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**O'Shaughnessy Market Leaders Value Fund**  
**Class I Shares – OFVIX**

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# O'Shaughnessy Market Leaders Value Fund

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## Market Leaders Value Fund

For the 6-month period ended January 31, 2022, the O'Shaughnessy Market Leaders Value Fund (the "Market Leaders Value Fund") marginally underperformed its benchmark index, with Class I shares returning 3.59%, while the Russell 1000 Value™ Index returned 3.61%.

Having a lower exposure to mega cap stocks than the benchmark hurt the strategy by -1.03%. Our focus on the top decile of stocks by Shareholder Yield added 3.48%. From the top decile of Shareholder Yield, we eliminate low quality stocks. This detracted -0.65% from relative returns. Finally, our portfolio construction methodology, which seeks to own more of stocks qualifying more frequently, recently, and with the highest overall factor profile detracted -1.31%.

Within allocation effects, an overweight to Energy and Consumer Staples aided performance. An overweight to Consumer Discretionary and having no exposure to Energy detracted from returns. Selection within Industrials and Consumer Discretionary was the largest contributor to performance, while selection within Energy and Financials was the largest detractor.

The Market Leaders Value Fund benefitted from holdings in Ameriprise Financial, ConocoPhillips, and McKesson Corp. Positions in Charter Communications, L3Harris Technologies, and Biogen, Inc. detracted from returns.

Based on our key themes, we attempt to position the strategy with strong and consistent characteristic advantages versus its benchmark and relative to the overall market. Portfolio positions generally have higher levels of return on capital, lower reliance on external financing, and trade at deep discounts across a number of valuation factors.

## Outlook

Stocks deliver returns to shareholders over time based on three drivers—ability to grow their business, expansion of their price multiple, and prudent capital allocation practices like returning capital to shareholders.

We view share buybacks as one of many levers that management teams can use to allocate capital. Within Shareholder Yield, buybacks sit side-by-side with dividend yield, another mechanism for the return of capital.

We acknowledge that all companies executing buybacks are not created equally, and some firms should likely not be returning cash. We believe these firms will likely go on to underperform, and our process is designed to exclude such stocks from our portfolio.

We focus on a subset of firms returning capital to shareholders at super-normal rates, as this tends to be indicative of management's conviction in the underlying business. Our quality screens further attempt to exclude firms executing buybacks for the wrong reasons—performing debt for equity swaps and manipulating earnings per share.

When the combination of buybacks and dividends is paired with assessments of valuation and business quality, we believe the portfolio narrows in on a set of businesses with conservative accounting practices that are indicative of strong cash generation, low reliance on outside sources of capital, and that are generating good cash returns on businesses.

Our Shareholder Yield signal has always been viewed on a trailing twelve-month basis. In other words, dividends and buybacks that have actually been executed. We do this because companies with strong Shareholder Yield experience positive excess returns over the following 12-18 months on average, even after the buyback programs have run their course.

As of January 31st, the Fund's holdings showed significantly higher earnings growth than the benchmark, yet with opportunities for multiple expansion at approximate discounts of 25% (based on sales and earnings). Additionally, our holdings have over 50% higher free cash flow yield and have the kind of disciplined management teams that have been returning capital to shareholders at super-normal rates.

Because we build portfolios from the bottom up using time-tested screening "factors," we think about performance through the lens of factors first, and individual stocks and industries second. The stocks and industries where we have active exposures are a result of the factors themselves, so in some sense they measure the effects of factor combinations that we believe to be beneficial over the long term.

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Our research leads us to believe that market leadership is cyclical, but that valuation, momentum, and yield are incredibly effective individual selection factors given a three- to five-year time horizon.

We believe that maintaining a portfolio of stocks trading at discounted valuations that possess reasonable quality, decent momentum, and high yields is a compelling long-term investment strategy with a considerably higher probability of success than trying to generate outperformance through market timing or traditional stock picking.

*Past performance does not guarantee future results.*

Opinions expressed are subject to change at any time, are not guaranteed and should not be considered investment advice.

**Investments in foreign securities involve political, economic and currency risks, greater volatility, and differences in accounting methods. Emerging markets countries involve greater risks, such as immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, and different legal systems. Such risks may be magnified with respect to securities of issuers in frontier emerging markets. Real estate investment trusts and foreign real estate companies may be less diversified than other pools of securities, may have lower trading volumes and may be subject to more abrupt and erratic price movements than the overall securities markets. Investments in small-and medium-capitalization companies tend to have limited liquidity and greater price volatility than large-capitalization companies. Risks of derivatives include the possible imperfect correlation between the value of instruments and the underlying assets; risks of default by the other party to the transaction; risks that the transactions may result in losses that partially or completely offset gains in portfolio positions; and risks that instruments may not be liquid. The Market Leaders Value Fund may experience higher fees and is subject to additional risks due to investments in other investment companies (including ETFs).**

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Please read the Schedule of Investments for a complete list of Fund holdings.

The Russell 1000 Value® Index ("Russell 1000") measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index.

"Dividend yield" is the financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price (equal to most recent dividend payment per share (annualized) divided by price per share).

"Return on capital" (ROC) is a ratio used as a measure of the profitability and value-creating potential of companies after taking into account the amount of initial capital invested. The ratio is calculated by dividing the after-tax operating income by the book value of both debt and equity capital less cash/equivalents.

Free Cash Flow represents the cash that a company is able to generate after accounting for capital expenditures.

**Earnings growth is not representative of the Fund's future performance.**

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

The O'Shaughnessy Market Leaders Value Fund is distributed by Quasar Distributors, LLC.

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## Expense Example at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shareholders in mutual funds generally incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, redemption fees, and exchange fees, and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and/or service fees, and other fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The Example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period (8/1/21 – 1/31/22).

### Actual Expenses

The first line of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You will be assessed fees for outgoing wire transfers, returned checks, and stop payment orders at prevailing rates charged by U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, the Fund's transfer agent. The Example below includes, but is not limited to, management fees, fund accounting, custody and transfer agent fees. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" for your fund and class to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The second line of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds. Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees, or exchange fees. Therefore, the second line of the tables useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

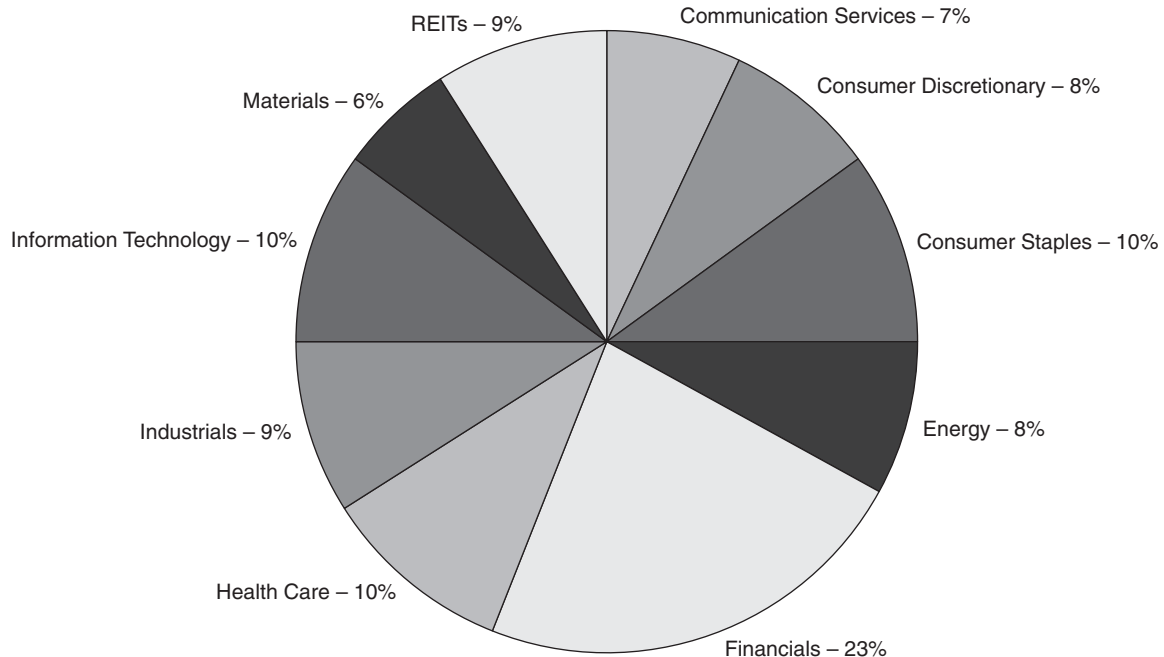
	<b>Beginning Account Value 8/1/21</b>	<b>Ending Account Value 1/31/22</b>	<b>Expenses Paid During Period* 8/1/21 – 1/31/22</b>
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,035.90	\$2.62
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,022.63	\$2.60

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio of 0.51% for Class I, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 (days in the most recent fiscal half-year)/365 days to reflect the one-half year expense.

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## Sector Allocation of Portfolio Assets at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)



Percentages represent market value as a percentage of total investments.

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### Schedule of Investments at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shares		Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS – 90.65%</b>		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense – 3.85%</b>		
35,648	L3Harris Technologies, Inc.	\$ 7,460,769
6,883	Northrop Grumman Corp.	2,546,021
		<u>10,006,790</u>
<b>Biotechnology – 3.10%</b>		
22,277	Amgen, Inc.	5,059,997
9,366	Biogen, Inc.*	2,116,716
12,761	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	876,425
		<u>8,053,138</u>
<b>Building Products – 1.01%</b>		
36,077	Johnson Controls International PLC#	<u>2,621,716</u>
<b>Capital Markets – 5.38%</b>		
40,621	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	12,361,377
10,371	T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	1,601,594
		<u>13,962,971</u>
<b>Chemicals – 3.82%</b>		
63,628	Celanese Corp.	<u>9,907,516</u>
<b>Commercial Banks – 6.22%</b>		
66,486	Bank of America Corp.	3,067,664
13,282	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	787,091
98,289	Citigroup, Inc.	6,400,580
15,245	Comerica, Inc.	1,414,431
179,285	KeyCorp	4,492,882
		<u>16,162,648</u>
<b>Consumer Finance – 2.75%</b>		
26,925	Ally Financial, Inc.	1,284,861
10,753	Capital One Financial Corp.	1,577,788
100,301	Synchrony Financial	4,271,819
		<u>7,134,468</u>
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging – 2.48%</b>		
537,216	Amcor PLC#	<u>6,451,964</u>
<b>Distributors – 0.45%</b>		
21,245	LKQ Corp.	<u>1,166,138</u>
<b>Diversified Financial Services – 1.78%</b>		
137,777	Equitable Holdings, Inc.	<u>4,634,818</u>
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services – 4.01%</b>		
178,856	AT&T, Inc.	4,560,828
472,801	Lumen Technologies, Inc.	5,843,820
		<u>10,404,648</u>

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

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### Schedule of Investments (Continued) at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shares		Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>		
<b>Electrical Equipment – 1.42%</b>		
23,252	Eaton Corp. PLC#	\$ 3,683,814
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing – 3.94%</b>		
190,110	Kroger Co.	8,286,895
39,280	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	1,954,573
		<u>10,241,468</u>
<b>Food Products – 2.75%</b>		
66,218	Conagra Brands, Inc.	2,301,738
34,483	JM Smucker Co.	4,847,620
		<u>7,149,358</u>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services – 6.30%</b>		
40,180	Cardinal Health, Inc.	2,072,083
5,387	Cigna Corp.	1,241,488
3,799	HCA Healthcare, Inc.	911,950
17,687	McKesson Corp.	4,540,607
8,455	Molina Healthcare, Inc.*	2,456,008
38,023	Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	5,133,865
		<u>16,356,001</u>
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure – 1.88%</b>		
10,729	Domino's Pizza, Inc.	4,877,940
<b>Household Durables – 0.82%</b>		
40,253	PulteGroup, Inc.	2,120,931
<b>Household Products – 0.53%</b>		
9,981	Kimberly-Clark Corp.	1,373,885
<b>Insurance – 6.83%</b>		
52,477	Allstate Corp.	6,332,399
72,744	Loews Corp.	4,339,907
41,742	Progressive Corp.	4,535,686
22,598	Prudential Financial, Inc.	2,521,259
		<u>17,729,251</u>
<b>IT Services – 2.17%</b>		
17,067	Gartner, Inc.*	5,015,821
3,727	Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.	625,428
		<u>5,641,249</u>
<b>Machinery – 0.61%</b>		
7,202	Cummins, Inc.	1,590,778

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### Schedule of Investments (Continued) at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shares		Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>		
<b>Media – 3.18%</b>		
6,515	Charter Communications, Inc. – Class A*	\$ 3,865,610
30,519	Fox Corp. – Class A	1,239,377
89,214	Liberty Global PLC – Class C*#+	2,412,347
9,920	Omnicom Group, Inc.	747,571
		<u>8,264,905</u>
<b>Multi-line Retail – 0.35%</b>		
4,340	Dollar General Corp.	<u>904,803</u>
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels – 7.83%</b>		
17,982	Chevron Corp.	2,361,575
49,714	ConocoPhillips	4,405,655
12,662	Exxon Mobil Corp.	961,806
267,488	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	4,643,592
13,559	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	972,858
9,566	Valero Energy Corp.	793,691
206,554	Williams Companies, Inc.	6,184,227
		<u>20,323,404</u>
<b>Pharmaceuticals – 0.46%</b>		
18,284	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	<u>1,186,449</u>
<b>Road &amp; Rail – 2.15%</b>		
22,801	Union Pacific Corp.	<u>5,575,985</u>
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment – 1.74%</b>		
92,346	Intel Corp.	<u>4,508,332</u>
<b>Software – 3.22%</b>		
2,418	Fortinet, Inc.*	718,726
94,125	Oracle Corp.	7,639,185
		<u>8,357,911</u>
<b>Specialty Retail – 4.15%</b>		
4,873	Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	1,128,148
1,517	AutoZone, Inc.*	3,013,293
10,760	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	2,553,886
5,163	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.*	3,364,985
4,419	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.	709,426
		<u>10,769,738</u>
<b>Technology Hardware, Storage &amp; Peripherals – 2.35%</b>		
135,132	HP, Inc.	4,963,399
10,735	Seagate Technology Holdings PLC#	1,150,255
		<u>6,113,654</u>

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### Schedule of Investments (Continued) at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shares		Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>		
<b>Tobacco – 3.12%</b>		
112,240	Altria Group, Inc.	\$ 5,710,771
23,168	Philip Morris International, Inc.	2,382,829
		<u>8,093,600</u>
	<b>Total Common Stocks (Cost \$203,885,128)</b>	<u>235,370,271</u>
<b>REITs – 8.50%</b>		
<b>Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) – 7.14%</b>		
12,620	Boston Properties, Inc.	1,414,450
10,465	Essex Property Trust, Inc.	3,479,612
17,338	Regency Centers Corp.	1,244,002
44,659	Simon Property Group, Inc.	6,573,804
47,140	Ventas, Inc.	2,499,363
82,221	Weyerhaeuser Co.	3,324,195
		<u>18,535,426</u>
	<b>Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) – 1.36%</b>	
445,873	Annaly Capital Management, Inc.	3,522,397
	<b>Total REITs (Cost \$19,239,686)</b>	<u>22,057,823</u>
	<b>Total Investments in Securities (Cost \$223,124,814) – 99.15%</b>	257,428,094
	Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities – 0.85%	2,217,630
	<b>Net Assets – 100.00%</b>	<u>\$259,645,724</u>

\* Non-income producing security.

# U.S. traded security of a foreign issuer.

+ Non-voting shares.

REIT – Real Estate Investment Trust

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

### ASSETS

Investments in securities, at value (cost \$223,124,814)	\$257,428,094
Cash	1,946,996
Receivables:	
Fund shares issued	258,162
Dividends	255,679
Dividend tax reclaim	11,776
Prepaid expenses	29,620
Total assets	<u>259,930,327</u>

### LIABILITIES

Payables:	
Fund shares redeemed	10,170
Securities purchased	108,361
Administration fees	12,354
Audit fees	10,586
Transfer agent fees and expenses	24,590
Due to Advisor (Note 4)	91,398
Custody fees	1,921
Fund accounting fees	8,294
Chief Compliance Officer fee	3,811
Trustee fees and expenses	979
Shareholder reporting	10,501
Legal fees	1,638
Total liabilities	<u>284,603</u>

**NET ASSETS** \$259,645,724

### CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

#### Class I Shares

Net assets applicable to shares outstanding	\$259,645,724
Shares issued and outstanding [unlimited number of shares (par value \$0.01) authorized]	14,487,487
<b>Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share</b>	<u>\$ 17.92</u>

### COMPONENTS OF NET ASSETS

Paid-in capital	\$235,135,047
Total distributable earnings	<u>24,510,677</u>
Net assets	<u>\$259,645,724</u>

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### Statement of Operations For the Six Months Ended January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

#### INVESTMENT INCOME

Income	
Dividends	\$ 3,421,769
Total income	<u>3,421,769</u>
Expenses	
Advisory fees (Note 4)	542,478
Transfer agent fees and expenses (Note 4)	48,321
Administration fees (Note 4)	23,938
Registration fees	20,487
Fund accounting fees (Note 4)	16,714
Audit fees	10,585
Custody fees (Note 4)	8,662
Trustee fees and expenses	7,579
Chief Compliance Officer fee (Note 4)	7,561
Miscellaneous expense	5,236
Legal fees	4,999
Reports to shareholders	4,592
Insurance expense	2,730
Total expenses	<u>703,882</u>
<b>Net investment income</b>	<u>2,717,887</u>

#### REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain on investments	24,070,754
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments	<u>(16,153,809)</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	<u>7,916,945</u>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<u>\$ 10,634,832</u>

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### Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)	Year Ended July 31, 2021
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM: OPERATIONS</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 2,717,887	\$ 3,976,565
Net realized gain on investments	24,070,754	23,809,540
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments	<u>(16,153,809)</u>	<u>49,922,854</u>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<u>10,634,832</u>	<u>77,708,959</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>		
Net distributions to shareholders	<u>(4,970,972)</u>	<u>(3,799,998)</u>
<b>Total distributions to shareholders</b>	<u>(4,970,972)</u>	<u>(3,799,998)</u>
<b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets derived from net change in outstanding shares (a)	<u>(1,017,899)</u>	<u>20,110,388</u>
<b>Total increase in net assets</b>	<u>4,645,961</u>	<u>94,019,349</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of period	<u>254,999,763</u>	<u>160,980,414</u>
<b>End of period</b>	<u>\$259,645,724</u>	<u>\$254,999,763</u>
(a) A summary of share transactions is as follows:		
<b>Class I Shares</b>		
Net proceeds from shares sold	\$ 36,933,463	\$ 70,728,038
Distributions reinvested	4,559,531	3,252,296
Payment for shares redeemed	<u>(42,510,893)</u>	<u>(53,869,946)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions	<u>\$ (1,017,899)</u>	<u>\$ 20,110,388</u>
<b>Class I Shares</b>		
Shares sold	2,079,163	4,685,590
Shares issued on reinvestment of distributions	255,293	231,645
Shares redeemed	<u>(2,318,474)</u>	<u>(3,915,715)</u>
Net increase in shares outstanding	<u>15,982</u>	<u>1,001,520</u>

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### Financial Highlights For a share outstanding throughout each period

#### Class I Shares

	Six Months Ended January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)	Year Ended July 31, 2021	Year Ended July 31, 2020	Year Ended July 31, 2019	Year Ended July 31, 2018	Year Ended July 31, 2017
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$17.62	\$11.95	\$13.64	\$14.78	\$13.26	\$10.87
Income from investment operations:						
Net investment income	0.18	0.31	0.27†	0.24†	0.22†	0.22†
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	0.45	5.67	(1.73)	(0.49)	1.82	2.29
Total from investment operations	0.63	5.98	(1.46)	(0.25)	2.04	2.51
Less distributions:						
From net investment income	(0.33)	(0.31)	(0.23)	(0.12)	(0.18)	(0.12)
From net realized gain on investments	—	—	—	(0.77)	(0.34)	—
Total distributions	(0.33)	(0.31)	(0.23)	(0.89)	(0.52)	(0.12)
Redemption fees retained	—	—	0.00†^	0.00†^	0.00†^	0.00†^
Net asset value, end of period	\$17.92	\$17.62	\$11.95	\$13.64	\$14.78	\$13.26
<b>Total return</b>	3.59% <sup>++</sup>	50.66%	-10.97%	-0.90%	15.58%	23.25%
<b>Ratios/supplemental data:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (thousands)	\$259,646	\$255,000	\$160,980	\$207,655	\$140,048	\$56,835
Ratio of expenses to average net assets:						
Before fee waiver and expense reimbursement	0.51% <sup>+</sup>	0.56%	0.57%	0.59%	0.74%	1.20%
After fee waiver and expense reimbursement	0.51% <sup>+</sup>	0.56%	0.57%	0.59%	0.65%	0.65%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets:						
Before fee waiver and expense reimbursement	1.98% <sup>+</sup>	1.98%	2.09%	1.76%	1.46%	1.23%
After fee waiver and expense reimbursement	1.98% <sup>+</sup>	1.98%	2.09%	1.76%	1.55%	1.78%
Portfolio turnover rate	35.92% <sup>++</sup>	68.71%	83.04%	53.98%	50.95%	63.30%

+ Annualized.

++ Not annualized.

† Based on average shares outstanding.

^ Amount is less than \$0.01.

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## Notes to Financial Statements at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

### NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

The O'Shaughnessy Market Leaders Value Fund (the "Fund") is a series of Advisors Series Trust (the "Trust"), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The Fund follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 "Financial Services – Investment Companies". The Fund, which is a diversified fund, began operations on February 26, 2016. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term capital appreciation. The Fund currently offers only Class I shares.

### NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

- A. *Security Valuation:* All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value, as described in note 3.
- B. *Federal Income Taxes:* It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no Federal income or excise tax provision is required.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. The tax returns of the Fund's prior three fiscal years are open for examination. Management has reviewed all open tax years in major jurisdictions and concluded that there is no impact on the Fund's net assets and no tax liability resulting from unrecognized tax events relating to uncertain income tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. The Fund identifies its major tax jurisdictions as U.S. federal and the state of Wisconsin. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next twelve months.

- C. *Security Transactions, Income and Distributions:* Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on securities sold are determined on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates.

The Fund distributes substantially all net investment income, if any, and net realized gains, if any, annually. Distributions from net realized gains for book purposes may include short-term capital gains. All short-term capital gains are included in ordinary income for tax purposes. The amount of dividends and distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized capital gains is determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. To the extent these book/tax differences are permanent, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their Federal tax treatment.

Common expenses of the Trust are typically allocated among the funds in the Trust based on a fund's respective net assets, or by other equitable means.

- D. *Reclassification of Capital Accounts:* Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share.
- E. *Use of Estimates:* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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### NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- F. *REITs*: The Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts (“REITs”) which pay dividends to their shareholders based upon funds available from operations. It is quite common for these dividends to exceed the REIT’s taxable earnings and profits resulting in the excess portion of such dividends being designated as a return of capital. The Fund intends to include the gross dividends from such REITs in their annual distributions to its shareholders and, accordingly, a portion of the Fund’s distributions may also be designated as a return of capital.
- G. *Foreign Currency*: Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions.

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

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

- H. *Events Subsequent to the Fiscal Period End*: In preparing the financial statements as of January 31, 2022, management considered the impact of subsequent events for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has determined there were no subsequent events that would need to be disclosed in the Fund’s financial statements.

### NOTE 3 – SECURITIES VALUATION

The Fund has adopted authoritative fair value accounting standards which establish an authoritative definition of fair value and set out a hierarchy for measuring fair value. These standards require additional disclosures about the various inputs and valuation techniques used to develop the measurements of fair value, a discussion in changes in valuation techniques and related inputs during the period and expanded disclosure of valuation levels for major security types. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

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

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation techniques applied to the Fund’s major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The Fund determines the fair value of its investments and computes its net asset value per share as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (4:00 pm EST).

*Equity Securities*: The Fund’s investments are carried at fair value. Equity securities, including common stocks and real estate investment trusts, that are primarily traded on a national securities exchange shall be valued at the last sale price on the exchange on which they are primarily traded on the day of valuation or, if there has been no sale on such day, at the mean between the bid and asked prices. Securities primarily traded in the NASDAQ



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#### NOTE 3 – SECURITIES VALUATION (Continued)

Global Market system for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price (“NOCP”). If the NOCP is not available, such securities shall be valued at the last sale price on the day of valuation, or if there has been no sale on such day, at the mean between the bid and asked prices. Over-the-counter securities which are not traded in the NASDAQ Global Market System shall be valued at the most recent sales price. The values for foreign securities are reported in local currency and converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates. Exchange rates are provided daily by a recognized independent pricing agent. To the extent these securities are actively traded and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

*Investment Companies:* Investments in open-end mutual funds, including money market funds, are generally priced at their net asset value per share provided by the service agent of the funds and will be classified in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

*Short-Term Securities:* Short-term debt securities, including those securities having a maturity of 60 days or less, are valued at the evaluated mean between the bid and asked prices. To the extent the inputs are observable and timely, these securities would be classified in level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) has delegated day-to-day valuation issues to a Valuation Committee of the Trust which is comprised of representatives from the Fund’s administrator, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (“Fund Services”). The function of the Valuation Committee is to value securities where current and reliable market quotations are not readily available, or the closing price does not represent fair value by following procedures approved by the Board. These procedures consider many factors, including the type of security, size of holding, trading volume and news events. All actions taken by the Valuation Committee are subsequently reviewed and ratified by the Board.

Depending on the relative significance of the valuation inputs, fair valued securities may be classified in either level 2 or level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund’s securities as of January 31, 2022:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Common Stocks</b>				
Communication Services	\$ 18,669,553	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 18,669,553
Consumer Discretionary	19,839,550	—	—	19,839,550
Consumer Staples	26,858,310	—	—	26,858,310
Energy	20,323,404	—	—	20,323,404
Financials	59,624,156	—	—	59,624,156
Health Care	25,595,589	—	—	25,595,589
Industrials	23,479,084	—	—	23,479,084
Information Technology	24,621,145	—	—	24,621,145
Materials	16,359,480	—	—	16,359,480
<b>Total Common Stocks</b>	<u>235,370,271</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>235,370,271</u>
<b>REITs</b>	22,057,823	—	—	22,057,823
<b>Total Investments in Securities</b>	<u>\$257,428,094</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$257,428,094</u>

Refer to the Fund’s schedule of investments for a detailed break-out of securities by industry classification.

Rule 18f-4 accounting pronouncement – In October 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) adopted new regulations governing the use of derivatives by registered investment companies (“Rule 18f-4”). Funds will be required to implement and comply with Rule 18f-4 by August 19, 2022. Once implemented, Rule 18f-4 will impose limits on the amount of derivatives a fund can enter into, eliminate the asset segregation framework currently used by funds to comply with Section 18 of the 1940 Act, treat derivatives as senior securities and require funds whose use of derivatives is more than a limited specified exposure amount to establish and maintain a comprehensive derivatives risk management program and appoint a derivatives risk manager. The Fund does not currently enter into derivatives transactions. Management is currently evaluating the potential impact of Rule 18f-4 on the Fund.

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### NOTE 3 – SECURITIES VALUATION (Continued)

Rule 2a-5 accounting pronouncement – In December 2020, the SEC adopted a new rule providing a framework for fund valuation practices (“Rule 2a-5”). Rule 2a-5 establishes requirements for determining fair value in good faith for purposes of the 1940 Act. Rule 2a-5 will permit fund boards to designate certain parties to perform fair value determinations, subject to board oversight and certain other conditions. Rule 2a-5 also defines when market quotations are “readily available” for purposes of the 1940 Act and the threshold for determining whether a fund must fair value a security. In connection with Rule 2a-5, the SEC also adopted related recordkeeping requirements and is rescinding previously issued guidance, including with respect to the role of a board in determining fair value and the accounting and auditing of fund investments. The Fund will be required to comply with the rules by September 8, 2022. Management is currently assessing the potential impact of the new rules on the Fund’s financial statements.

The global outbreak of COVID-19 (commonly referred to as “coronavirus”) has disrupted economic markets and the prolonged economic impact is uncertain. Although vaccines for COVID-19 are becoming more widely available, the ultimate economic fallout from the pandemic, amid the spread of COVID-19 variants, and the long-term impact on economies, markets, industries and individual companies are not known. The operational and financial performance of individual companies and the market in general depends on future developments, including the duration and spread of any future outbreaks and the pace of recovery which may vary from market to market, and such uncertainty may in turn adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund’s investments, impair the Fund’s ability to satisfy redemption requests, and negatively impact the Fund’s performance.

### NOTE 4 – INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

O’Shaughnessy Asset Management, LLC (the “Advisor”) provides the Fund with investment management services under an investment advisory agreement. The Advisor furnishes all investment advice, office space, facilities, and provides most of the personnel needed by the Fund. As compensation for its services, the Advisor is entitled to a fee, computed daily and payable monthly. The Fund pays fees calculated at an annual rate of 0.55% of average daily net assets for the first \$25 million of assets, 0.45% of the Fund’s average daily net assets for the next \$75 million of assets, and 0.35% of the Fund’s average daily net assets in excess of \$100 million. For the six months ended January 31, 2022, the Fund incurred \$542,478 in advisory fees.

The Fund is responsible for its own operating expenses. The Advisor has contractually agreed to reduce fees payable to it by the Fund and to pay Fund operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, interest expense, extraordinary expenses or class specific expenses such as Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder servicing plan fees) to the extent necessary to limit the Fund’s aggregate annual operating expenses to 0.65% of average daily net assets.

Effective November 28, 2018, the Fund discontinued its temporary expense limitation agreement, therefore, any fees waived beginning November 28, 2018 will be subject to recapture. The Advisor is not able to recoup fees waived prior to November 28, 2018.

The Advisor may request recoupment of previously waived fees and paid expenses in any subsequent month in the 36-month period from the date of the management fee reduction and expense payment if the aggregate amount actually paid by the Fund towards the operating expenses for such fiscal year (taking into account the reimbursement) will not cause the Fund to exceed the lesser of: (1) the expense limitation in place at the time of the management fee reduction and expense payment; or (2) the expense limitation in place at the time of the reimbursement. Any such reimbursement is also contingent upon Board of Trustees review and approval. Such reimbursement may not be paid prior to the Fund’s payment of current ordinary operating expenses. For the six months ended January 31, 2022, there were no expenses waived or recouped by the Advisor. At January 31, 2022, there were no cumulative expenses subject to recapture.

Fund Services serves as the Fund’s administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent. U.S. Bank N.A. serves as custodian (the “Custodian”) to the Fund. The Custodian is an affiliate of Fund Services. Fund Services maintains the Fund’s books and records, calculates the Fund’s NAV, prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, coordinates the payment of fund expenses, reviews expense accruals and prepares materials supplied to the Board of Trustees. The officers of the Trust, including the Chief Compliance Officer, are employees of Fund

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### NOTE 4 – INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (Continued)

Services. Fees paid by the Fund for administration and accounting, transfer agency, custody and compliance services for the six months ended January 31, 2022 are disclosed in the Statement of Operations.

Quasar Distributors, LLC (“Quasar”) acts as the Fund’s principal underwriter in a continuous public offering of the Fund’s shares. Quasar is a wholly-owned broker-dealer subsidiary of Foreside Financial Group, LLC (“Foreside”). On July 7, 2021, Foreside announced that it had entered into a definitive purchase and sale agreement with Genstar Capital (“Genstar”) such that Genstar would acquire a majority stake in Foreside. The Board approved continuing the distribution agreement with Quasar at the close of the transaction which occurred on September 30, 2021.

### NOTE 5 – SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEE

The Fund has entered into a shareholder servicing agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Advisor, under which the Fund may pay servicing fees at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Payments to the Advisor under the Agreement may reimburse the Advisor for payments it makes to selected brokers, dealers and administrators which have entered into service agreements with the Advisor for services provided to shareholders of the Fund. The services provided by such intermediaries are primarily designed to assist shareholders of the Fund and include the furnishing of office space and equipment, telephone facilities, personnel and assistance to the Fund in servicing such shareholders. Services provided by such intermediaries also include the provision of support services to the Fund and includes establishing and maintaining shareholders’ accounts and record processing, purchase and redemption transactions, answering routine client inquiries regarding the Fund, and providing such other personal services to shareholders as the Fund may reasonably request. For the six months ended January 31, 2022, the Fund did not accrue shareholder servicing fees.

### NOTE 6 – PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

For the six months ended January 31, 2022, the cost of purchases and the proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term securities, were \$94,794,038 and \$94,496,711, respectively. There were no purchases or sales of U.S. government securities during the six months ended January 31, 2022.

### NOTE 7 – LINE OF CREDIT

The Fund has a secured uncommitted line of credit in the amount of \$5,000,000. This line of credit is intended to provide short-term financing, if necessary, subject to certain restrictions, in connection with shareholder redemptions. The credit facility is with the Fund’s custodian, U.S. Bank N.A. During the six months ended January 31, 2022, the Fund did not draw upon its line of credit.

### NOTE 8 – INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The tax character of distributions paid during the six months ended January 31, 2022 and the year ended July 31, 2021 were as follows:

	January 31, 2022	July 31, 2021
Ordinary income	\$4,970,972	\$3,799,998

As of July 31, 2021, the Fund’s most recent fiscal year end, the components of accumulated earnings/(losses) on a tax basis were as follows:

Cost of investments (a)	<u>\$199,280,744</u>
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	53,834,208
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	<u>(3,657,851)</u>
Net tax unrealized appreciation (a)	<u>50,176,357</u>
Undistributed ordinary income	2,641,134
Undistributed long-term capital gain	<u>—</u>
Total distributable earnings	<u>2,641,134</u>
Other accumulated gains/(losses)	<u>(33,970,674)</u>
Total accumulated earnings/(losses)	<u>\$ 18,846,817</u>

(a) The difference between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation and cost are attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales adjustments.

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#### NOTE 8 – INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)

At July 31, 2021, the Fund had short-term and long-term capital loss carryforwards of \$33,377,201 and \$593,473, respectively. These capital losses may be carried forward indefinitely to offset future gains.

#### NOTE 9 – PRINCIPAL RISKS

Below is a summary of some, but not all, of the principal risks of investing in the Fund, each of which may adversely affect the Fund's net asset value and total return. The Fund's most recent prospectus provides further descriptions of the Fund's investment objective, principal investment strategies and principal risks.

- **Market and Regulatory Risk.** Events in the financial markets and economy may cause volatility and uncertainty and adversely impact the Fund's performance. Market events may affect a single issuer, industry, sector, or the market as a whole. Traditionally liquid investments may experience periods of diminished liquidity. Governmental and regulatory actions, including tax law changes, tariffs and global trade concerns, may also impair portfolio management and have unexpected or adverse consequences on particular markets, strategies, or investments. The Fund's investments may decline in value due to factors affecting individual issuers (such as the results of supply and demand), or sectors within the securities markets. The value of a security or other investment also may go up or down due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in interest rates or exchange rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. In addition, unexpected events and their aftermaths, such as the spread of deadly diseases; natural, environmental or man-made disasters; financial, political or social disruptions; terrorism and war; and other tragedies or catastrophes, can cause investor fear and panic, which can adversely affect the economies of many companies, sectors, nations, regions and the market in general, in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen.
- **Value Style Investing Risk.** At times when the value investing style is out of favor, the Fund may underperform other funds that use different investing styles. Value stocks may be purchased based upon the belief that a given security may be out of favor; that belief may be misplaced or the security may stay out of favor for an extended period of time.
- **Small- and Medium-Sized Companies Risk.** Small- and medium-sized companies often have less predictable earnings, more limited product lines, markets, distribution channels or financial resources and the management of such companies may be dependent upon one or few key people. The market movements of equity securities of small- and medium-sized companies may be more abrupt and volatile than the market movements of equity securities of larger, more established companies or the stock market in general and small-sized companies in particular, are generally less liquid than the equity securities of larger companies.
- **Sector Risk.** To the extent a Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in the securities of companies in the same sector of the market, the Fund is more susceptible to economic, political, regulatory and other occurrences influencing those sectors.
- **REITs and Foreign Real Estate Company Risk.** Investing in REITs and foreign real estate companies makes a Fund more susceptible to risks associated with the ownership of real estate and with the real estate industry in general, as well as tax compliance risks, and may involve duplication of management fees and other expenses. REITs and foreign real estate companies may be less diversified than other pools of securities, may have lower trading volumes and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than the overall securities markets.
- **Depository Receipts Risk.** A Fund's equity investments may take the form of sponsored or unsponsored depository receipts. Holders of unsponsored depository receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts of the deposited securities.

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### Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

#### NOTE 9 – PRINCIPAL RISKS (Continued)

- **Foreign Securities and Emerging Markets Risk.** The risks of investing in the securities of foreign issuers, including emerging market issuers and depositary receipts, can include fluctuations in foreign currencies, foreign currency exchange controls, political and economic instability, differences in securities regulation and trading, and foreign taxation issues. These risks are greater in emerging markets.
- **Frontier Markets Risk.** There is an additional increased risk of price volatility associated with frontier market countries (pre-emerging markets), which may be further magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar. Frontier market countries generally have smaller economies or less developed capital markets than in more advanced emerging markets and, as a result, the risks of investing in emerging market countries may be magnified in frontier market countries.

#### NOTE 10 – REPORT OF THE FUND'S SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING (Unaudited)

On September 29, 2021, the Advisor entered into an agreement to be acquired by Franklin Resources, Inc. and approved the filing of a proxy statement for shareholders to approve a new advisory agreement for the Fund due to the change in control.

A Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund took place on December 20, 2021, to approve an investment advisory agreement between the Advisor and Advisors Series Trust on behalf of the Fund (the "Proposal").

All Fund shareholders of record at the close of business on October 29, 2021 (the "Record Date"), were entitled to vote. As of the Record Date, the Fund had 15,638,539 shares outstanding. Of the 9,204,131 shares present in person or by proxy, 9,196,502 or 99.92% voted in favor of the proposal (representing 58.81% of total outstanding shares), 574 or 0.01% voted against the Proposal, and 7,055 or 0.08% abstained from voting on the Proposal. Accordingly, the Proposal was approved.

#### NOTE 11 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Gail Duree retired as an Independent Trustee of the Board effective December 31, 2021. Mr. Joe Redwine became the Audit Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 2022.

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## Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)

At meetings held on October 18 and December 7-8, 2021, the Board (which is comprised of four persons, all of whom are Independent Trustees as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended), considered and approved, for another annual term, the continuance of the investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") between Advisors Series Trust (the "Trust") and O'Shaughnessy Asset Management, LLC (the "Advisor") on behalf of the O'Shaughnessy Markets Leaders Value Fund (the "Market Leaders Value Fund" or the "Fund") (the "Fund"). At both meetings, the Board received and reviewed substantial information regarding the Fund, the Advisor and the services provided by the Advisor to the Fund under the Advisory Agreement. This information, together with the information provided to the Board throughout the course of the year, formed the primary (but not exclusive) basis for the Board's determinations. Below is a summary of the factors considered by the Board and the conclusions that formed the basis for the Board's approval of the continuance of the Advisory Agreement:

1. **THE NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED AND TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ADVISOR UNDER THE ADVISORY AGREEMENT.** The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of the Advisor's overall services provided to the Fund, as well as its responsibilities in all aspects of day-to-day investment management of the Fund. The Board considered the qualifications, experience and responsibilities of the portfolio managers, as well as the responsibilities of other key personnel of the Advisor involved in the day-to-day activities of the Fund. The Board also considered the resources and compliance structure of the Advisor, including information regarding its compliance program, its chief compliance officer and the Advisor's compliance record, as well as the Advisor's cybersecurity program, liquidity risk management program, business continuity plan, and risk management process. Additionally, the Board considered how the Advisor's business continuity plan has operated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board further considered the prior relationship between the Advisor and the Trust, as well as the Board's knowledge of the Advisor's operations, and noted that during the course of the prior year they had met with certain personnel of the Advisor via videoconference to discuss Fund performance and investment outlook as well as various marketing and compliance topics. The Board concluded that the Advisor had the quality and depth of personnel, resources, investment processes, and compliance policies and procedures essential to performing its duties under the Advisory Agreement and that they were satisfied with the nature, overall quality and extent of such management services.

The Board also considered the recently announced acquisition of the Advisor by Franklin Resources, Inc. and that they had approved the filing of a proxy statement for shareholders to approve a new advisory agreement for the Fund due to the change in control. The Board also noted that it had approved an interim advisory agreement so that the Advisor could continue to provide advisory services to the Fund while it is seeking shareholder approval of the new advisory agreement. In this regard, the Board noted that the Advisor had represented that it expects to remain intact as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc. and that there are no expected changes in the Fund's investment strategy or portfolio management team.

2. **THE FUND'S HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE AND THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE ADVISOR.** In assessing the quality of the portfolio management delivered by the Advisor, the Board reviewed the short-term and long-term performance of the Fund as of June 30, 2021 on both an absolute basis and a relative basis in comparison to its peer funds utilizing Morningstar classifications, appropriate securities market benchmarks, a cohort that is comprised of similarly managed funds selected by an independent third-party consulting firm engaged by the Board to assist it in its 15(c) review (the "Cohort"), and the Advisor's similarly managed accounts. While the Board considered both short-term and long-term performance, it placed greater emphasis on longer term performance. When reviewing performance against the comparative peer group universe, the Board took into account that the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund, as well as its level of risk tolerance, may differ significantly from funds in the peer universe. When reviewing the Fund's performance against a broad market benchmark, the Board took into account the differences in portfolio construction between the Fund and such benchmark as well as other differences between actively managed funds and passive benchmarks, such as objectives and risks. In assessing periods of relative underperformance or outperformance, the Board took into account that relative performance can be significantly impacted by performance measurement periods and that some periods of underperformance may be transitory in nature while others may reflect more significant underlying issues.

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### Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Continued) (Unaudited)

The Board noted that the Fund outperformed each of the Morningstar peer group and Cohort average for the one- and five-year periods but underperformed each for the three-year period ended June 30, 2021. The Board also reviewed the performance of the Fund against a broad-based securities market benchmark, noting that it had outperformed its primary benchmark index for the one- and five-year periods but underperformed for the three-year period ended June 30, 2021.

The Board also considered the Fund's performance compared to the Advisor's similarly managed composite, noting that the Fund had outperformed its similarly managed composite for the one- and three-year periods and slightly underperformed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2021.

3. **THE COSTS OF THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ADVISOR AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE ADVISOR'S FEE UNDER THE ADVISORY AGREEMENT.** In considering the advisory fee and total fees and expenses of the Fund, the Board reviewed comparisons to the peer funds and the Advisor's similarly managed separate accounts for other types of clients, as well as all expense waivers and reimbursements. When reviewing fees charged to other similarly managed accounts, the Board took into account the type of account and the differences in the management of that account that might be germane to the difference, if any, in the fees charged to such accounts.

The Board noted that the Advisor had contractually agreed to maintain an expense limitation for the Fund of 0.65%, excluding certain operating expenses and class-level expenses (the "Expense Cap"). The Board noted that the Fund's management fee and total net expense ratio were below each of its Morningstar peer group and Cohort median and average. The Board also took into consideration the services the Advisor provided to its similarly managed account clients, comparing the fees charged for those management services to the management fees charged to the Fund. The Board found that the management fees charged to the Fund were the same as those charged to the similarly managed separate accounts.

The Board determined that it would continue to monitor the appropriateness of the advisory fee for the Fund and concluded that, at this time, the fees to be paid to the Advisor were fair and reasonable.

4. **ECONOMIES OF SCALE.** The Board also considered whether economies of scale were being realized by the Advisor that should be shared with shareholders. In this regard, the Board noted that the Advisor contractually agreed to reduce its advisory fees or reimburse Fund expenses so that the Fund does not exceed its specified Expense Cap and that the Fund's expenses are currently running below the Expense Cap. In this regard, the Board also considered that the advisory agreement included breakpoints and that the breakpoints were currently in effect for the Fund. The Board noted that at current asset levels, it did not appear that there were additional significant economies of scale being realized by the Advisor and concluded that it would continue to monitor economies of scale in the future as circumstances changed and assuming asset levels continued to increase.
5. **THE PROFITS TO BE REALIZED BY THE ADVISOR AND ITS AFFILIATES FROM THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FUND.** The Board reviewed the Advisor's financial information and took into account both the direct benefits and the indirect benefits to the Advisor from advising the Fund. The Board also considered that the Fund does not charge a Rule 12b-1 fee or utilize "soft dollars." The Board considered the profitability to the Advisor from its relationship with the Fund and considered any additional material benefits derived by the Advisor from its relationship with the Fund. After such review, the Board determined that the profitability to the Advisor with respect to the Advisory Agreement was not excessive, and that the Advisor had maintained adequate profit levels to support the services it provides to the Fund.

No single factor was determinative of the Board's decision to approve the continuance of the Advisory Agreement for the Fund, but rather the Trustees based their determination on the total mix of information available to them. Based on a consideration of all the factors in their totality, the Trustees determined that the advisory arrangements with the Advisor, including the advisory fees, were fair and reasonable to the Fund. The Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, therefore determined that the continuance of the Advisory Agreement for the Fund would be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

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### **Statement Regarding Liquidity Risk Management Program (Unaudited)**

The Fund has adopted a liquidity risk management program (the "program"). The Board has designated a committee at the Advisor to serve as the administrator of the program. The Advisor's committee conducts the day-to-day operation of the program pursuant to policies and procedures administered by the committee.

Under the program, the Advisor's committee manages the Fund's liquidity risk, which is the risk that the Fund could not meet shareholder redemption requests without significant dilution of remaining shareholders' interests in the Fund. This risk is managed by monitoring the degree of liquidity of the Fund's investments, limiting the amount of the Fund's illiquid investments, and utilizing various risk management tools and facilities available to the Fund for meeting shareholder redemptions, among other means. The committee's process of determining the degree of liquidity of the Fund's investments is supported by one or more third-party liquidity assessment vendors.

The Board reviewed a report prepared by the committee regarding the operation and effectiveness of the program for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. No significant liquidity events impacting the Fund were noted in the report. In addition, the committee provided its assessment that the program had been effective in managing the Fund's liquidity risk.



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## **Notice to Shareholders at January 31, 2022 (Unaudited)**

### **HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE FUND'S PROXY VOTING POLICIES**

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-877-291-7827 or on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC's) website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### **HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE FUND'S PROXY VOTING RECORDS FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30**

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-877-291-7827. Furthermore, you can obtain the Fund's proxy voting records on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### **QUARTERLY FILINGS ON FORM N-PORT**

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Part F of Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information included in the Fund's Form N-PORT is also available by calling 1-877-291-7827.

### **HOUSEHOLDING**

In an effort to decrease costs, the Fund will reduce the number of duplicate prospectuses, supplements, and certain other shareholder documents that you receive by sending only one copy of each to those addresses shown by two or more accounts. Please call the Fund's transfer agent toll-free at 1-877-291-7827 to request individual copies of these documents. The Fund will begin sending individual copies 30 days after receiving your request. This policy does not apply to account statements.

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## Privacy Notice

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- Information we receive about you on applications or other forms;
- Information you give us orally; and/or
- Information about your transactions with us or others.

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our customers or former customers without the customer's authorization, except as permitted by law or in response to inquiries from governmental authorities. We may share information with affiliated and unaffiliated third parties with whom we have contracts for servicing the Fund. We will provide unaffiliated third parties with only the information necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard your non-public personal information and require third parties to treat your personal information with the same high degree of confidentiality.

In the event that you hold shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary, including, but not limited to, a broker-dealer, bank, or trust company, the privacy policy of your financial intermediary would govern how your non-public personal information would be shared by those entities with unaffiliated third parties.

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