the next business day. Generally, if you redeem all of your shares at any time during the month, you will also receive all dividends earned through the date of redemption in the same check. When you redeem only a portion of your shares, all dividends accrued on those shares will be reinvested, or paid in cash, on the next dividend payment date. The funds do not pay dividends in fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, \$0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (\$0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, \$0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (\$0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

If you purchase and redeem your shares through a financial intermediary, consult your financial intermediary to determine when your shares begin and stop accruing dividends as the information previously described may vary.

# **Capital Gain Payments**

A capital gain or loss is the difference between the purchase and sale price of a security. If a fund has net capital gains for the year (after subtracting any capital losses), they are usually declared and paid in December to shareholders of record on a specified date that month. If a second distribution is necessary, it is generally paid the following year. A fund may have to make additional capital gain distributions, if necessary, to comply with the applicable tax law. Capital gains are not expected from government or retail money market funds since they are managed to maintain a stable share price. However, if a money market fund unexpectedly has net capital gains for the year (after subtracting any capital losses), the capital gain may be declared and paid in December to shareholders of record.

#### **Tax Information**

In most cases, you will be provided information for your tax filing needs no later than mid-February.

If you invest in the fund through a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or employer-sponsored retirement plan, you will not be subject to tax on dividends and distributions from the fund or the sale of fund shares if those amounts remain in the tax-deferred account. You may receive a Form 1099-R or other Internal Revenue Service forms, as applicable, if any portion of the account is distributed to you.

If you invest in the fund through a taxable account, you generally will be subject to tax when:

- You sell fund shares, including an exchange from one fund to another.
- The fund makes dividend or capital gain distributions.

Additional information about the taxation of dividends for certain T. Rowe Price Funds is listed below:

## Tax-Free and Municipal Funds

- Regular monthly dividends (including those from the state-specific tax-free funds) are expected to be exempt from federal income taxes.
- Exemption is not guaranteed, since the fund has the right under certain conditions to invest in nonexempt securities.
- Tax-exempt dividends paid to Social Security recipients may increase the portion of benefits that is subject to tax.
- For state-specific funds, the monthly dividends you receive are expected to be exempt from state
  and local income tax of that particular state. For other funds, a small portion of your income
  dividend may be exempt from state and local income taxes.
- If a fund invests in certain "private activity" bonds that are not exempt from the alternative
  minimum tax, shareholders who are subject to the alternative minimum tax must include income
  generated by those bonds in their alternative minimum tax calculation. The portion of a fund's
  income dividend that should be included in your alternative minimum tax calculation, if any, will
  be reported to you by mid-February on Form 1099-DIV.

For individual shareholders, a portion of ordinary dividends representing "qualified dividend income" received by the fund may be subject to tax at the lower rates applicable to long-term capital gains rather than ordinary income. You may report it as "qualified dividend income" in computing your taxes, provided you have held the fund shares on which the dividend was paid for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date. Ordinary dividends that do not qualify for this lower rate are generally taxable at the investor's marginal income tax rate. This includes the portion of ordinary dividends derived from interest, short-term capital gains, distributions from nonqualified foreign corporations, and dividends received by the fund from stocks that were on loan. Little, if any, of the ordinary dividends paid by the Global Real Estate Fund, Real Estate Fund, bond funds, or money market funds is expected to qualify for this lower rate.

For corporate shareholders, a portion of ordinary dividends may be eligible for the 70% deduction for dividends received by corporations to the extent the fund's income consists of dividends paid by U.S. corporations. Little, if any, of the ordinary dividends paid by the international stock funds, bond funds, or money market funds is expected to qualify for this deduction.

A 3.8% net investment income tax is imposed on net investment income, including interest, dividends, and capital gains of U.S. individuals with income exceeding \$200,000 (or \$250,000 if married filing jointly) and of estates and trusts.

If you hold your fund through a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary is responsible for providing you with any necessary tax forms. You should contact your financial intermediary for the tax information that will be sent to you and reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

# **Taxes on Fund Redemptions**

When you sell shares in any fund, you may realize a gain or loss. An exchange from one fund to another fund in a taxable account is also a sale for tax purposes. As long as a money market fund maintains a stable share price of \$1.00, a redemption or exchange to another fund will not result in a gain or loss for tax purposes. However, an exchange from one fund into a money market fund may result in a gain or loss on the fund from which shares were redeemed.

All or a portion of the loss realized from a sale or exchange of your fund shares may be disallowed under the "wash sale" rule if you purchase substantially identical shares within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date on which the shares are sold or exchanged. Shares of the same fund you acquire through dividend reinvestment are shares purchased for the purpose of the wash sale rule and may trigger a disallowance of the loss for shares sold or exchanged within the 61-day period of the dividend reinvestment. Any loss disallowed under the wash sale rule is added to the cost basis of the purchased shares.

T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) will make available to you Form 1099-B, if applicable, no later than mid-February, providing certain information for each sale you made in the fund during the prior year. Unless otherwise indicated on your Form 1099-B, this information will also be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. For mutual fund shares acquired prior to 2012 in most accounts established or opened by exchange in 1984 or later, our Form 1099-B will provide you with the gain or loss on the shares you sold during the year based on the average cost single category method. This information on average cost and gain or loss from sale is not reported to the Internal Revenue Service. For these mutual fund shares acquired prior to 2012, you may calculate the cost basis using other methods acceptable to the Internal Revenue Service, such as specific identification.

For mutual fund shares acquired after 2011, federal income tax regulations require us to report the cost basis information on Form 1099-B using a cost basis method selected by the shareholder in compliance with such regulations or, in the absence of such selected method, our default method if you acquire your shares directly from us. Our default method is average cost. For any fund shares acquired through a financial intermediary after 2011, you should check with your financial intermediary regarding the applicable cost basis method. You should, however, note that the cost basis information reported to you may not always be the same as what you should report on your tax return because the rules applicable to the determination of cost basis on Form 1099-B may be different from the rules applicable to the determination of cost basis for reporting on your tax return. Therefore, you should save your transaction records to make sure the information reported on your tax return is accurate. T. Rowe Price and financial intermediaries are not required to issue a Form 1099-B to report sales of money market fund shares.

To help you maintain accurate records, T. Rowe Price will make available to you a confirmation promptly following each transaction you make (except for systematic purchases and systematic redemptions) and a year-end statement detailing all of your transactions in each fund account during the year. If you hold your fund through a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary is responsible for providing you with transaction confirmations and statements.

#### **Taxes on Fund Distributions**

T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) will make available to you, as applicable, generally no later than mid-February, a Form 1099-DIV, or other Internal Revenue Service forms, as required, indicating the tax status of any income dividends, dividends exempt from federal income taxes, and capital gain distributions made to you. This information will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Taxable distributions are generally taxable to you in the year in which they are paid. A dividend declared in October, November, or December and paid in the following January is generally treated as taxable to you as if you received the distribution in December. Dividends from tax-free funds are generally expected to be tax-exempt for federal income tax purposes. Your bond fund and money market fund

dividends for each calendar year will include dividends accrued up to the first business day of the next calendar year. Ordinary dividends and capital gain dividends may also be subject to state and local taxes. You will be sent any additional information you need to determine your taxes on fund distributions, such as the portion of your dividends, if any, that may be exempt from state and local income taxes.

# Taxable distributions are subject to tax whether reinvested in additional shares or received in cash.

The tax treatment of a capital gain distribution is determined by how long the fund held the portfolio securities, not how long you held the shares in the fund. Short-term (one year or less) capital gain distributions are taxable at the same rate as ordinary income, and gains on securities held for more than one year are taxed at the lower rates applicable to long-term capital gains. If you realized a loss on the sale or exchange of fund shares that you held for six months or less, your short-term capital loss must be reclassified as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any long-term capital gain distributions received during the period you held the shares. For funds investing in foreign securities, distributions resulting from the sale of certain foreign currencies, currency contracts, and the foreign currency portion of gains on debt instruments are taxed as ordinary income. Net foreign currency losses may cause monthly or quarterly dividends to be reclassified as returns of capital.

A fund's distributions that have exceeded the fund's earnings and profits for the relevant tax year may be treated as a return of capital to its shareholders. A return of capital distribution is generally nontaxable but reduces the shareholder's cost basis in the fund, and any return of capital in excess of the cost basis will result in a capital gain.

The tax status of certain distributions may be recharacterized on year-end tax forms, such as your Form 1099-DIV. Distributions made by a fund may later be recharacterized for federal income tax purposes—for example, from taxable ordinary income dividends to returns of capital. A recharacterization of distributions may occur for a number of reasons, including the recharacterization of income received from underlying investments, such as real estate investment trusts (REITs), and distributions that exceed taxable income due to losses from foreign currency transactions or other investment transactions. Certain funds, including international bond funds and funds that invest significantly in REITs, are more likely to recharacterize a portion of their distributions as a result of their investments. The Retirement Income 2020 Fund is also more likely to have some or all of its distributions recharacterized as returns of capital because of the predetermined monthly distribution amount.

If the fund qualifies and elects to pass through nonrefundable foreign income taxes paid to foreign governments during the year, your portion of such taxes will be reported to you as taxable income. However, you may be able to claim an offsetting

credit or deduction on your tax return for those amounts. There can be no assurance that a fund will meet the requirements to pass through foreign income taxes paid.

If a fund holds certain qualified tax credit bonds and elects to pass through the corresponding interest income and any available tax credits, you will need to report both the interest income and any such tax credits as taxable income. You may be able to claim the tax credits on your federal tax return as an offset to your income tax (including alternative minimum tax) liability, but the tax credits generally are not refundable. There is no assurance, however, that a fund will elect to pass through the income and credits

If you are subject to backup withholding, we will have to withhold a 28% backup withholding tax on distributions and, in some cases, redemption payments. You may be subject to backup withholding if we are notified by the Internal Revenue Service to withhold, you have failed one or more tax certification requirements, or our records indicate that your tax identification number is missing or incorrect. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and is generally available to credit against your federal income tax liability with any excess refunded to you by the Internal Revenue Service.

The following table provides additional details on distributions for certain funds:

#### Taxes on Fund Distributions

#### Tax-Free and Municipal Funds

- Gains realized on the sale of market discount bonds with maturities beyond one year may be treated as ordinary income and cannot be offset by other capital losses.
- Payments received or gains realized on certain derivative transactions may result in taxable ordinary income or capital gains.
- To the extent the fund makes such investments, the likelihood of a taxable distribution will be increased.

#### Limited Duration Inflation Focused Bond and Inflation Protected Bond Funds

- Inflation adjustments on Treasury inflation protected securities that exceed deflation adjustments for the year will be distributed as a short-term capital gain, resulting in ordinary income.
- In computing the distribution amount, the funds cannot reduce inflation adjustments by short- or long-term capital losses from the sales of securities.
- Net deflation adjustments for a year may result in all or a portion of dividends paid earlier in the year being treated as a return of capital.

#### Retirement, Retirement I, Spectrum, and Target Funds

 Distributions by the underlying funds and changes in asset allocations may result in taxable distributions of ordinary income or capital gains.

# **Tax Consequences of Liquidity Fees**

It is currently anticipated that shareholders of retail money market funds that impose a liquidity fee may generally treat the liquidity fee as offsetting the shareholder's amount realized on the redemption (thereby decreasing the shareholder's gain, or increasing the shareholder's loss, on the redeemed amount). A fund that imposes a

liquidity fee anticipates using 100% of the fee to help repair a market-based net asset value per share that was below \$1.00.

Because the retail money market funds use amortized cost to maintain a stable share price of \$1.00, in the event that a liquidity fee is imposed, a fund may need to distribute to its remaining shareholders sufficient value to prevent the fund from breaking the buck on the upside (i.e., by rounding up to \$1.01 in pricing its shares) if the imposition of a liquidity fee causes the fund's market-based net asset value to reach \$1.0050. To the extent that a fund has sufficient earnings and profits to support the distribution, the additional dividends would be taxable as ordinary income to shareholders and would be eligible for deduction by the fund. Any distribution in excess of the fund's earnings and profits would be treated as a return of capital, which would reduce your cost basis in the fund shares.

# **Tax Consequences of Hedging**

Entering into certain transactions involving options, futures, swaps, and forward currency exchange contracts may result in the application of the mark-to-market and straddle provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. These provisions could result in a fund being required to distribute gains on such transactions even though it did not close the contracts during the year or receive cash to pay such distributions. The fund may not be able to reduce its distributions for losses on such transactions to the extent of unrealized gains in offsetting positions.

# Tax Effect of Buying Shares Before an Income Dividend or Capital Gain Distribution

If you buy shares shortly before or on the record date—the date that establishes you as the person to receive the upcoming distribution—you may receive a portion of the money you just invested in the form of a taxable distribution. Therefore, you may wish to find out a fund's record date before investing. In addition, a fund's share price may, at any time, reflect undistributed capital gains or income and unrealized appreciation, which may result in future taxable distributions. Such distributions can occur even in a year when the fund has a negative return.

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