# **SCHWAB STRATEGIC TRUST**

Schwab® Fundamental International Large Company Index ETF
Schwab® Fundamental International Small Company Index ETF
Schwab® Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index ETF
Schwab® International Equity ETF
Schwab® International Small-Cap Equity ETF
Schwab® Emerging Markets Equity ETF
Schwab® International Dividend Equity ETF

### **SCHWAB CAPITAL TRUST**

Schwab<sup>®</sup> Fundamental Global Real Estate Index Fund
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Schwab International Index Fund<sup>®</sup>

(each a fund)

Supplement dated April 16, 2021 to each fund's currently effective Statutory Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Statutory Prospectuses and SAIs and should be read in conjunction with the Statutory Prospectuses and SAIs.

Effective immediately, Paul Holmquist will no longer serve as a portfolio manager and all references to Mr. Holmquist in each fund's Statutory Prospectus and SAI are hereby deleted in their entirety.

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# **SCHWAB CAPITAL TRUST**

# **SCHWAB INVESTMENTS**

### **LAUDUS TRUST**

(all series)

Supplement dated April 12, 2021 to all currently effective
Statutory Prospectuses and Statements of Additional Information (SAI) for each series (each a fund and collectively, the funds) of the aforementioned Trusts noted above

This supplement provides new and additional information beyond that contained in the Statutory Prospectuses and SAIs, as applicable, and should be read in conjunction with the Statutory Prospectuses and SAIs.

The Board of Trustees of the Trusts approved the appointment of BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. as the transfer agent to the funds (Transfer Agent) to replace DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., the funds' previous Transfer Agent. Accordingly, effective on or about April 16, 2021, the following changes are made to each Statutory Prospectus and SAI:

- 1. <u>Statutory Prospectus Under the "Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares" section of each fund:</u> The second paragraph and its bullet points are deleted and replaced in their entirety with the following:
  - Investors may only invest in the fund through an account at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) or another financial intermediary. When you place orders to purchase, exchange or redeem fund shares through an account at Schwab or another financial intermediary, you must follow Schwab's or the other financial intermediary's transaction procedures.
- 2. <u>Statutory Prospectus Under "Investing Directly with the Funds:"</u> The section titled "Investor Eligibility Requirements for Placing Direct Orders" is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

# **Placing Direct Orders**

Investors generally may not purchase shares directly from the funds' transfer agent, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. The funds reserve the right to accept direct purchases from certain eligible shareholders (Eligible Shareholders) and to suspend the privilege of directly purchasing additional shares of the funds at any time.

Financial intermediaries and Eligible Shareholders may contact the transfer agent by telephone at 1-877-332-2371.

3. <u>Statutory Prospectus — Under "Investing Directly with the Funds:"</u> The sections titled "Additional Direct Purchases by Wire," "Additional Direct Purchases by Mail," "Direct Redemptions and Exchanges," "Direct Redemptions by Telephone," "Direct Redemptions by Mail," "Additional Direct Redemption Information," "Direct Exchange Privileges," "Direct Exchanges by Telephone," and "Direct Exchanges by Mail" are deleted in their entirety.

4. <u>Statutory Prospectus – Under "Additional Policies Affecting Your Investment:"</u> The section titled "Options for Fund Distributions" is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

### **Options for Fund Distributions**

**Choose an option for fund distributions.** When placing orders through an intermediary, you will select from the options for fund distributions provided by your intermediary. You should consult with your financial intermediary to discuss available options.

5. <u>SAI – Under "Investment Advisory and Other Services:"</u> The section titled "Transfer Agent" is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

# **Transfer Agent**

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., 4400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581, serves as the funds' transfer agent. As part of these services, the firm maintains records pertaining to the sale, redemption and transfer of the funds' shares.

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# Schwab Funds®

# Schwab Fundamental Index\* Funds

Schwab® Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund	SFLNX
Schwab® Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund	SFSNX
Schwab® Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund	SFNNX
Schwab® Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund	SFILX
Schwab® Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund	SFENX

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved these securities or passed on whether the information in this prospectus is adequate and accurate. Anyone who indicates otherwise is committing a federal crime.

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# Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund

Ticker Symbol: SFLNX

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI™ US Large Company Index.

# **Fund Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries. which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

None

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.25
Other expenses	None
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.25

# **Example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$26	\$80	\$141	\$318

### 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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 13% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

To pursue its goal, the fund primarily invests in stocks that are included in the Russell RAFI US Large Company Index<sup>†</sup>. The index measures the performance of the large company size segment by fundamental overall company scores (scores), which are created using as the universe the U.S. companies in the FTSE Global Total Cap Index (the parent index). Securities are grouped in order of decreasing score and each company receives a weight based on its percentage of the total scores of the U.S. companies within the parent index. Companies are split at the 87.5% point based on fundamental weights. Companies above this breakpoint make up the index. The index uses a partial quarterly reconstitution methodology in which the index is split into four equal segments at the annual reconstitution and each segment is then rebalanced on a rolling quarterly basis. The index is compiled and calculated by Frank Russell Company in conjunction with Research Affiliates LLC, and the method of calculating the components of the index is subject to change.

It is the fund's policy that, under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally give the same weight to a given stock as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a stock, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a stock to be more or less than the index's weighting of the stock. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index.

The fund uses an "indexing" investment approach, which attempts to replicate, before expenses, the performance of the index by purchasing a basket of securities that compose the index. Using this approach, the investment adviser seeks a correlation, over time, of 0.95 or better between the fund's performance and the performance of the index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, it is possible that the investment adviser may determine to utilize instead a "sampling" methodology in seeking to achieve the fund's objective. Sampling means that the investment adviser

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uses quantitative analysis to select stocks from the index universe to obtain a representative sample of stocks that resembles the index in terms of key risk factors, performance attributes and other characteristics. In certain circumstances it may not be possible or practicable for the fund to invest in all of the stocks comprising the index or in proportion to their weightings in the index.

There can be no guarantee that the performance of the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with that of the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with the index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique. The correlation between the performance of the fund and the index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, corporate actions (such as mergers and spin-offs), timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

Like many index funds, the fund also may invest in derivatives, principally futures contracts, and lend its securities to minimize the gap in performance that exists between any index fund and its corresponding index. This gap occurs mainly because, unlike the index, the fund incurs expenses and must keep a small portion of its assets in cash for business operations. By using futures, the fund can gain market exposure and potentially offset a portion of the gap attributable to its cash holdings. Any income realized through securities lending may help reduce the portion of the gap attributable to expenses.

The fund may concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its assets) in an industry or group of industries to approximately the extent that the index the fund is designed to track is also so concentrated.

# **Principal Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not

take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Large-Cap Company Risk.** Large-cap companies are generally more mature and the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

Sampling Index Tracking Risk. To the extent the fund uses a sampling method, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

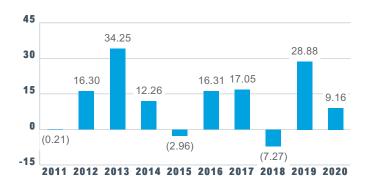
**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

#### **Performance**

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of a broad based index and a spliced index comprised of the fund's current and prior broad based indexes. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\_prospectus.

# Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 18.47% Q2 2020 **Worst Quarter:** (26.07%) Q1 2020

### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	9.16%	12.17%	11.66%
After taxes on distributions	7.64%	10.56%	10.44%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	6.49%	9.44%	9.40%
Comparative Indices (reflect no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Russell RAFI US Large Company Index <sup>(1)</sup>	9.32%	12.42%	_
Fundamental U.S. Large Company Spliced Index <sup>(2)</sup>	9.32%	12.42%	12.00%

The inception date of the Russell RAFI US Large Company Index is February 24, 2011. The fund began tracking the index on October 19, 2012.

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred

arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

### **Investment Adviser**

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

### **Portfolio Managers**

**Christopher Bliss, CFA,** Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Jeremy Brown,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

**Ferian Juwono, CFA,** Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2013.

**Sabya Sinha,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

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

The fund is open for business each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the fund reserves the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate its share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

Investors may only invest in the fund through an account at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) or another financial intermediary. When you place orders to purchase, exchange or redeem fund shares through an account at Schwab or another financial intermediary, you must follow Schwab's or the other financial intermediary's transaction procedures. Shareholders who previously purchased fund shares through the fund's transfer agent and continue to hold such shares directly through the fund's transfer agent may make additional purchases and place exchange and redemption orders through the fund's transfer agent by contacting the transfer agent by phone or in writing as noted below:

- by telephone at 1-800-407-0256; or
- by mail to DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647.

There is no minimum initial investment for the fund.

### **Tax Information**

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

<sup>(2)</sup> The Fundamental U.S. Large Company Spliced Index is an internally calculated index, comprised of the FTSE RAFI U.S. 1000 Index from inception of the fund until the close of business on October 18, 2012 and the Russell RAFI US Large Company Index from October 19, 2012 forward.

# **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser 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 financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund

Ticker Symbol: SFSNX

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI™ US Small Company Index.

# **Fund Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.25
Other expenses	None
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.25

# Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$26	\$80	\$141	\$318

### **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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 28% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

To pursue its goal, the fund primarily invests in stocks that are included in the Russell RAFI US Small Company Index<sup>†</sup>. The index measures the performance of the small company size segment by fundamental overall company scores (scores), which are created using as the universe the U.S. companies in the FTSE Global Total Cap Index (the parent index). Securities are grouped in order of decreasing score and each company receives a weight based on its percentage of the total scores of the U.S. companies within the parent index. Companies are split at the 87.5% point based on fundamental weights. Companies below this breakpoint make up the index. The index uses a partial quarterly reconstitution methodology in which the index is split into four equal segments at the annual reconstitution and each segment is then rebalanced on a rolling quarterly basis. The index is compiled and calculated by Frank Russell Company in conjunction with Research Affiliates LLC, and the method of calculating the components of the index is subject to change.

It is the fund's policy that, under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally give the same weight to a given stock as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a stock, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a stock to be more or less than the index's weighting of the stock. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index.

The fund uses an "indexing" investment approach, which attempts to replicate, before expenses, the performance of the index by purchasing a basket of securities that compose the index. Using this approach, the investment adviser seeks a correlation, over time, of 0.95 or better between the fund's performance and the performance of the index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, it is possible that the investment adviser may determine to utilize instead a "sampling" methodology in seeking to achieve the fund's objective. Sampling means that the investment adviser

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uses quantitative analysis to select stocks from the index universe to obtain a representative sample of stocks that resembles the index in terms of key risk factors, performance attributes and other characteristics. In certain circumstances it may not be possible or practicable for the fund to invest in all of the stocks comprising the index or in proportion to their weightings in the index.

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The fund may concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in an industry or group of industries to approximately the extent that the index the fund is designed to track is also so concentrated.

# **Principal Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

Equity Risk. The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not

take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

Small-Cap Company Risk. Securities issued by small-cap companies may be riskier than those issued by larger companies, and their prices may move sharply, especially during market upturns and downturns.

Tracking Error Risk. As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities. may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

Liquidity Risk. The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

Sampling Index Tracking Risk. To the extent the fund uses a sampling method, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

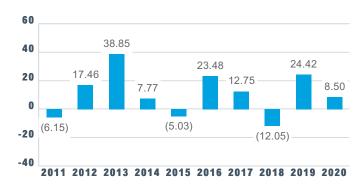
**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

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#### **Performance**

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of a broad based index and a spliced index comprised of the fund's current and prior broad based indexes. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\_prospectus.

# Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 30.57% Q4 2020 **Worst Quarter:** (35.51%) Q1 2020

### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	8.50%	10.57%	9.98%
After taxes on distributions	8.06%	9.16%	8.41%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	5.22%	8.05%	7.72%
Comparative Indices (reflect no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Russell RAFI US Small Company			
Index <sup>(1)</sup>	8.46%	10.77%	_
Fundamental U.S. Small Company Spliced Index <sup>(2)</sup>	8.46%	10.77%	10.23%

<sup>(1)</sup> The inception date of the Russell RAFI US Small Company Index is February 24, 2011. The fund began tracking the index on October 19, 2012.

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred

arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

### **Investment Adviser**

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

# **Portfolio Managers**

**Christopher Bliss, CFA,** Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Jeremy Brown,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

**Ferian Juwono, CFA,** Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2013.

**Sabya Sinha,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

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

The fund is open for business each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the fund reserves the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate its share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

Investors may only invest in the fund through an account at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) or another financial intermediary. When you place orders to purchase, exchange or redeem fund shares through an account at Schwab or another financial intermediary, you must follow Schwab's or the other financial intermediary's transaction procedures. Shareholders who previously purchased fund shares through the fund's transfer agent and continue to hold such shares directly through the fund's transfer agent may make additional purchases and place exchange and redemption orders through the fund's transfer agent by contacting the transfer agent by phone or in writing as noted below:

- by telephone at 1-800-407-0256; or
- by mail to DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647.

There is no minimum initial investment for the fund.

### **Tax Information**

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

<sup>(2)</sup> The Fundamental U.S. Small Company Spliced Index is an internally calculated index, comprised of the FTSE RAFI U.S. Mid Small 1500 Index from inception of the fund until the close of business on October 18, 2012 and the Russell RAFI US Small Company Index from October 19, 2012 forward.

# **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser 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 financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund

Ticker Symbol: SFNNX

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI™ Developed ex US Large Company Index.

# **Fund Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.25
Other expenses	None
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.25

# Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
	\$26	\$80	\$141	\$318

### **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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

### **Principal Investment Strategies**

To pursue its goal, the fund primarily invests in stocks that are included in the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Large Company Index<sup>†</sup>.

The index measures the performance of the large company size segment by fundamental overall company scores (scores), which are created using as the universe the developed ex U.S. companies in the FTSE Global Total Cap Index (the parent index). Securities are grouped in order of decreasing score and each company receives a weight based on its percentage of the total scores of the developed ex U.S. companies within the parent index. Companies are split at the 87.5% point based on fundamental weights. Companies above this breakpoint make up the index. The index uses a partial quarterly reconstitution methodology in which the index is split into four equal segments at the annual reconstitution and each segment is then rebalanced on a rolling guarterly basis. The index is compiled and calculated by Frank Russell Company in conjunction with Research Affiliates LLC, and the method of calculating the components of the index is subject to change.

It is the fund's policy that, under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally give the same weight to a given stock as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a stock, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a stock to be more or less than the index's weighting of the stock. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index. The fund does not hedge its exposure to foreign currencies. However, the fund may use forward contracts to lock in exchange rates for the portfolio securities purchased or sold, but awaiting settlement. These transactions establish a rate of exchange that can be expected to be received upon settlement of the securities.

The fund uses an "indexing" investment approach, which attempts to replicate, before expenses, the performance of the index by purchasing a basket of securities that compose the index. Using this

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approach, the investment adviser seeks a correlation, over time, of 0.95 or better between the fund's performance and the performance of the index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, it is possible that the investment adviser may determine to utilize instead a "sampling" methodology in seeking to achieve the fund's objective. Sampling means that the investment adviser uses quantitative analysis to select stocks from the index universe to obtain a representative sample of stocks that resembles the index in terms of key risk factors, performance attributes and other characteristics. In certain circumstances it may not be possible or practicable for the fund to invest in all of the stocks comprising the index or in proportion to their weightings in the index.

There can be no guarantee that the performance of the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with that of the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with the index, including the degree to which the fund utilizes a sampling technique. The correlation between the performance of the fund and the index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, corporate actions (such as mergers and spin-offs), timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

Like many index funds, the fund also may invest in derivatives, principally futures contracts, and lend its securities to minimize the gap in performance that exists between any index fund and the corresponding index. This gap occurs mainly because, unlike the index, the fund incurs expenses and must keep a small portion of its assets in cash for business operations. By using futures, the fund can gain market exposure and potentially offset a portion of the gap attributable to its cash holdings. Any income realized through securities lending may help reduce the portion of the gap attributable to expenses. In addition, the fund may invest in exchange-traded funds.

The fund may concentrate its investments (i.e., hold 25% or more of its total assets) in an industry or group of industries to approximately the extent that the index the fund is designed to track is also so concentrated.

# **Principal Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual

companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Large-Cap Company Risk.** Large-cap companies are generally more mature and the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class.

Foreign Investment Risk. The fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers involve certain risks that may be greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. These risks may negatively impact the value or liquidity of the fund's investments, and could impair the fund's ability to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy. There is a risk that investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Foreign securities also include ADRs,

GDRs and EDRs, which may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and GDRs, many of which are issued by companies in emerging markets, may be more volatile. To the extent the fund's investments in a single country or a limited number of countries represent a large percentage of the fund's assets, the fund's performance may be adversely affected by the economic, political, regulatory and social conditions in those countries, and the fund's price may be more volatile than the price of a fund that is geographically diversified.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

Sampling Index Tracking Risk. To the extent the fund uses a sampling method, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) Risk. The fund may purchase shares of ETFs to gain exposure to a particular portion of the market while awaiting an opportunity to purchase securities directly. When the fund invests in an ETF, in addition to directly bearing the expenses associated with its own operations, it will bear a proportionate share of the ETF's expenses. Therefore, it may be more costly to own an ETF than to own the underlying securities directly. In addition, while the risks of owning shares of an ETF generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds, lack of liquidity in the market for an ETF's shares can result in its value being more volatile than the underlying portfolio securities.

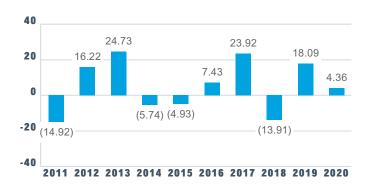
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### **Performance**

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### Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 21.62% Q4 2020 **Worst Quarter:** (27.49%) Q1 2020

### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	4.36%	7.15%	4.55%
After taxes on distributions	4.00%	6.57%	4.03%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	3.22%	5.74%	3.72%
Comparative Indices (reflect no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Russell RAFI Developed ex US Large Company Index (Net) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	4.06%	7.16%	_
Fundamental Developed ex-U.S. Large Company Spliced Index <sup>(3)</sup>	4.06%	7.16%	4.78%

- (1) The net version of the index reflects reinvested dividends net of withholding taxes, but reflects no deductions for expenses or other taxes.
- The inception date of the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Large Company Index (Net) is February 24, 2011. The fund began tracking the index on October 19, 2012.
- (3) The Fundamental Developed ex-U.S. Large Company Spliced Index is an internally calculated index, comprised of the FTSE RAFI Developed ex US 1000 Index from inception of the fund until the close of business on October 18, 2012 and the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Large Company Index (Net) from October 19, 2012 forward.

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

### **Investment Adviser**

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

### **Portfolio Managers**

**Christopher Bliss, CFA,** Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Chuck Craig, CFA,** Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Paul Holmquist, CFA,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since February, 2021.

**Jane Qin**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. She has managed the fund since 2015.

**David Rios,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

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

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There is no minimum initial investment for the fund.

# **Tax Information**

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

# **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

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# Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund

Ticker Symbol: SFILX

### **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI™ Developed ex US Small Company Index.

# **Fund Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

# Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

No	ne
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**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.39
Other expenses	None
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.39

# Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
	\$40	\$125	\$219	\$493	

### **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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 25% of the average value of its portfolio.

### **Principal Investment Strategies**

To pursue its goal, the fund primarily invests in stocks that are included in the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Small Company Index<sup>†</sup>.

The index measures the performance of the small company size segment by fundamental overall company scores (scores), which are created using as the universe the developed ex U.S. companies in the FTSE Global Total Cap Index (the parent index). Securities are grouped in order of decreasing score and each company receives a weight based on its percentage of the total scores of the developed ex U.S. companies within the parent index. Companies are split at the 87.5% point based on fundamental weights. Companies below this breakpoint make up the index. The index uses a partial quarterly reconstitution methodology in which the index is split into four equal segments at the annual reconstitution and each segment is then rebalanced on a rolling guarterly basis. The index is compiled and calculated by Frank Russell Company in conjunction with Research Affiliates LLC, and the method of calculating the components of the index is subject to change.

It is the fund's policy that, under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks included in the index. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund will generally give the same weight to a given stock as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a stock, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a stock to be more or less than the index's weighting of the stock. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index. The fund does not hedge its exposure to foreign currencies. However, the fund may use forward contracts to lock in exchange rates for the portfolio securities purchased or sold, but awaiting settlement. These transactions establish a rate of exchange that can be expected to be received upon settlement of the securities.

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approach, the investment adviser seeks a correlation, over time, of 0.95 or better between the fund's performance and the performance of the index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, it is possible that the investment adviser may determine to utilize instead a "sampling" methodology in seeking to achieve the fund's objective. Sampling means that the investment adviser uses quantitative analysis to select stocks from the index universe to obtain a representative sample of stocks that resembles the index in terms of key risk factors, performance attributes and other characteristics. In certain circumstances it may not be possible or practicable for the fund to invest in all of the stocks comprising the index or in proportion to their weightings in the index.

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Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual

companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Small-Cap Company Risk.** Securities issued by small-cap companies may be riskier than those issued by larger companies, and their prices may move sharply, especially during market upturns and downturns.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class.

Foreign Investment Risk. The fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers involve certain risks that may be greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions; differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. These risks may negatively impact the value or liquidity of the fund's investments, and could impair the fund's ability to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy. There is a risk that investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. Foreign securities also include ADRs,

GDRs and EDRs, which may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and GDRs, many of which are issued by companies in emerging markets, may be more volatile. To the extent the fund's investments in a single country or a limited number of countries represent a large percentage of the fund's assets, the fund's performance may be adversely affected by the economic, political, regulatory and social conditions in those countries, and the fund's price may be more volatile than the price of a fund that is geographically diversified.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

Sampling Index Tracking Risk. To the extent the fund uses a sampling method, the fund will not fully replicate the index and may hold securities not included in the index. As a result, the fund is subject to the risk that the investment adviser's investment management strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. If the fund utilizes a sampling approach, it may not track the return of the index as well as it would if the fund purchased all of the securities in the index.

**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) Risk. The fund may purchase shares of ETFs to gain exposure to a particular portion of the market while awaiting an opportunity to purchase securities directly. When the fund invests in an ETF, in addition to directly bearing the expenses associated with its own operations, it will bear a proportionate share of the ETF's expenses. Therefore, it may be more costly to own an ETF than to own the underlying securities directly. In addition, while the risks of owning shares of an ETF generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds, lack of liquidity in the market for an ETF's shares can result in its value being more volatile than the underlying portfolio securities.

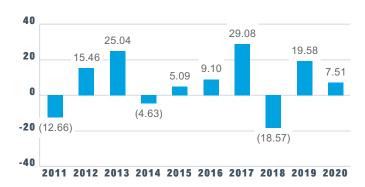
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### **Performance**

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that

of a broad based index and a spliced index comprised of the fund's current and prior broad based indexes. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\_prospectus.

### Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 18.33% Q2 2020 **Worst Quarter:** (28.91%) Q1 2020

### Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	7.51%	8.07%	6.42%
After taxes on distributions	7.11%	7.28%	5.66%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	4.90%	6.32%	5.06%
Comparative Indices (reflect no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Russell RAFI Developed ex US Small Company Index (Net) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	7.32%	8.22%	_
Fundamental Developed ex-U.S. Small Company Spliced Index <sup>(3)</sup>	7.32%	8.22%	6.84%

- The net version of the index reflects reinvested dividends net of withholding taxes, but reflects no deductions for expenses or other taxes.
- (2) The inception date of the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Small Company Index (Net) is February 24, 2011. The fund began tracking the index on October 19, 2012.
- (3) The Fundamental Developed ex-U.S. Small Company Spliced Index is an internally calculated index, comprised of the FTSE RAFI Developed ex US Mid Small 1500 Index from inception of the fund until the close of business on October 18, 2012 and the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Small Company Index (Net) from October 19, 2012 forward.

The after-tax figures reflect the highest individual federal income tax rates in effect during the period and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your individual tax situation. In addition, after-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your fund shares through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan, an individual retirement account (IRA) or other tax-advantaged account.

### **Investment Adviser**

Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

### **Portfolio Managers**

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**Paul Holmquist, CFA,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since February, 2021.

**Jane Qin**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. She has managed the fund since 2015.

**David Rios,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

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

The fund is open for business each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the fund reserves the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate its share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

Investors may only invest in the fund through an account at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab) or another financial intermediary. When you place orders to purchase, exchange or redeem fund shares through an account at Schwab or another financial intermediary, you must follow Schwab's or the other financial intermediary's transaction procedures. Shareholders who previously purchased fund shares through the fund's transfer agent and continue to hold such shares directly through the fund's transfer agent may make additional purchases and place exchange and redemption orders through the fund's transfer agent by contacting the transfer agent by phone or in writing as noted below:

- by telephone at 1-800-407-0256; or
- by mail to DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647.

There is no minimum initial investment for the fund.

# **Tax Information**

Dividends and capital gains distributions received from the fund will generally be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged account (in which case you may be taxed later, upon withdrawal of your investment from such account).

# **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the adviser 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 financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund

Ticker Symbol: SFENX

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI™ Emerging Markets Large Company Index.

# **Fund Fees and Expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

	None	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a $\%$ of the value of your investment)		
Management fees	0.39	
Other expenses	None	
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.39	

# Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

# Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$40	\$125	\$219	\$493

### **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 may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 32% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

To pursue its goal, the fund primarily invests in stocks that are included in the Russell RAFI Emerging Markets Large Company Index<sup>†</sup>. The index measures the performance of the large company size segment by fundamental overall company scores (scores), which are created using as the universe the emerging markets companies in the FTSE Global Total Cap Index (the parent index). Securities are grouped in order of decreasing score and each company receives a weight based on its percentage of the total scores of the emerging markets companies within the parent index. Companies are split at the 87.5% point based on fundamental weights. Companies above this breakpoint make up the index. The index uses a partial quarterly reconstitution methodology in which the index is split into four equal segments at the annual reconstitution and each segment is then rebalanced on a rolling quarterly basis. The index is compiled and calculated by Frank Russell Company in conjunction with Research Affiliates LLC, and the method of calculating the components of the index is subject to change.

It is the fund's policy that, under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 80% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks included in the index, including depositary receipts representing securities of the index; which may be in the form of American Depositary receipts (ADRs), Global Depositary receipts (GDRs) and European Depositary receipts (EDRs). The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index. The fund does not hedge its exposure to foreign currencies. However, the fund may use forward contracts to lock in exchange rates for the portfolio securities purchased or sold, but awaiting settlement. These transactions establish a rate of exchange that can be expected to be received upon settlement of the securities.

Because it may not be possible or practicable to purchase all of the stocks in the index, the investment adviser seeks to track the total return of the index by using sampling techniques. These techniques involve investing in a limited number of index securities which, when taken together, are expected to perform similarly to the index as a whole. These techniques are based on a variety of factors, including performance attributes, tax considerations,

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capitalization, dividend yield, price/earnings ratio, industry factors, risk factors and other characteristics. The fund generally expects that its portfolio will hold less than the total number of securities in the index, but reserves the right to hold as many securities as it believes necessary to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund generally expects its portfolio characteristics to be similar to those of the index.

The investment adviser seeks to achieve a correlation, over time, of 0.95 or better between the fund's performance and the performance of the index; a figure of 1.00 would represent perfect correlation. However, there can be no guarantee that the performance of the fund will achieve a high degree of correlation with that of the index. A number of factors may affect the fund's ability to achieve a high correlation with the index, including the number of index securities held by the fund as part of the sampling technique. The correlation between the performance of the fund and the index may also diverge due to transaction costs, asset valuations, corporate actions (such as mergers and spin-offs), timing variances, and differences between the fund's portfolio and the index resulting from legal restrictions (such as diversification requirements) that apply to the fund but not to the index.

Like many index funds, the fund also may invest in derivatives, principally futures contracts, and lend its securities to minimize the gap in performance that exists between any index fund and the corresponding index. This gap occurs mainly because, unlike the index, the fund incurs expenses and must keep a small portion of its assets in cash for business operations. By using futures, the fund can gain market exposure and potentially offset a portion of the gap attributable to its cash holdings. Any income realized through securities lending may help reduce the portion of the gap attributable to expenses. The fund may also use futures contracts and other derivatives to obtain exposure substantially similar to that provided by certain securities included in the index which the fund may not be able to purchase or hold directly due to restrictions and/or regulations on investments in the applicable local market. In addition, the fund may invest in exchange-traded funds.

The fund may concentrate its investments(i.e., hold 25% or more of its assets) in an industry or group of industries to approximately the extent that the index the fund is designed to track is also so concentrated.

## **Principal Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Errors relating to the index may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time. In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule. Such errors and/or market disruptions may result in losses for the fund.

**Market Capitalization Risk.** Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Large-Cap Company Risk.** Large-cap companies are generally more mature and the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

Concentration Risk. To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector, country or asset class.

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Emerging Markets Risk. Emerging market countries may be more likely to experience political turmoil or rapid changes in market or economic conditions than more developed countries. Emerging market countries often have less uniformity in accounting, auditing, financial reporting and recordkeeping requirements and greater risk associated with the custody of securities. In addition, the financial stability of issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may be more precarious than in developed countries. As a result, there may be an increased risk of illiquidity and price volatility associated with the fund's investments in emerging market countries, which may be magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar, and, at times, it may be difficult to value such investments.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

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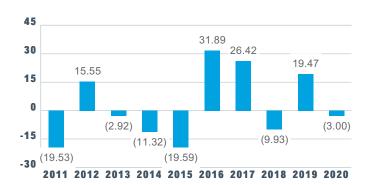
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### **Performance**

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of a broad based index and a spliced index comprised of the fund's current and prior broad based indexes. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. Keep in mind that future performance (both before and after taxes) may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds prospectus.

### Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 21.76% Q4 2020 **Worst Quarter:** (30.98%) Q1 2020

# Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Before taxes	(3.00%)	11.72%	1.14%
After taxes on distributions	(3.50%)	11.19%	0.67%
After taxes on distributions and sale of shares	(1.14%)	9.53%	1.00%
Comparative Indices (reflect no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
Russell RAFI Emerging Markets Large Company Index (Net) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	(1.92%)	12.36%	_
Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Spliced Index <sup>(3)</sup>	(1.92%)	12.36%	2.09%

- (1) The net version of the index reflects reinvested dividends net of withholding taxes, but reflects no deductions for expenses or other taxes.
- (2) The inception date of the Russell RAFI Emerging Markets Large Company Index (Net) is February 24, 2011. The fund began tracking the index on October 19, 2012.
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#### **Investment Adviser**

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# **Portfolio Managers**

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**Jane Qin,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. She has managed the fund since 2017.

**David Rios,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

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

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# **Fund Details**

There can be no assurance that the funds will achieve their objectives. Except as explicitly described otherwise, the investment objectives, strategies and policies of each fund may be changed without shareholder approval.

The principal investment strategies and the main risks associated with investing in each fund are summarized in the fund summaries at the front of this prospectus. This section takes a more detailed look at some of the types of securities, the associated risks, and the various investment strategies that may be used in the day-to-day portfolio management of the funds, as described below. In addition to the particular types of securities and strategies that are described in this prospectus, each fund may use strategies that are not described herein in support of its overall investment goal. These additional strategies and the risks associated with them are described in the "Investment Strategies, Securities and Risks" section in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

# Investment Objectives and More About Principal Risks

# Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI US Large Company Index. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's board of trustees without shareholder approval.

# **More Information About Principal Investment Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. Governmental action, including the imposition of trade embargoes or tariffs, may also impact individual companies or markets as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market, even though these stocks may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. The index does not weigh securities on the basis of investor protection, limitations or differences in the quality of financial reporting or other oversight mechanisms. Therefore, the fund will follow the securities in the index without consideration of these factors. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index.

At times the segment of the markets represented by the index may underperform other market segments. A significant percentage of the index may be composed of securities in a single industry or sector of the economy. If the fund is focused in an industry or sector, it may present more risks than if it were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. Because of the way the index is composed, the index may perform differently or worse than an index that is based solely on market capitalization.

Index-Related Risk. The index provider does not provide any warranty as to the timeliness, accuracy or completeness of any data relating to the index. Errors relating to the index, including index data, computations and/or construction, may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time or at all. Losses resulting from index errors may be borne by the fund and its shareholders.

In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule which may result in the index and, in turn, the fund experiencing returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal rebalancing schedule.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. In addition, there may be less trading volume in securities issued by mid- and small-cap companies than those issued by larger companies and, as a result, trading volatility may have a greater impact on the value of securities of mid- and small-cap companies. Securities issued by large-cap companies, on the other hand, may not be able to attain the high growth rates of some mid- and small-cap companies. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

Large-Cap Company Risk. Large-cap companies are generally more mature than smaller companies. They also may have fewer new market opportunities for their products or services, may focus resources on maintaining their market share, and may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. As a result, the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

Tracking Error Risk. As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may use derivatives to enhance returns or hedge against market declines. Examples of derivatives are options, futures, options on futures and swaps. An option is the right to buy or sell an instrument at a specific price before a specific date. A future is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. A swap is an agreement whereby two parties agree to exchange payment streams calculated in relation to a rate, index, instrument or certain securities and a predetermined amount. The fund's use of derivatives that are subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as liquidity risk and market risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to lack of availability risk, credit risk, leverage risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a derivatives transaction may not fulfill its obligations. Leverage risk is the risk that a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested.

Liquidity Risk. Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk that market conditions or large shareholder redemptions, which may occur rapidly or unexpectedly, may impact the ability of the fund to meet redemption requests within the required time period. In order to meet such redemption requests, the fund may be forced to sell securities at inopportune times or prices.

Securities Lending Risk. The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

# Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund

# **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI US Small Company Index. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's board of trustees without shareholder approval.

# **More Information About Principal Investment Risks**

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Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. Governmental action, including the imposition of trade embargoes or tariffs, may also impact individual companies or markets as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market, even though these stocks may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. The index does not weigh securities on the basis of investor protection, limitations or differences in the quality of financial reporting or other oversight mechanisms. Therefore, the fund will follow the securities in the index without consideration of these factors. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index.

At times the segment of the markets represented by the index may underperform other market segments. A significant percentage of the index may be composed of securities in a single industry or sector of the economy. If the fund is focused in an industry or sector, it may present more risks than if it were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. Because of the way the index is composed, the index may perform differently or worse than an index that is based solely on market capitalization.

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**Small-Cap Company Risk.** Small-cap companies may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies and their securities may be riskier than those issued by larger companies. The value of securities issued by small-cap companies may be based in substantial part on future expectations rather than current achievements and their prices may move sharply,

especially during market upturns and downturns. In addition, small-cap companies may have limited financial resources, management experience, product lines and markets, and their securities may trade less frequently and in more limited volumes than the securities of larger companies. Further, small-cap companies may have less publicly available information and such information may be inaccurate or incomplete.

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**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

# Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund

### **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI Developed ex US Large Company Index. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's board of trustees without shareholder approval.

# **More Information About Principal Investment Risks**

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Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. Governmental action, including the imposition of trade embargoes or tariffs, may also impact individual companies or markets as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market, even though these stocks may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. The index does not weigh securities on the basis of investor protection, limitations or differences in the quality of financial reporting or other oversight mechanisms. Therefore, the fund will follow the securities in the index without consideration of these factors. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index.

At times the segment of the markets represented by the index may underperform other market segments. A significant percentage of the index may be composed of securities in a single industry or sector of the economy. If the fund is focused in an industry or sector, it may present more risks than if it were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. Because of the way the index is composed, the index may perform differently or worse than an index that is based solely on market capitalization.

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In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule which may result in the index and, in turn, the fund experiencing returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal rebalancing schedule.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. In addition, there may be less trading volume in securities issued by mid- and small-cap companies than those issued by larger companies and, as a result, trading volatility may have a greater impact on the value of securities of mid- and small-cap companies. Securities issued by large-cap companies, on the other hand, may not be able to attain the high growth rates of some mid- and small-cap companies. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

Large-Cap Company Risk. Large-cap companies are generally more mature than smaller companies. They also may have fewer new market opportunities for their products or services, may focus resources on maintaining their market share, and may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. As a result, the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

Tracking Error Risk. As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. In addition, the fund may not invest in issuers located in certain countries due to these considerations. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In certain circumstances, the fund may value securities based on fair value prices developed using methods approved by the fund's board of trustees. To the extent the fund calculates its net asset value (NAV) based on fair value prices, the fund's performance may

diverge from the index. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs. Tracking error may also be impacted by timing differences in currency conversions between the fund and the index and by the fund's use of fair valuation.

Foreign Investment Risk. The fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers involve certain risks that may be greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the U.S. These risks may negatively impact the value or liquidity of the fund's investments and could impair the fund's ability to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy. In addition, the fund's investments in foreign securities may be subject to economic sanctions or other government restrictions, including trade tariffs, embargoes or limitations on trade which could have a significant impact on a country's markets overall as well as global economies or markets. There also is the risk that the cost of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and, at times, more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. The fund may also experience more rapid or extreme changes in value as compared to a fund that invests solely in securities of U.S. companies because the securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. To the extent the fund's investments in a single country or a limited number of countries represent a large percentage of the fund's assets, the fund's performance may be adversely affected by the economic, political, regulatory and social conditions in those countries, and the fund's price may be more volatile than the price of a fund that is geographically diversified.

Depositary Receipt Risk. Foreign securities also include ADRs, which are U.S. dollar-denominated receipts representing shares of foreign-based corporations. ADRs are issued by U.S. banks or trust companies, and entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares. Foreign securities also include GDRs, which are similar to ADRs, but are shares of foreign-based corporations generally issued by international banks in one or more markets around the world. In addition, foreign securities include EDRs, which are similar to GDRs, but are shares of foreign-based corporations generally issued by European banks that trade on exchanges outside of the bank's home country. Investment in ADRs, GDRs and EDRs may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and GDRs, many of which are issued by companies in emerging markets, may be more volatile.

Currency Risk. The fund's investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies, will subject the fund to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. In either event, the dollar value of an investment in the fund would be adversely affected. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate in response to factors extrinsic to that country's economy, which makes the forecasting of currency market movements extremely difficult. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates; intervention (or failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund; or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. These can result in losses to the fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations. Forward contracts on foreign currencies are not traded on exchanges; rather, a bank or dealer will act as agent or as principal in order to make or take future delivery of a specified lot of a particular currency for the fund's account. The fund is subject to the risk of a counterparty's failure, inability or refusal to perform with respect to such contracts.

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# Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund

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Small-Cap Company Risk. Small-cap companies may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies and their securities may be riskier than those issued by larger companies. The value of securities issued by small-cap companies may be based in substantial part on future expectations rather than current achievements and their prices may move sharply, especially during market upturns and downturns. In addition, small-cap companies may have limited financial resources, management experience, product lines and markets, and their securities may trade less frequently and in more limited volumes than the securities of larger companies. Further, small-cap companies may have less publicly available information and such information may be inaccurate or incomplete.

Tracking Error Risk. As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of the index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and the index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in the index, match the securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. In addition, the fund may not invest in issuers located in certain countries due to these considerations. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In certain circumstances, the fund may value securities based on fair value prices developed using methods approved by the fund's board of trustees. To the extent the fund calculates its net asset value (NAV) based on fair value prices, the fund's performance may diverge from the index. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of the index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs. Tracking error may also be impacted by timing differences in currency conversions between the fund and the index and by the fund's use of fair valuation.

Foreign Investment Risk. The fund's investments in securities of foreign issuers involve certain risks that may be greater than those associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These include risks of adverse changes in foreign economic, political, regulatory and other conditions; changes in currency exchange rates or exchange control regulations (including limitations on currency movements and exchanges); differing accounting, auditing, financial reporting and legal standards and practices; differing securities market structures; and higher transaction costs. In certain countries, legal remedies available to investors may be more limited than those available with respect to investments in the U.S. These risks may negatively impact the value or liquidity of the fund's investments and could impair the fund's ability to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy. In addition, the fund's investments in foreign securities may be subject to economic sanctions or other government restrictions, including trade tariffs, embargoes or limitations on trade which could have a significant impact on a country's markets overall as well as global economies or markets. There also is the risk that the cost of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions. The securities of some foreign companies may be less liquid and, at times, more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. The fund may also experience more rapid or extreme changes in value as compared to a fund that invests solely in securities of U.S. companies because the securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. To the extent the fund's investments in a single country or a limited number of countries represent a large percentage of the fund's assets, the fund's performance may be adversely affected by the economic, political, regulatory and social conditions in those countries, and the fund's price may be more volatile than the price of a fund that is geographically diversified.

Depositary Receipt Risk. Foreign securities also include ADRs, which are U.S. dollar-denominated receipts representing shares of foreign-based corporations. ADRs are issued by U.S. banks or trust companies, and entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares. Foreign securities also include GDRs, which are similar to ADRs, but are shares of foreign-based corporations generally issued by international banks in one or more markets around the world. In addition, foreign securities include EDRs, which are similar to GDRs, but are shares of foreign-based corporations generally issued by European banks that trade on exchanges outside of the bank's home country. Investment in ADRs, GDRs and EDRs may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and GDRs, many of which are issued by companies in emerging markets, may be more volatile.

Currency Risk. The fund's investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies, will subject the fund to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. In either event, the dollar value of an investment in the fund would be adversely affected. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate in response to factors extrinsic to that country's economy, which makes the forecasting of currency market movements extremely difficult. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates; intervention (or failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund; or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. These can result in losses to the fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations. Forward contracts on foreign currencies are not traded on exchanges; rather, a bank or dealer will act as agent or as principal in order to make or take future delivery of a specified lot of a particular currency for the fund's account. The fund is subject to the risk of a counterparty's failure, inability or refusal to perform with respect to such contracts.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may use derivatives to enhance returns or hedge against market declines. Examples of derivatives are options, futures, options on futures and swaps. An option is the right to buy or sell an instrument at a specific price before a specific date. A future is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. A swap is an agreement whereby two parties agree to exchange payment streams calculated in relation to a rate, index, instrument or certain securities and a predetermined amount. The fund's use of derivatives that are subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as liquidity risk and market risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to lack of availability risk, credit risk, leverage risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a derivatives transaction may not fulfill its obligations. Leverage risk is the risk that a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase the fund's volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested.

Liquidity Risk. Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk that market conditions or large shareholder redemptions, which may occur rapidly or unexpectedly, may impact the ability of the fund to meet redemption requests within the required time period. In order to meet such redemption requests, the fund may be forced to sell securities at inopportune times or prices.

Securities Lending Risk. The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** Each fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. Each fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

# Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund

### **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks investment results that correspond generally (before fees and expenses) to the total return of the Russell RAFI Emerging Markets Large Company Index. The fund's investment objective is not fundamental and therefore may be changed by the fund's board of trustees without shareholder approval.

# **More Information About Principal Investment Risks**

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

Market Risk. Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund's investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. Governmental action, including the imposition of trade embargoes or tariffs, may also impact individual companies or markets as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

Investment Style Risk. The fund is an index fund. Therefore, the fund follows the securities included in the index during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market, even though these stocks may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. The index does not weigh securities on the basis of investor protection, limitations or differences in the quality of financial reporting or other oversight mechanisms. Therefore, the fund will follow the securities in the index without consideration of these factors. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index.

At times the segment of the markets represented by the index may underperform other market segments. A significant percentage of the index may be composed of securities in a single industry or sector of the economy. If the fund is focused in an industry or sector, it may present more risks than if it were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. Because of the way the index is composed, the index may perform differently or worse than an index that is based solely on market capitalization.

Index-Related Risk. The index provider does not provide any warranty as to the timeliness, accuracy or completeness of any data relating to the index. Errors relating to the index, including index data, computations and/or construction, may occur from time to time and may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time or at all. Losses resulting from index errors may be borne by the fund and its shareholders.

In addition, market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule which may result in the index and, in turn, the fund experiencing returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal rebalancing schedule.

Market Capitalization Risk. Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. In addition, there may be less trading volume in securities issued by mid- and small-cap companies than those issued by larger companies and, as a result, trading volatility may have a greater impact on the value of securities of mid- and small-cap companies. Securities issued by large-cap companies, on the other hand, may not be able to attain the high growth rates of some mid- and small-cap companies. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

Large-Cap Company Risk. Large-cap companies are generally more mature than smaller companies. They also may have fewer new market opportunities for their products or services, may focus resources on maintaining their market share, and may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. As a result, the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

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Emerging Markets Risk. The risks of foreign investments apply to, and may be heightened in connection with, investments in emerging market countries or securities of issuers that conduct their business in emerging markets. Emerging market countries may be more likely to experience political turmoil or rapid changes in market or economic conditions than more developed countries. Emerging market countries often have less uniformity in accounting, auditing, financial reporting and recordkeeping requirements and greater risk associated with the custody of securities. It is sometimes difficult to obtain and enforce court judgments in such countries. Material information about a company in an emerging market country may be unavailable or unreliable, and U.S. regulators may be unable to enforce a company's regulatory obligations. There is often a greater potential for nationalization, expropriation, confiscatory taxation, government regulation, social instability or diplomatic developments (including war) in emerging market countries, which could adversely affect the economies of, or investments in securities of issuers located in, such countries. In addition, emerging markets are substantially smaller than developed markets, and the financial stability of issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may be more precarious than in developed countries. As a result, there will tend to be an increased risk of illiquidity and price volatility associated with the fund's investments in emerging market countries which may be magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar, and, at times, it may be difficult to value such investments.

Currency Risk. The fund's investments in securities denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies, will subject the fund to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar. In either event, the dollar value of an investment in the fund would be adversely affected. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate in response to factors extrinsic to that country's economy, which makes the forecasting of currency market movements extremely difficult. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates; intervention (or failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund; or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. These can result in losses to the fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations. Forward contracts on foreign currencies are not traded on exchanges; rather, a bank or dealer will act as agent or as principal in order to make or take future delivery of a specified lot of a particular currency for the fund's account. The fund is subject to the risk of a counterparty's failure, inability or refusal to perform with respect to such contracts.

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Securities Lending Risk. The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

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### About the Funds

The funds in this prospectus are index funds and share the same basic investment strategy: each of the funds tracks a Russell RAFI™ Index which is based on the "Fundamental Index" methodology. In contrast to most equity indices, which generally are based on market capitalization, the Russell RAFI™ Index Series selects and weights stocks according to fundamental measures of company size: adjusted sales, retained operating cash flow, and dividends plus buybacks.

This strategy distinguishes a Fundamental Index fund from an "actively managed" mutual fund. Instead of choosing investments for a fund based on portfolio management's judgment, an index is used to determine which securities the fund should own.

Because the composition of an index tends to be comparatively stable, index funds historically have shown low portfolio turnover compared to actively managed funds.

The funds are designed for long-term investors. Their performance will fluctuate over time and, as with all investments, future performance may differ from past performance.

## Portfolio Holdings

The funds may make various types of portfolio securities information available to shareholders. The funds post a detailed list of the securities held by each fund at **www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\_prospectus** (under "Portfolio Holdings") as of month end. This list is generally posted approximately 15-20 days after the end of the month and will remain posted for at least six months. The funds also post in the fund summary section of the funds' website and on fund fact sheets certain summary portfolio attributes, including top ten holdings,

approximately 5-25 days after the end of the calendar quarter or month. The funds may exclude any portion of these portfolio holdings from publication when deemed in the best interest of a fund. Further information regarding the funds' policy and procedures on the disclosure of portfolio holdings is available in the SAI.

# Financial Highlights

This section provides further details about each fund's financial history for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows the percentage that an investor in a fund would have earned or lost during a given period, assuming all distributions were reinvested. The information for fiscal years/periods ended October 31, 2016 through October 31, 2019 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The information for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte). Deloitte's full report is included in each fund's annual report (see back cover).

#### Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund

	11/1/19- 10/31/20	11/1/18- 10/31/19	11/1/17- 10/31/18	11/1/16- 10/31/17	11/1/15- 10/31/16
Per-Share Data					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$17.56	\$17.47	\$16.89	\$15.12	\$15.14
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.35	0.34
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(0.75)	1.08	0.76	2.52	0.44
Total from investment operations	(0.33)	1.50	1.14	2.87	0.78
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.43)	(0.42)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.34)
Distributions from net realized gains	(0.52)	(0.99)	(0.20)	(0.76)	(0.46)
Total distributions	(0.95)	(1.41)	(0.56)	(1.10)	(0.80)
Net asset value at end of period	\$16.28	\$17.56	\$17.47	\$16.89	\$15.12
Total return	(2.33%)	10.56%	6.83%	19.69%	5.61%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.31% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.39%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.35%
Net investment income (loss)	2.57%	2.53%	2.17%	2.19%	2.33%
Portfolio turnover rate	13%	20%	10%	15%	11%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$4,547	\$5,237	\$4,887	\$5,367	\$4,569

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for period ended 10/31/17 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the fund instituted a new fee structure and the contractual expense limitation was terminated.

#### Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund

	11/1/19- 10/31/20	11/1/18- 10/31/19	11/1/17- 10/31/18	11/1/16- 10/31/17	11/1/15- 10/31/16
Per-Share Data					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 13.85	\$14.68	\$15.32	\$12.69	\$12.82
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.17	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.18
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(1.53)	0.32	0.17	2.68	0.43
Total from investment operations	(1.36)	0.52	0.39	2.89	0.61
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.20)	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.18)
Distributions from net realized gains	(0.32)	(1.13)	(0.82)	(0.09)	(0.56)
Total distributions	(0.52)	(1.35)	(1.03)	(0.26)	(0.74)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 11.97	\$13.85	\$14.68	\$15.32	\$12.69
Total return	(10.42%)	5.61%	2.40%	22.94%	5.37%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.33%(2)	0.43%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30%(2)	0.35%
Net investment income (loss)	1.43%	1.50%	1.42%	1.43%	1.50%
Portfolio turnover rate	28%	34%	30%	27%	30%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$ 1,394	\$1,908	\$1,782	\$1,727	\$1,361

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#### Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund

	11/1/19- 10/31/20	11/1/18- 10/31/19	11/1/17- 10/31/18	11/1/16- 10/31/17	11/1/15- 10/31/16
Per-Share Data					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 8.98	\$ 8.69	\$ 9.55	\$ 7.96	\$ 8.19
Income (loss) from investment operations:		·			<u> </u>
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.21	0.30	0.29	0.25	0.24
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(1.35)	0.27	(0.89)	1.59	(0.25)
Total from investment operations	(1.14)	0.57	(0.60)	1.84	(0.01)
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.26)	(0.25)	(0.22)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 7.51	\$ 8.98	\$ 8.69	\$ 9.55	\$ 7.96
Total return	(13.29%)	7.04%	(6.53%)	23.83%	0.07%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.34% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.46%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.29%(2)	0.35%
Net investment income (loss)	2.60%	3.51%	3.10%	2.92%	3.20%
Portfolio turnover rate	14%	28%	13%	11%	18%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$ 966	\$1,327	\$1,349	\$1,372	\$ 971

 $<sup>\,^{(1)}\,</sup>$  Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for period ended 10/31/17 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the fund instituted a new fee structure and the contractual expense limitation was terminated.

#### Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund

	11/1/19- 10/31/20	11/1/18- 10/31/19	11/1/17- 10/31/18	11/1/16- 10/31/17	11/1/15- 10/31/16
Per-Share Data					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$12.57	\$12.67	\$14.58	\$11.93	\$11.25
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.22	0.29	0.33	0.27	0.25
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(0.97)	0.25	(1.70)	2.67	0.66
Total from investment operations	(0.75)	0.54	(1.37)	2.94	0.91
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.36)	(0.30)	(0.34)	(0.29)	(0.23)
Distributions from net realized gains	_	(0.34)	(0.20)	_	_
Total distributions	(0.36)	(0.64)	(0.54)	(0.29)	(0.23)
Net asset value at end of period	\$11.46	\$12.57	\$12.67	\$14.58	\$11.93
Total return	(6.28%)	5.13%	(9.79%)	25.23%	8.29%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.48% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.68%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.43%(2)	0.49%
Net investment income (loss)	1.89%	2.44%	2.30%	2.04%	2.24%
Portfolio turnover rate	25%	38%	26%	21%	40%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$ 577	\$ 775	\$ 763	\$ 749	\$ 476

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for period ended 10/31/17 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the fund instituted a new fee structure and the contractual expense limitation was terminated.

#### Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund

	11/1/19- 10/31/20	11/1/18- 10/31/19	11/1/17- 10/31/18	11/1/16- 10/31/17	11/1/15- 10/31/16
Per-Share Data					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 9.25	\$ 8.60	\$ 9.38	\$ 7.86	\$ 6.67
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.27	0.35	0.27	0.22	0.16
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(1.65)	0.54	(0.83)	1.47	1.22
Total from investment operations	(1.38)	0.89	(0.56)	1.69	1.38
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.36)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.19)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 7.51	\$ 9.25	\$ 8.60	\$ 9.38	\$ 7.86
Total return	(15.68%)	10.73%	(6.09%)	21.96%	21.64%
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.57% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.88%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.43% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.49%
Net investment income (loss)	3.32%	3.93%	2.92%	2.62%	2.41%
Portfolio turnover rate	32%	38%	19%	18%	20%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$ 550	\$ 671	\$ 548	\$ 554	\$ 336

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective May 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for period ended 10/31/17 is a blended ratio.

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# Fund Management

The investment adviser for the funds is Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. (CSIM), 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. CSIM was founded in 1989 and as of December 31, 2020, managed approximately \$586.7 billion in assets.

As the investment adviser, CSIM oversees the asset management and administration of the funds. As compensation for these services, CSIM receives a management fee from each fund. For the 12 months ended October 31, 2020, these fees were 0.25% for the Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund, 0.25% for the Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund, 0.25% for the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, 0.39% for the Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund and 0.39% for the Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund. These figures, which are expressed as a percentage of each fund's average daily net assets, represent the actual amounts paid.

Pursuant to an Amended and Restated Investment Advisory and Administration Agreement (Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement) between CSIM and each fund, CSIM pays the operating expenses of each fund, excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, any brokerage expenses, and extraordinary or non-routine expenses.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of each fund's Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement is available in each fund's 2020 annual report which covers the period November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

Christopher Bliss, CFA, Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, leads the portfolio management team for Schwab's passive equity mutual funds and ETFs. He also has overall responsibility for all aspects of the management of the funds. Before joining CSIM in 2016, Mr. Bliss spent 12 years at BlackRock (formerly Barclays Global Investors) managing and leading institutional index teams, most recently as a managing director and the head of the Americas institutional index team. Prior to BlackRock, he worked as an equity analyst and portfolio manager for Harris Bretall and before that, as a research analyst for JP Morgan.

Jeremy Brown, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund and Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2017, Mr. Brown spent six years with ALPS Advisors, Inc. in Denver, most recently as a senior analyst on the ETF portfolio management and research team where he performed portfolio management, trading and analytics/research functions for ALPS ETFs and passive funds. Additionally, Mr. Brown led a number of investment research, commentary, industry trend analysis, and sales and marketing support initiatives.

Chuck Craig, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund, and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2012, Mr. Craig worked at Guggenheim Funds (formerly Claymore Group), where he spent more than five years as a managing director of portfolio management and supervision, and three years as vice president of product research and development. Prior to that, he worked as an equity research analyst at First Trust Portfolios (formerly Niké Securities), and a trader and analyst at PMA Securities, Inc.

Paul Holmquist, CFA, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund, and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund. Mr. Holmquist previously worked on CSIM's performance team for four years. Prior to joining CSIM in 2011, Mr. Holmquist worked for two years as a registered representative for Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Prior to that, he worked as an analyst for the Portland House Research Group for two years.

Ferian Juwono, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund and Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2010, Mr. Juwono worked at BlackRock (formerly Barclays Global Investors), where he spent more than three years as a portfolio manager, managing equity index funds for institutional clients, and two years as a senior business analyst. Prior to that, Mr. Juwono worked for more than four years as a senior financial analyst with Union Bank of California.

Jane Qin, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund, and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2012, Ms. Qin spent more than four years at The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. During that time, Ms. Qin spent more than two years as an associate equity portfolio manager and nearly two years as a performance analyst. She also worked at Wells Fargo Funds Management as a mutual fund analyst and at CIGNA Reinsurance in the risk management group as a risk analyst.

David Rios, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund, and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund. Prior to this role, Mr. Rios was an associate portfolio manager on the Schwab equity index strategies team for four years. His first role with CSIM was as a trade operations specialist. Prior to joining CSIM in 2008, Mr. Rios was a senior fund accountant at Investors Bank & Trust (subsequently acquired by State Street Corporation).

**Sabya Sinha,** Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the Schwab Fundamental US Large Company Index Fund and Schwab Fundamental US Small Company Index Fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2015, Mr. Sinha spent a year at F-Squared Investments on the product development and analytics team. Prior to F-Squared, he worked at IndexIQ Advisors as a senior index portfolio manager for three years and for Bank of America's Columbia Management subsidiary as a portfolio manager for three years.

Additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in each fund is available in the SAI.

# Investing in the Funds

In this section, you will find information on buying, selling and exchanging shares. Investors may only invest in the funds through an intermediary by placing orders through your brokerage account at Schwab or an account with another broker/dealer, investment adviser, 401(k) plan, employee benefit plan, administrator, bank, or other financial intermediary (intermediary) that is authorized to accept orders on behalf of a fund (intermediary orders). No new accounts can be opened directly with the funds' transfer agent. Eligible Shareholders (as defined herein) who purchased fund shares prior to October 2, 2017 directly from, and continue to hold such shares directly through, the funds' transfer agent may continue to place additional purchase, exchange or redemption orders through the funds' transfer agent (direct orders). You also will see how to choose a distribution option for your investment. Helpful information on taxes is included as well.

The funds generally are not registered for sale in jurisdictions outside the United States and are intended for purchase by persons residing in the United States. A person is considered resident in the United States if at the time of the investment (i) the account has an address of record in the United States or a U.S. territory (including APO/FPO/DPO) and (ii) all account owners are resident in the United States or a U.S. territory and have a valid U.S. taxpayer identification number. If an existing account is updated to reflect a non-U.S. address, the account may be restricted from making additional investments.

# Investing Through a Financial Intermediary

#### **Placing Orders Through Your Intermediary**

When you place orders through Schwab or other intermediary, you are not placing your orders directly with the funds, and you must follow Schwab's or the other intermediary's transaction procedures. Your intermediary may impose different or additional conditions than the funds on purchases, redemptions and exchanges of fund shares. These differences may include initial, subsequent and maintenance investment requirements, exchange policies, fund choices, cut-off times for investment and trading restrictions. Your intermediary may independently establish and charge its customers transaction fees, account fees and other fees in addition to the fees charged by the funds, and the intermediary may require its customers to pay a commission when transacting in fund shares. These additional fees will vary between intermediaries and may vary over time and would increase the cost of your investment and lower investment returns. You should consult your intermediary directly for information regarding these conditions and fees. The funds are not responsible for the failure of your intermediary to carry out its responsibilities.

Only certain intermediaries are authorized to accept orders on behalf of a fund. If your fund shares are no longer held by an authorized intermediary, a fund may impose restrictions on your ability to manage or maintain your shares. For example, you will not be able to place orders to purchase additional shares. To remove these restrictions, you may move your shares to Schwab or another intermediary that is authorized to accept fund orders.

#### **Buying, Selling and Exchanging Shares Through an Intermediary**

To purchase, redeem or exchange shares held in your Schwab account or in your account at another intermediary, you must place your orders with the intermediary that holds your shares. You may not purchase, redeem or exchange shares held in your intermediary account directly with a fund.

When selling or exchanging shares, you should be aware of the following fund policies:

- For accounts held through a financial intermediary, each fund typically expects to pay sale proceeds to the financial intermediary for
  payment to redeeming shareholders within two business days following receipt of a shareholder redemption order; however, each fund
  may take up to seven days to pay sale proceeds.
- Each fund reserves the right to honor redemptions in liquid portfolio securities instead of cash when your redemptions over a 90-day period exceed \$250,000 or 1% of the fund's assets, whichever is less. You may incur transaction expenses and taxable gains in converting these securities to cash. In addition, a redemption in liquid portfolio securities would be treated as a taxable event for you and may result in the recognition of gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.
- Exchange orders are limited to Schwab Funds (that are not Sweep Investments®) and Laudus Funds, and must meet the minimum investment and other requirements for the fund and share class, if applicable, into which you are exchanging.
- You should obtain and read the prospectus for the fund into which you are exchanging prior to placing your order.

## Investing Directly with the Funds

#### **Investor Eligibility Requirements for Placing Direct Orders**

Investors may not purchase shares directly from the funds' transfer agent, DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc. Eligible Shareholders (as defined below) who previously purchased fund shares directly from, and continue to hold such shares directly through, the transfer agent may continue to place additional purchase orders in the same account(s) directly with the transfer agent. Prior to October 2, 2017, Eligible Shareholders that could purchase shares directly from the transfer agent included, but were not limited to, qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans (including but not limited to defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans and 401(k) plans), foundations and endowments, banks, trusts, investment companies and corporate capital and cash management accounts. Eligible Shareholders may also be shareholders who received shares of a Schwab Fund as a result of a reorganization of a fund. The funds reserve the right to accept direct purchases from Eligible Shareholders and to suspend the privilege of purchasing additional shares of the funds at any time.

#### **Additional Direct Purchases by Wire**

Subject to acceptance by a fund, only Eligible Shareholders may make additional purchases of a fund's shares in the same account(s) by wiring federal funds to the transfer agent. You must call the transfer agent at 1-800-407-0256 prior to the close of a fund (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time or the close of the NYSE, whichever is earlier) to place your order and to receive wire instructions. Orders received by the transfer agent in good order on or prior to the close of a fund will be processed at the net asset value per share of the fund for that day. Your wired funds must be received and accepted by the transfer agent prior to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time or the deadline for the Fedwire Funds Service for initiating third party transfers, whichever is earlier, on the day your purchase order is placed. Please call the transfer agent at 1-800-407-0256 if you have any questions or need additional information. The funds reserve the right to suspend the privilege of direct purchase of additional shares of the funds at any time.

#### **Additional Direct Purchases by Mail**

Subject to acceptance by a fund, only Eligible Shareholders may make additional purchases of a fund's shares in the same account(s) by mail. Additional investments may be made at any time by mailing a check (payable to Schwab Funds) to the transfer agent at DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647. Be sure to include your account number on your check. The funds reserve the right to suspend the privilege of direct purchase of additional shares of the funds at any time.

Subject to acceptance by a fund, payment for the purchase of shares received by mail will be credited to a shareholder's account at the net asset value per share of the fund next determined after receipt, even though the check may not yet have been converted into federal funds. For purposes of calculating the purchase price of fund shares, a purchase order is received by a fund on the day that it is in good order unless it is rejected by the fund's transfer agent. For a cash purchase order of fund shares to be in good order on a particular day, a check must be received on or before the close of a fund (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time or the close of the NYSE, whichever is earlier) on that day. If the payment is received by a fund after the deadline, the purchase price of fund shares will be based upon the next determination of net asset value of fund shares. No currency, third party checks, foreign checks, starter checks, credit card checks, traveler's checks or money orders will be accepted by a fund.

#### **Direct Redemptions and Exchanges**

Eligible Shareholders may continue to exchange and redeem shares held directly with the fund's transfer agent. When selling or exchanging shares directly, you should be aware of the following fund policies:

- Each fund typically expects to pay sale proceeds by wire, ACH, or by mailing a check, to redeeming shareholders within two business days following receipt of a shareholder redemption order; however, each fund may take up to seven days to pay sale proceeds.
- Each fund reserves the right to honor redemptions in liquid portfolio securities instead of cash when your redemptions over a 90-day period exceed \$250,000 or 1% of the fund's assets, whichever is less. You may incur transaction expenses and taxable gains in converting these securities to cash. In addition, a redemption in liquid portfolio securities would be treated as a taxable event for you and may result in the recognition of gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.
- Exchange orders are limited to Schwab Funds (that are not Sweep Investments) and Laudus Funds, and must meet the minimum
  investment and other requirements for the fund and share class, if applicable, into which you are exchanging.
- You should obtain and read the prospectus for the fund into which you are exchanging prior to placing your order.

#### **Direct Redemptions by Telephone**

If you authorized the telephone redemption option in the account application, you may place a redemption order by calling the transfer agent at 1-800-407-0256 and requesting that the redemption proceeds be wired per the authorized instructions in the account application or mailed to the primary registration address. Your redemption order will be processed at the net asset value per share of the fund next

determined after receipt of your telephone redemption order by the transfer agent. Please note that the transfer agent may only act on telephone instructions believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. The transfer agent's records of such instructions are binding on the shareholder. The funds and their service providers (including the transfer agent, Schwab and CSIM) are not responsible for any losses or costs that may arise from following telephone instructions that the transfer agent reasonably believes to be genuine. The transfer agent will employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions communicated are genuine. These procedures include tape recording of telephone instructions and requiring some form of personal identification prior to acting upon instructions received by telephone.

#### **Direct Redemptions by Mail**

You may redeem your fund shares by mail by sending a request letter to the funds' transfer agent at DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647. Your redemption request will be processed by a fund at the net asset value per share of the fund next determined after the request is received in good order. To be in good order, the redemption request must include the name of the fund and the number of shares or the dollar amount to be redeemed, all required signatures and authorizations and any required signature guarantees.

#### **Additional Direct Redemption Information**

To protect you, the funds and their service providers from fraud, signature guarantees may be required to enable the transfer agent to verify the identity of the person who has authorized a redemption from an account. Signature guarantees are required for (1) redemptions where the proceeds are to be sent to someone other than the registered shareholder(s) at the registered address, (2) redemptions if your account address has changed within the last 10 business days, (3) share transfer requests, and (4) redemptions where the proceeds are wired in connection with bank instructions not already on file with the transfer agent. Signature guarantees may be obtained from certain eligible financial institutions, including, but not limited to, the following: U.S. banks, trust companies, credit unions, securities brokers and dealers, savings and loan associations and participants in the Securities and Transfer Association Medallion Program (STAMP), the Stock Exchange Medallion Program (SEMP) or the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program (MSP). Signature guarantees from non-U.S. banks that do not include a stamp may require a U.S. consulate stamp. You may contact the transfer agent at 1-800-407-0256 for further details.

#### **Direct Exchange Privileges**

Exchange orders are limited to Schwab Funds (that are not Sweep Investments) and Laudus Funds, and must meet the minimum investment and other requirements for the fund and share class, if applicable, into which you are exchanging. Further, you should obtain and read the prospectus for the fund into which you are exchanging prior to placing your order. A new account opened by exchange must be established with the same name(s), address(es) and tax identification number(s) as the existing account. All exchanges will be made based on the respective net asset values next determined following receipt of the request by a fund containing the information indicated below.

The funds reserve the right to suspend the privilege of exchanging shares of the funds by mail or by telephone at any time. The funds further reserve the right to materially modify or terminate the exchange privilege upon 60 days' written notice to shareholders.

#### **Direct Exchanges by Telephone**

If you authorized the telephone redemption option in the account application, you may exchange fund shares by telephone by calling the funds' transfer agent at 1-800-407-0256. Please be prepared to provide the following information: (a) the account number, tax identification number and account registration; (b) the class of shares to be exchanged (if applicable); (c) the name of the fund from which and the fund into which the exchange is to be made; and (d) the dollar or share amount to be exchanged. Please note that the transfer agent may act only on telephone instructions believed by the transfer agent to be genuine. Please see the section entitled "Direct Redemptions by Telephone" for more information regarding transacting with the funds' transfer agent via telephone.

#### **Direct Exchanges by Mail**

To exchange fund shares by mail, simply send a letter of instruction to the funds' transfer agent at DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., Attn: Schwab Funds, P.O. Box 219647, Kansas City, MO 64121-9647. The letter of instruction must include: (a) your account number; (b) the class of shares to be exchanged (if applicable); (c) the fund from and the fund into which the exchange is to be made; (d) the dollar or share amount to be exchanged; and (e) the signatures of all registered owners or authorized parties.

### **Share Price**

The funds are open for business each day that the NYSE is open. Each fund calculates its share price each business day as of the close of the NYSE (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or 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 prices as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day. A fund's share price is its net asset value per share, or NAV, which is the fund's net assets divided by the number of its shares outstanding. Orders received by a fund in good order at or prior to the close of the fund (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) will be executed at the next share price calculated that day.

If you place an order through your Schwab account or an account at another intermediary, please consult with your intermediary to determine when your order will be executed. Generally, you will receive the share price next calculated after the fund receives your order from your intermediary. However, some intermediaries, such as Schwab, may arrange with the fund for you to receive the share price next calculated after your intermediary has received your order. Some intermediaries may require that they receive orders prior to a specified cut-off time.

In valuing its securities, a fund uses market quotes or official closing prices if they are readily available. In cases where quotes are not readily available or the investment adviser deems them unreliable, a fund may value securities based on fair values developed using methods approved by the fund's Board of Trustees.

Shareholders of Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund should be aware that because foreign markets are often open on weekends and other days when the fund is closed, the value of the fund's portfolio may change on days when it is not possible to buy or sell shares of the fund.

# Additional Policies Affecting Your Investment

#### Each fund reserves certain rights, including the following:

- To materially modify or terminate the exchange privilege upon 60 days' written notice to shareholders.
- To change or waive a fund's investment minimums.
- To suspend the right to sell shares back to the fund, and delay sending proceeds, during times when trading on the NYSE is restricted or halted, or otherwise as permitted by the SEC.
- To withdraw or suspend any part of the offering made by this prospectus.

#### **Minimum Investment**

None

#### **Options for Fund Distributions**

Choose an option for fund distributions. If you are an Eligible Shareholder who previously placed direct orders with a fund's transfer agent, you had one of the three options described below for fund distributions. If you did not indicate a choice, you received the first option. If you are placing orders through an intermediary, you will select from the options for fund distributions provided by your intermediary, which may be different than those provided by the funds to Eligible Shareholders. You should consult with your financial intermediary to discuss available options.

Option	Feature
Reinvestment	All dividends and capital gains distributions are invested automatically in shares of the fund.
Cash/reinvestment mix	You receive payment for dividends, while any capital gains distributions are invested in shares of the fund.
Cash	You receive payment for all dividends and capital gains distributions.

#### **Payments by the Investment Adviser or its Affiliates**

The investment adviser or its affiliates make payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain brokerage firms, banks, insurance companies, retirement plan service providers and other financial intermediaries that perform shareholder, recordkeeping, sub-accounting and other administrative services in connection with investments in fund shares. The investment adviser or its affiliates also make payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain financial intermediaries in connection with certain activities or services which may facilitate, directly or indirectly, investment in the funds. These payments may relate to marketing and/or fund promotion activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development and support of technology platforms and/or reporting systems, data analytics and support, or making shares of the funds available to their customers. These payments, which may be significant, are paid by the investment adviser or its affiliates out of their own resources and not from the assets of the funds.

Payments to a financial intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between the intermediary and its clients as the payments may provide such intermediary with an incentive to favor sales of shares of the funds over other investment options they make available to their customers. Please see the SAI for additional information.

#### **Policy Regarding Short-Term or Excessive Trading**

The funds are intended for long-term investment and not for short-term or excessive trading (collectively market timing). Market timing may adversely impact the funds' performance by disrupting the efficient management of the funds, increasing fund transaction costs and taxes, causing the funds to maintain higher cash balances, and diluting the value of the funds' shares.

To discourage market timing, the funds' Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to reduce the risk of market timing by fund shareholders. Each fund seeks to deter market timing through several methods. These methods may include fair value pricing and trade activity monitoring. Fair value pricing is discussed more thoroughly in the subsequent pages of this prospectus and is considered an element of the funds' policy regarding short-term or excessive trading. Trade activity monitoring is risk based and seeks to identify patterns of activity in amounts that might be detrimental to the funds. Certain trading activity will not be treated as short-term or excessive trading, such as transactions involving in-kind purchases or redemptions of shares of a fund.

The funds and their service providers maintain risk-based surveillance procedures designed to detect market timing in fund shares in amounts that might be detrimental to the fund. Under these procedures, the funds have requested that service providers to the funds monitor transactional activity in amounts and frequency determined by each fund to be significant to the fund and in a pattern of activity that potentially could be detrimental to the fund. Generally, excessive trading activity in a fund is measured by the number of roundtrip transactions in a shareholder's account. A roundtrip transaction occurs when a shareholder completes a purchase of shares and then sells the same fund's shares (including exchanges). If an investor engages in multiple roundtrips in a fund within a 60-day period or the fund, in its sole discretion based on these or other factors, determines that a shareholder has engaged in market timing, it may refuse to process future purchases or exchanges into such fund by that shareholder for a period of 90 days. Subsequent violations within a 12-month period will be evaluated to determine whether a permanent block is appropriate. These procedures may be modified from time to time as appropriate to improve the detection of market timing and to comply with applicable laws.

If trades are effected through a financial intermediary, each fund or its service providers will work with the intermediary to monitor possible market timing activity. The funds reserve the right to request that the intermediary provide certain shareholder transaction information to the funds and may require the intermediary to restrict the shareholder from future purchases or exchanges in the funds. Transactions by fund shareholders investing through intermediaries may also be subject to the restrictions of the intermediary's own frequent trading policies, which may differ from those of the funds. Each fund may defer to an intermediary's frequent trading policies with respect to those shareholders who invest in the fund through such intermediary if the fund determines that the intermediary's frequent trading policies are reasonably designed to deter transactional activity in amounts and frequency that are deemed to be significant to the fund and in a pattern of activity that potentially could be detrimental to the fund. Shareholders should consult with their intermediary to determine if additional frequent trading restrictions apply to their fund transactions. A fund's ability to impose restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Although these methods are designed to discourage market timing, there can be no guarantee that the funds will be able to identify and restrict investors that engage in such activities. In addition, some of these methods are inherently subjective and involve judgment in their application. Each fund and its service providers seek to make these judgments and applications uniformly and in a manner that they believe is consistent with interests of the fund's long-term shareholders. The funds may amend these policies and procedures without prior notice in response to changing regulatory requirements or to enhance the effectiveness of the program.

The funds reserve the right to restrict, reject or cancel within a reasonable time, without prior notice, any purchase or exchange order for any reason.

#### **Fair Value Pricing**

The Board of Trustees has adopted procedures to fair value the funds' securities when market prices are not "readily available" or are unreliable. For example, a fund may fair value a security when a security is de-listed or its trading is halted or suspended; when a security's primary pricing source is unable or unwilling to provide a price; when a security's primary trading market is closed during regular market hours; or when a security's value is materially affected by events occurring after the close of the security's primary trading market.

By fair valuing securities whose prices may have been affected by events occurring after the close of trading, the funds seek to establish prices that investors might expect to realize upon the current sales of these securities. This methodology is designed to deter "arbitrage" market timers, who seek to exploit delays between the change in the value of a fund's portfolio holdings and the net asset value of its shares, and seeks to help ensure that the prices at which the fund's shares are purchased and redeemed are fair and do not result in dilution of shareholder interest or other harm to shareholders.

Each fund makes fair value determinations in good faith in accordance with the fund's valuation procedures. Due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, there can be no assurance that a fund could obtain the fair value assigned to the security upon the sale of such security.

#### **Methods to Meet Redemptions**

Under normal market conditions, each fund expects to meet redemption orders by using holdings of cash/cash equivalents or by the sale of portfolio investments. In unusual or stressed market conditions or as CSIM determines appropriate, each fund may borrow through the fund's bank lines of credit or through the fund's interfund lending facility to meet redemption requests. Each fund may also utilize its custodian overdraft facility to meet redemptions, if necessary. As noted above, each fund also reserves the right to honor redemptions in liquid portfolio securities instead of cash when your redemptions over a 90-day period exceed \$250,000 or 1% of the fund's assets, whichever is less. You may be subject to market risk and you may incur transaction expenses and taxable gains in converting the securities to cash. In addition, a redemption in liquid portfolio securities would be treated as a taxable event for you and may result in the recognition of gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Large Shareholder Redemptions**

Certain accounts or Schwab affiliates may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of a fund's shares. Redemptions by these shareholders of their holdings in a fund may impact the fund's liquidity and NAV. These redemptions may also force a fund to sell securities, which may negatively impact the fund's brokerage costs.

#### **Customer Identification and Verification and Anti-Money Laundering Program**

Customer identification and verification is part of each fund's overall obligation to deter money laundering under federal law. Each fund has adopted an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program designed to prevent the fund from being used for money laundering or the financing of terrorist activities. In this regard, the funds reserve the right to (i) refuse, cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order; (ii) freeze any account and/or suspend account services; or (iii) involuntarily close your account in cases of threatening conduct or suspected fraudulent or illegal activity. These actions will be taken when, in the sole discretion of fund management, they are deemed to be in the best interest of a fund or in cases when a fund is requested or compelled to do so by governmental or law enforcement authority. If your account is closed at the request of governmental or law enforcement authority, you may not receive proceeds of the redemption if a fund is required to withhold such proceeds.

Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. When you open your account, you will have to provide your name, address, date of birth, identification number and other information that will allow your financial intermediary to identify you. This information is subject to verification to ensure the identity of all persons opening an account.

Your financial intermediary is required by law to reject your new account application if the required identifying information is not provided. Your financial intermediary may contact you in an attempt to collect any missing information required on the application, and your application may be rejected if they are unable to obtain this information. In certain instances, your financial intermediary is required to collect documents that will be used solely to establish and verify your identity.

Each fund reserves the right to close and/or liquidate your account at the then-current day's price if the fund or your financial intermediary is unable to verify your identity. As a result, you may be subject to a gain or loss on fund shares and will be subject to corresponding tax consequences.

### Distributions and Taxes

Any investment in a fund typically involves several tax considerations. The information below is meant as a general summary for U.S. citizens and residents. Please see the SAI for additional information. Because each person's tax situation is different, you should consult your tax advisor about the tax implications of your investment in a fund. You also can visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at www.irs.gov.

As a shareholder, you are entitled to your share of the dividends and gains a fund earns. Every year, each fund distributes to its shareholders substantially all of its net investment income and net capital gains, if any. These distributions typically are paid in December to all shareholders of record. During the fourth quarter of the year, typically in early November, an estimate of each fund's capital gains distribution, if any, may be made available on the funds' website: **www.schwabfunds.com.** 

Unless you are investing through an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement or savings account, your fund distributions generally have tax consequences. Each fund's net investment income and short-term capital gains are distributed as dividends and will be taxable as ordinary income or qualified dividend income. Other capital gains distributions are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how

long you have held your shares in a fund. The maximum individual rate applicable to "qualified dividend income" and long-term capital gains is generally either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. Distributions generally are taxable in the tax year in which they are declared, whether you reinvest them or take them in cash.

Generally, any sale or exchange of your shares is a taxable event. For tax purposes, an exchange of your shares for shares of another Schwab Fund or the Laudus International MarketMasters Fund is treated the same as a sale. A sale may result in a capital gain or loss for you. The gain or loss generally will be treated as short term if you held the shares for one year or less, long term if you held the shares longer. The maximum individual rate applicable to long-term capital gains is generally either 15% or 20%, depending on whether the individual's income exceeds certain threshold amounts. Any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term, rather than short-term, to the extent of any long-term capital gains distributions received (or deemed received) by you with respect to the shares. All or a portion of any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of shares will be disallowed if you purchase other substantially identical shares within 30 days before or after the disposition. In such a case, the basis of the newly purchased shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gains distributions received from a fund and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of fund shares) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds a threshold amount.

Shareholders in the Schwab Fundamental International Large Company Index Fund, Schwab Fundamental International Small Company Index Fund and Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index Fund may have additional tax considerations as a result of foreign tax payments made by the funds. Typically, these payments will reduce the fund's dividends but if eligible, the fund may elect for these payments to be included in your taxable income. In such event, you may be able to claim a tax credit or deduction for your portion of foreign taxes paid by the fund.

At the beginning of every year, the funds provide shareholders with information detailing the tax status of any distributions a fund paid during the previous calendar year. Schwab customers also receive information on distributions and transactions in their monthly account statements.

Prior to January 1, 2012, when shareholders sold fund shares from a taxable account, they typically received information on their tax forms that calculated their gain or loss using the average cost method. This information was not previously reported to the IRS, and shareholders had the option of calculating gains or losses using an alternative IRS permitted method. However, in accordance with legislation passed by Congress in 2008, each fund reports cost basis information to the IRS for shares purchased on or after January 1, 2012 and sold thereafter. Shareholders elect their preferred cost basis method; however, in the absence of an election, a fund will use an average cost basis method. Please consult your tax adviser to determine the appropriate cost basis method for your particular tax situation and to learn more about how the new cost basis reporting laws apply to you and your investments, including investments made prior to January 1, 2012 and sold thereafter.

A fund may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax on all taxable distributions and redemption proceeds payable to shareholders if the shareholders fail to provide the funds with their correct taxpayer identification number or to make required certifications, or if they have been notified by the IRS that they are subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against U.S. federal income tax liability.

Foreign shareholders may be subject to different U.S. federal income tax treatment, including withholding tax at the rate of 30% (unless a lower treaty rate applies) on amounts treated as ordinary dividends from the funds, as discussed in more detail in the SAI. Furthermore, each fund is required to withhold U.S. tax (at a 30% rate) on payments of taxable dividends made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to the funds to enable the funds to determine whether withholding is required.

## Schwab Fundamental Index Funds

#### To Learn More

This prospectus contains important information on the funds and should be read and kept for reference. You also can obtain more information from the following sources:

Annual and semiannual reports, which are sent to current fund investors, contain more information about the funds' holdings and detailed financial information about the funds. Annual reports also contain information from the funds' manager(s) about strategies, recent market conditions and trends and their impact on fund performance during the funds' last fiscal period.

The **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)** includes a more detailed discussion of investment policies and the risks associated with various investments. The SAI is incorporated by reference into the prospectus, making it legally part of the prospectus.

For a free copy of any of these documents or to request other information or ask questions about the funds, call Schwab Funds at 1-877-824-5615. In addition, you may visit the Schwab Funds' website at www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\_prospectus for a free copy of a prospectus, SAI or an annual or semiannual report.

The SAI, the funds' annual and semiannual reports and other related materials are available from the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). You can obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by sending a request by e-mail to publicinfo@sec.gov.

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