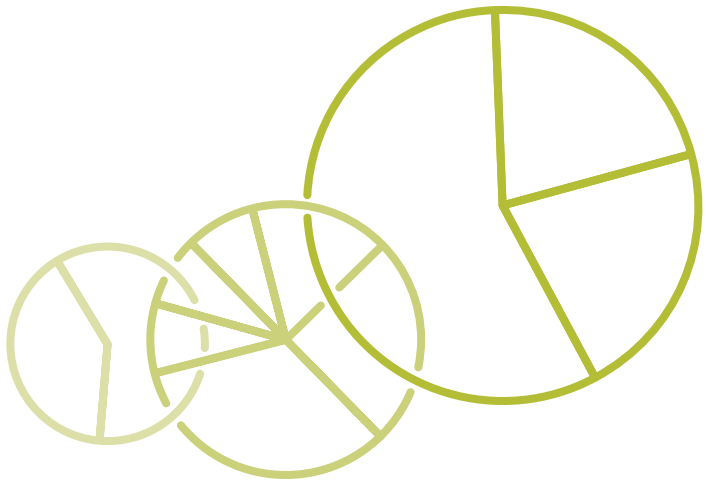




## ANNUAL REPORT

# AB FLEXFEE™ US THEMATIC PORTFOLIO



As of January 1, 2021, as permitted by new regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are no longer sent by mail, unless you specifically requested paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports are made available on a website, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website address to access the report.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the Fund electronically at any time by contacting your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank) or, if you are a direct investor, by calling the Fund at (800) 221 5672.

You may elect to receive all future reports in paper form free of charge. If you invest through a financial intermediary, you can contact your financial intermediary to request that you continue to receive paper copies of your shareholder reports; if you invest directly with the Fund, you can call the Fund at (800) 221 5672. Your election to receive reports in paper form will apply to all funds held in your account with your financial intermediary or, if you invest directly, to all AB Mutual Funds you hold.

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**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. For copies of our prospectus or summary prospectus, which contain this and other information, visit us online at [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com) or contact your AB representative. Please read the prospectus and/or summary prospectus carefully before investing.**

This shareholder report must be preceded or accompanied by the Fund's prospectus for individuals who are not current shareholders of the Fund.

You may obtain a description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, and information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, without charge. Simply visit AB's website at [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com), or go to the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "Commission") website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or call AB at (800) 227 4618.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund's Forms N-PORT may also be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC; information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC 0330. AB publishes full portfolio holdings for the Fund monthly at [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com).

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Shareholder,

We're pleased to provide this report for the AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio (the "Fund"). Please review the discussion of Fund performance, the market conditions during the reporting period and the Fund's investment strategy.

As always, AB strives to keep clients ahead of what's next by:

- + Transforming uncommon insights into uncommon knowledge with a global research scope
- + Navigating markets with seasoned investment experience and sophisticated solutions
- + Providing thoughtful investment insights and actionable ideas

Whether you're an individual investor or a multi-billion-dollar institution, we put knowledge and experience to work for you.

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Thank you for your investment in the AB Mutual Funds.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Keith  
President and Chief Executive Officer, AB Mutual Funds

## ANNUAL REPORT

### February 11, 2021

This report provides management's discussion of fund performance for AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio for the annual reporting period ended December 31, 2020.

**The Fund's investment objective is long-term growth of capital.**

#### NAV RETURNS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 (unaudited)

	6 Months	12 Months
<b>AB FLEXFEE US THEMATIC PORTFOLIO</b>		
Advisor Class Shares	28.93%	37.34%
S&P 500 Index	22.16%	18.40%

**Please keep in mind that high, double-digit returns are highly unusual and cannot be sustained. Investors should also be aware that these returns were primarily achieved during favorable market conditions.**

### INVESTMENT RESULTS

The table above shows the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark, the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index, for the six- and 12-month periods ended December 31, 2020.

The Fund outperformed the benchmark for both periods. The Fund's performance-based advisory fee was accrued at its maximum rate for the performance period from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

During the 12-month period, security selection contributed, relative to the benchmark, particularly within the technology and health-care sectors; selection within communication services and real estate detracted. Sector selection also added to returns, led by an underweight to energy and an overweight to technology; cash held for transactional purposes and an underweight to communication services detracted. From a theme perspective, Climate was the top performer, followed by Empowerment and Health.

For the six-month period, security selection contributed, led by selection within technology and health care, while selection within the materials and real estate sectors detracted. Overall sector selection detracted, mainly due to cash held for transactional purposes and an overweight to health care; an underweight to energy and an overweight to industrials contributed. From a theme perspective, the Climate theme led performance, followed by Empowerment and Health.

Efforts to stem climate change are gaining momentum around the world. The Climate theme consists of companies that improve overall resource

efficiency and provide environmentally positive solutions in fields such as energy production, manufacturing, construction, transportation, agriculture and sanitation. Improving health is an important theme for developed and emerging markets alike. The Health theme consists of companies that develop innovative health treatments and therapies, broaden access to high-quality and affordable care, ensure a steady supply of nutritious food and clean water, and promote overall physical and emotional well-being. Too many sectors of society are marginalized by economic and social forces. The Empowerment theme consists of companies that provide the physical, financial and technological infrastructure and services that allow more people to gain control of their lives by enabling sustainable economic development, employment growth, poverty eradication, knowledge sharing and social inclusion.

The Fund did not utilize derivatives during either period.

## MARKET REVIEW AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

US equities recorded positive returns for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2020, erasing losses from lows reached in late March when the COVID-19 pandemic triggered a sharp decline. During the early stages of the recovery, global economies rebounded from record GDP contractions, supported by extensive monetary and fiscal stimulus, expedited vaccine development, and improving economic data. Favorable news about the efficacy of coronavirus vaccination candidates helped offset market volatility prompted by an inability to control the spread of the virus in many countries, a potentially contested US presidential election and lack of additional US fiscal stimulus. At the end of the period—despite surging infection rates and the emergence of a seemingly more transmissible strain of the virus—optimism over the start of vaccine distribution, clarity following the US elections, and passage of both a US relief package and a post-Brexit trade deal fueled a broad-based rally. For the 12-month period, large-cap stocks, led by US technology companies, narrowly outperformed small-cap stocks, while growth stocks outperformed value stocks significantly in both the large- and small-cap categories.

This backdrop bodes well for active management. Increased dispersion in equity returns can lead to more opportunities while supporting a premium for companies that have their own growth drivers. Given the expected volatility, the Fund's Senior Investment Management Team (the "Team") plans to take advantage of price dislocations that are presented in the market. The Team continues to maintain a balanced exposure to long-term secular investment themes. The Fund's top-down approach is complemented by seeking attractive bottom-up fundamentals, with a focus on robust organic sales and earnings growth along with high returns on invested capital. The Team believes that this combination will continue to drive long-term performance versus the benchmark, in the face of moderate economic growth and high market volatility.

## INVESTMENT POLICIES

The Fund pursues opportunistic growth by investing primarily in a portfolio of US companies. Under normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of US companies and related derivatives.

The Adviser employs a combination of “top-down” and “bottom-up” investment processes with the goal of identifying the most attractive US securities, fitting into broader themes, which are developments that have broad effects across industries and companies. Drawing on its fundamental research capabilities, the Adviser seeks to identify long-term secular growth trends (often resulting from innovation) that will affect multiple industries. The Adviser will assess the effects of these trends on entire industries and on individual companies. Through this process, the Adviser intends to identify key investment themes, which will be the focus of the Fund’s investments and which are expected to change over time based on the Adviser’s research.

In addition to this “top-down” thematic approach, the Adviser will also use a “bottom-up” analysis of individual companies that focuses on prospective earnings growth, valuation and quality of company management. The Adviser normally considers a universe of primarily US mid- to large-capitalization companies for investment.

The Adviser expects that normally the Fund’s portfolio will emphasize investments in securities issued by US companies, although it may invest in foreign securities.

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## DISCLOSURES AND RISKS

### Benchmark Disclosure

**The S&P 500® Index is unmanaged and does not reflect fees and expenses associated with the active management of a mutual fund portfolio.** The S&P 500 Index includes 500 US stocks and is a common representation of the performance of the overall US stock market. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and its results are not indicative of the performance for any specific investment, including the Fund.

### A Word About Risk

**Market Risk:** The value of the Fund's assets will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. The value of its investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events, including public health crises (including the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness), that affect large portions of the market. It includes the risk that a particular style of investing, such as the Fund's growth approach, may underperform the market generally.

**Foreign (Non-US) Risk:** Investments in securities of non-US issuers may involve more risk than those of US issuers. These securities may fluctuate more widely in price and may be more difficult to trade due to adverse market, economic, political, regulatory or other factors.

**Capitalization Risk:** Investments in mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile than investments in large-capitalization companies. Investments in mid-capitalization companies may have additional risks because these companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources.

**Sector Risk:** The Fund may have more risk because it may invest to a significant extent in one or more particular market sectors, such as the information technology sector. To the extent it does so, market or economic factors affecting the relevant sector(s) could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments.

**Management Risk:** The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the intended results. Some of these techniques may incorporate, or rely upon, quantitative models, but there is no guarantee that these models will generate accurate forecasts, reduce risk or otherwise perform as expected.

These risks are fully discussed in the Fund's prospectus. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

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## **DISCLOSURES AND RISKS** (continued)

### **An Important Note About Historical Performance**

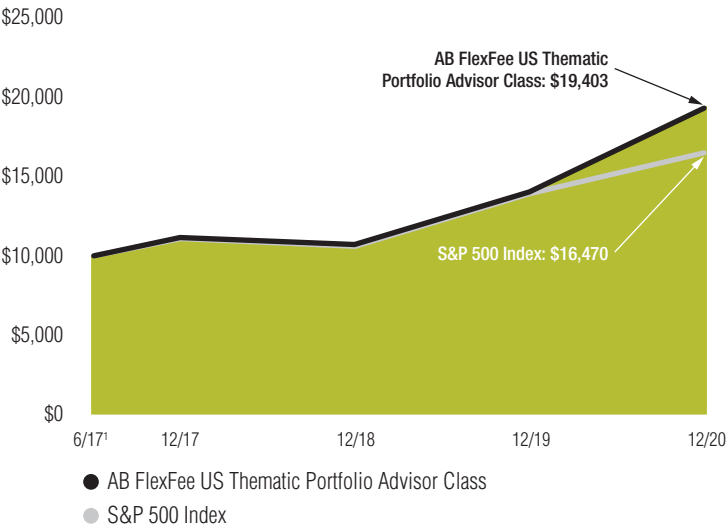
The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance shown in this report represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information shown. You may obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end by visiting [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com).

All fees and expenses related to the operation of the Fund have been deducted. Net asset value (“NAV”) returns do not reflect sales charges; if sales charges were reflected, the Fund’s quoted performance would be lower. SEC returns reflect the applicable sales charges for each share class. Returns for the different share classes will vary due to different expenses associated with each class. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes.



HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT IN THE FUND (unaudited)  
6/28/2017<sup>1</sup> TO 12/31/2020



This chart illustrates the total value of an assumed \$10,000 investment in AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio Advisor Class shares (from 6/28/2017<sup>1</sup> to 12/31/2020) as compared to the performance of the Fund's benchmark.

<sup>1</sup> Inception date: 6/28/2017.

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (continued)

### AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 (unaudited)

	NAV Returns	SEC Returns (reflects applicable sales charges)
<b>ADVISOR CLASS SHARES<sup>1</sup></b>		
1 Year	37.34%	37.34%
Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	20.79%	20.79%

### SEC AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS AS OF THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR QUARTER-END DECEMBER 31, 2020 (unaudited)

	SEC Returns (reflects applicable sales charges)
<b>ADVISOR CLASS SHARES</b>	
1 Year	37.34%
Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	20.79%

The Fund's current prospectus fee table shows the Fund's total annual operating expense ratio as 0.85% for Advisor Class shares, gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursements. Contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements limit the Fund's annual operating expense ratio, exclusive of the Fund's advisory fees, acquired fund fees and expenses other than the advisory fees of any AB mutual funds in which the Fund may invest, interest expense, taxes, extraordinary expenses, and brokerage commissions and other transaction costs to 0.05% for Advisor Class shares. These waivers/reimbursements may not be terminated before April 30, 2021. Any fees waived and expenses borne by the Adviser through December 31, 2018 may be reimbursed by the Fund until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal period in which the fee was waived or the expense was borne, provided that no reimbursement payment will be made that would cause the Fund's total other expenses to exceed the expense limitation. Absent reimbursements or waivers, performance would have been lower. The Financial Highlights section of this report sets forth expense ratio data for the current reporting period; the expense ratio shown above may differ from the expense ratio in the Financial Highlights section since they are based on different time periods.

1 This share class is offered at NAV to eligible investors and the SEC returns are the same as the NAV returns.

2 Inception date: 6/28/2017.

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## EXPENSE EXAMPLE

(unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, contingent deferred sales charges on redemptions and (2) ongoing costs, including advisory fees; distribution (12b-1) fees; and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

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

### Actual Expenses

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

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The table below also provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund’s actual expense ratio and an assumed annual rate of return of 5% before expenses, which is not the Fund’s actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds by comparing this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

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

## EXPENSE EXAMPLE (continued)

Advisor Class	Beginning Account Value 7/1/2020	Ending Account Value 12/31/2020	Expenses Paid During Period*	Annualized Expense Ratio*	Total Expenses Paid During Period+	Total Annualized Expense Ratio+
Actual	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,289.30	\$ 6.27	1.09%	\$ 6.33	1.10%
Hypothetical**	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,019.66	\$ 5.53	1.09%	\$ 5.58	1.10%

\* Expenses are equal to the classes' annualized expense ratios multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (to reflect the one-half year period).

+ In connection with the Fund's investments in affiliated/unaffiliated underlying portfolios, the Fund incurs no direct expenses, but bears proportionate shares of the fees and expenses (i.e., operating, administrative and investment advisory fees) of the affiliated/unaffiliated underlying portfolios. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fees from the Fund in an amount equal to the Fund's pro rata share of certain acquired fund fees and expenses of the affiliated underlying portfolios. The Fund's total expenses are equal to the classes' annualized expense ratio plus the Fund's pro rata share of the weighted average expense ratio of the affiliated/unaffiliated underlying portfolios in which it invests, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (to reflect the one-half year period).

\*\* Assumes 5% annual return before expenses.

## PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

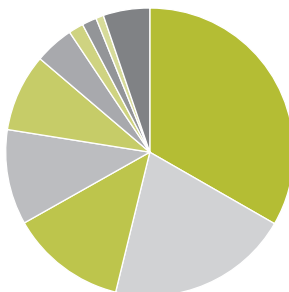
December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Net Assets (\$mil): \$182.0

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN<sup>1</sup>

33.3%	Information Technology
20.5%	Health Care
13.0%	Industrials
10.7%	Consumer Discretionary
8.7%	Financials
4.4%	Utilities
1.7%	Real Estate
1.6%	Consumer Staples
0.9%	Materials
5.2%	Short-Term



#### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS<sup>2</sup>

Company	U.S. \$ Value	Percent of Net Assets
Vestas Wind Systems A/S (Sponsored ADR)	\$ 5,461,706	3.0%
Flex Ltd.	5,201,344	2.9
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. – Class A	4,974,227	2.7
NextEra Energy, Inc.	4,710,624	2.6
NIKE, Inc. – Class B	4,611,073	2.6
Koninklijke Philips NV (ADR)	4,585,761	2.5
Danaher Corp.	4,556,536	2.5
Apple, Inc.	4,527,914	2.5
Aptiv PLC	4,426,733	2.4
MSCI, Inc. – Class A	4,412,163	2.4
	\$ 47,468,081	26.1%

1 All data are as of December 31, 2020. The Fund's sector breakdown is expressed as a percentage of total investments (excluding security lending collateral) and may vary over time.

2 Long-term investments.

Please note: The sector classifications presented herein are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) which was developed by Morgan Stanley Capital International and Standard & Poor's. The components are divided into sector, industry group, and industry sub-indices as classified by the GICS for each of the market capitalization indices in the broad market. These sector classifications are broadly defined. The "Portfolio of Investments" section of the report reflects more specific industry information and is consistent with the investment restrictions discussed in the Fund's prospectus.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2020

Company	Shares	U.S. \$ Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS – 95.7%</b>		
<b>Information Technology – 33.6%</b>		
<b>Communications Equipment – 3.9%</b>		
Ciena Corp. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	67,571	\$ 3,571,127
Lumentum Holdings, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	36,593	3,469,017
		<u>7,040,144</u>
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components – 4.3%</b>		
Flex Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	289,285	5,201,344
Keysight Technologies, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	19,702	2,602,437
		<u>7,803,781</u>
<b>IT Services – 8.5%</b>		
MAXIMUS, Inc. ....	36,190	2,648,746
PayPal Holdings, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	16,707	3,912,779
Square, Inc. – Class A <sup>(a)</sup> .....	14,000	3,046,960
Twilio, Inc. – Class A <sup>(a)</sup> .....	5,613	1,900,001
Visa, Inc. – Class A .....	18,597	4,067,722
		<u>15,576,208</u>
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment – 4.6%</b>		
Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. ....	5,327	1,950,907
NVIDIA Corp. ....	5,475	2,859,045
NXP Semiconductors NV .....	22,570	3,588,856
		<u>8,398,808</u>
<b>Software – 9.8%</b>		
ANSYS, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	8,414	3,061,013
Microsoft Corp. ....	18,674	4,153,471
Proofpoint, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	28,737	3,920,014
salesforce.com, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	17,678	3,933,885
Zendesk, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	19,763	2,828,481
		<u>17,896,864</u>
<b>Technology Hardware, Storage &amp; Peripherals – 2.5%</b>		
Apple, Inc. ....	34,124	4,527,914
		<u>61,243,719</u>
<b>Health Care – 20.7%</b>		
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies – 10.7%</b>		
Alcon, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	57,384	3,786,196
Danaher Corp. ....	20,512	4,556,536
Koninklijke Philips NV (ADR) <sup>(a)</sup> .....	84,655	4,585,761
STERIS PLC .....	21,564	4,087,241
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. ....	8,352	2,366,205
		<u>19,381,939</u>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services – 3.3%</b>		
Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings <sup>(a)</sup> .....	17,382	3,538,106
UnitedHealth Group, Inc. ....	6,848	2,401,457
		<u>5,939,563</u>

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Company	Shares	U.S. \$ Value
<b>Life Sciences Tools &amp; Services – 6.7%</b>		
Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. – Class A <sup>(a)</sup> .....	8,533	\$ 4,974,227
Bruker Corp. ....	73,485	3,977,743
ICON PLC <sup>(a)</sup> .....	17,065	3,327,334
		12,279,304
		37,600,806
<b>Industrials – 13.1%</b>		
<b>Building Products – 2.3%</b>		
Trex Co., Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	49,045	4,106,047
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies – 3.3%</b>		
Tetra Tech, Inc. ....	19,513	2,259,215
Waste Management, Inc. ....	32,323	3,811,851
		6,071,066
<b>Electrical Equipment – 5.3%</b>		
Rockwell Automation, Inc. ....	16,411	4,116,043
Vestas Wind Systems A/S (Sponsored ADR) <sup>(b)</sup> ...	69,816	5,461,706
		9,577,749
<b>Machinery – 2.2%</b>		
Xylem, Inc./NY .....	39,983	4,069,870
		23,824,732
<b>Consumer Discretionary – 10.8%</b>		
<b>Auto Components – 2.4%</b>		
Aptiv PLC .....	33,976	4,426,733
<b>Household Durables – 1.9%</b>		
TopBuild Corp. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	18,176	3,345,838
<b>Specialty Retail – 2.1%</b>		
Home Depot, Inc. (The) .....	14,523	3,857,599
<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods – 4.4%</b>		
Lululemon Athletica, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	9,578	3,333,432
NIKE, Inc. – Class B .....	32,594	4,611,073
		7,944,505
		19,574,675
<b>Financials – 8.8%</b>		
<b>Banks – 2.1%</b>		
SVB Financial Group <sup>(a)</sup> .....	10,007	3,881,015
<b>Capital Markets – 4.8%</b>		
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ....	37,626	4,337,901
MSCI, Inc. – Class A .....	9,881	4,412,163
		8,750,064
<b>Insurance – 1.9%</b>		
Aflac, Inc. ....	77,161	3,431,350
		16,062,429

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

Company	Shares	U.S. \$ Value
<b>Utilities – 4.5%</b>		
<b>Electric Utilities – 2.6%</b>		
NextEra Energy, Inc. ....	61,058	\$ 4,710,624
<b>Water Utilities – 1.9%</b>		
American Water Works Co., Inc. ....	22,291	3,421,000
		8,131,624
<b>Real Estate – 1.7%</b>		
<b>Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) – 1.7%</b>		
SBA Communications Corp. ....	11,076	3,124,872
<b>Consumer Staples – 1.6%</b>		
<b>Household Products – 1.6%</b>		
Procter & Gamble Co. (The) ....	20,529	2,856,405
<b>Materials – 0.9%</b>		
<b>Chemicals – 0.9%</b>		
Ecolab, Inc. ....	7,787	1,684,795
Total Common Stocks (cost \$118,973,929) .....		174,104,057
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 5.2%</b>		
<b>Investment Companies – 5.2%</b>		
AB Fixed Income Shares, Inc. – Government Money Market Portfolio – Class AB, 0.03%(c)(d)(e) (cost \$9,523,298) .....	9,523,298	9,523,298
<b>Total Investments Before Security Lending Collateral for Securities Loaned – 100.9%</b>		
(cost \$128,497,227) .....		183,627,355
<b>INVESTMENTS OF CASH COLLATERAL FOR SECURITIES LOANED – 0.1%</b>		
<b>Investment Companies – 0.1%</b>		
AB Fixed Income Shares, Inc. – Government Money Market Portfolio – Class AB, 0.03%(c)(d)(e) (cost \$177,650) .....	177,650	177,650
<b>Total Investments – 101.0%</b>		
(cost \$128,674,877) .....		183,805,005
Other assets less liabilities – (1.0)% .....		(1,835,609)
<b>Net Assets – 100.0%</b> .....		<b>\$ 181,969,396</b>

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) Represents entire or partial securities out on loan. See Note D for securities lending information.



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## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

(c) The rate shown represents the 7-day yield as of period end.

(d) To obtain a copy of the fund's shareholder report, please go to the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or call AB at (800) 227-4618.

(e) Affiliated investments.

Glossary:

ADR – American Depositary Receipt

REIT – Real Estate Investment Trust

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

December 31, 2020

### Assets

Investments in securities, at value	
Unaffiliated issuers (cost \$118,973,929) .....	\$ 174,104,057 <sup>(a)</sup>
Affiliated issuers (cost \$9,700,948 – including investment of cash collateral for securities loaned of \$177,650) .....	9,700,948
Receivable for capital stock sold .....	918,141
Unaffiliated dividends receivable .....	20,061
Affiliated dividends receivable .....	226
Total assets .....	<u>184,743,433</u>

### Liabilities

Advisory fee payable .....	1,247,340
Dividends payable .....	913,112
Payable for capital stock redeemed .....	349,730
Payable for collateral received on securities loaned .....	177,650
Transfer Agent fee payable .....	3,038
Accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	83,167
Total liabilities .....	<u>2,774,037</u>
Net Assets .....	<b>\$ 181,969,396</b>

### Composition of Net Assets

Capital stock, at par .....	\$ 966
Additional paid-in capital .....	125,629,882
Distributable earnings .....	56,338,548
	<b>\$ 181,969,396</b>

**Net Asset Value Per Share—11 billion shares of capital stock authorized,  
\$.0001 par value**

Class	Net Assets	Shares Outstanding	Net Asset Value
<b>Advisor</b>	\$ 181,969,396	9,662,768	\$ 18.83

(a) Includes securities on loan with a value of \$172,106 (see Note D).

See notes to financial statements.

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended December 31, 2020

### Investment Income

#### Dividends

Unaffiliated issuers (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$20,541) .....	\$	863,818	
Affiliated issuers .....		31,087	
Securities lending income .....		<u>2,487</u>	\$ 897,392

### Expenses

Advisory fee (see Note B) .....	1,314,818	
Transfer agency-Advisor Class .....	62,136	
Custody and accounting .....	71,267	
Administrative .....	69,937	
Audit and tax .....	48,216	
Registration fees .....	34,193	
Legal .....	24,582	
Directors' fees .....	17,820	
Printing .....	7,659	
Miscellaneous .....	<u>7,095</u>	
Total expenses .....	1,657,723	
Less: expenses waived and reimbursed by the Adviser (see Note B and Note D) .....	<u>(289,687)</u>	
Net expenses .....		<u>1,368,036</u>
Net investment loss .....		<u>(470,644)</u>

### Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments

Net realized gain on investment transactions .....	5,302,823
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation on investments .....	<u>36,792,733</u>
Net gain on investments .....	<u>42,095,556</u>

### Net Increase in Net Assets from

Operations .....	<u>\$ 41,624,912</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Operations</b>		
Net investment income (loss) .....	\$ (470,644)	\$ 605,314
Net realized gain on investments .....	5,302,823	2,003,339
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation on investments .....	36,792,733	20,444,616
Net increase in net assets from operations ....	41,624,912	23,053,269
<b>Distributions to Shareholders</b>		
Advisor Class .....	(3,003,460)	(595,119)
<b>Capital Stock Transactions</b>		
Net increase .....	42,634,035	13,047,504
Total increase .....	81,255,487	35,505,654
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning of period .....	100,713,909	65,208,255
End of period .....	<b>\$ 181,969,396</b>	<b>\$ 100,713,909</b>

See notes to financial statements.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2020

### NOTE A

#### Significant Accounting Policies

AB Cap Fund, Inc. (the “Company”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as an open-end management investment company. The Company, which is a Maryland corporation, operates as a series company comprised of 13 portfolios currently in operation. Each portfolio is considered to be a separate entity for financial reporting and tax purposes. This report relates only to the AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio (the “Fund”), a diversified portfolio. The Fund has authorized issuance of Class A, Class B, Class C, Advisor Class, Class R, Class K, Class I, Class Z, Class T, Class 1, and Class 2 shares. Class A, Class B, Class C, Class R, Class K, Class I, Class Z, Class T, Class 1, and Class 2 shares have not been issued. Advisor Class shares are sold without an initial or contingent deferred sales charge and are not subject to ongoing distribution expenses. All 11 classes of shares have identical voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights, except that the classes bear different distribution and transfer agency expenses. Each class has exclusive voting rights with respect to its distribution plan. The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”), which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

#### 1. Security Valuation

Portfolio securities are valued at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations or, if market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, at “fair value” as determined in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Fund’s Board of Directors (the “Board”).

In general, the market values of securities which are readily available and deemed reliable are determined as follows: securities listed on a national securities exchange (other than securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (“NASDAQ”)) or on a foreign securities exchange are valued at the last sale price at the close of the exchange or foreign securities exchange. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the last traded price from the previous day. Securities listed on more than one exchange are valued by reference to the principal exchange on which the securities are traded; securities listed only on NASDAQ are valued in accordance with the NASDAQ Official Closing Price; listed or over

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

the counter (“OTC”) market put or call options are valued at the mid level between the current bid and ask prices. If either a current bid or current ask price is unavailable, AllianceBernstein L.P. (the “Adviser”) will have discretion to determine the best valuation (e.g., last trade price in the case of listed options); open futures are valued using the closing settlement price or, in the absence of such a price, the most recent quoted bid price. If there are no quotations available for the day of valuation, the last available closing settlement price is used; U.S. Government securities and any other debt instruments having 60 days or less remaining until maturity are generally valued at market by an independent pricing vendor, if a market price is available. If a market price is not available, the securities are valued at amortized cost. This methodology is commonly used for short term securities that have an original maturity of 60 days or less, as well as short term securities that had an original term to maturity that exceeded 60 days. In instances when amortized cost is utilized, the Valuation Committee (the “Committee”) must reasonably conclude that the utilization of amortized cost is approximately the same as the fair value of the security. Such factors the Committee will consider include, but are not limited to, an impairment of the creditworthiness of the issuer or material changes in interest rates. Fixed-income securities, including mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service or at a price obtained from one or more of the major broker-dealers. In cases where broker-dealer quotes are obtained, the Adviser may establish procedures whereby changes in market yields or spreads are used to adjust, on a daily basis, a recently obtained quoted price on a security. Swaps and other derivatives are valued daily, primarily using independent pricing services, independent pricing models using market inputs, as well as third party broker-dealers or counterparties. Open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share, while exchange traded funds are valued at the closing market price per share.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (including restricted securities) or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as deemed appropriate by the Adviser. Factors considered in making this determination may include, but are not limited to, information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, analysis of the issuer’s financial statements or other available documents. In addition, the Fund may use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded in non-U.S. markets because most foreign markets close well before the Fund values its securities at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim and may materially affect the value of those securities. To account for this, the Fund generally values many of its foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

**2. Fair Value Measurements**

In accordance with U.S. GAAP regarding fair value measurements, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability (including those valued based on their market values as described in Note A.1 above). Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. Each investment is assigned a level based upon the observability of the inputs which are significant to the overall valuation. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

Where readily available market prices or relevant bid prices are not available for certain equity investments, such investments may be valued based on similar publicly traded investments, movements in relevant indices since last available prices or based upon underlying company fundamentals and comparable company data (such as multiples to earnings or other multiples to equity). Where an investment is valued using an observable input, such as another publicly traded security, the investment will be classified as Level 2. If management determines that an adjustment is appropriate based on restrictions on resale, illiquidity or uncertainty, and such adjustment is a significant component of the valuation, the investment will be classified as Level 3. An investment will also be classified as Level 3 where management uses company fundamentals and other significant inputs to determine the valuation.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Fund's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2020:

<b>Investments in Securities</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Common Stocks^ .....	\$ 174,104,057	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 174,104,057
Short-Term Investments:				
Investment Companies .....	9,523,298	- 0 -	- 0 -	9,523,298
Investments of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned in Affiliated Money Market Fund .....	177,650	- 0 -	- 0 -	177,650
Total Investments in Securities .....	183,805,005	- 0 -	- 0 -	183,805,005
<b>Other Financial Instruments*</b> .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 183,805,005</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>	<b>\$ - 0 -</b>	<b>\$ 183,805,005</b>

^ See Portfolio of Investments for sector classifications.

\* Other financial instruments are derivative instruments, such as futures, forwards and swaps, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on the instrument. Other financial instruments may also include swaps with upfront premiums, options written and swaptions written which are valued at market value.

### 3. Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and commitments under forward currency exchange contracts are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean of the quoted bid and ask prices of such currencies against the U.S. dollar. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities are translated into U.S. dollars at the rates of exchange prevailing when such securities were acquired or sold. Income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the rates of exchange prevailing when accrued.

Net realized gain or loss on foreign currency transactions represents foreign exchange gains and losses from sales and maturities of foreign fixed income investments, holding of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on foreign investment transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized currency gains and losses from valuing foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at period end exchange rates are reflected as a component of net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

### 4. Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of



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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

its investment company taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders. Therefore, no provisions for federal income or excise taxes are required. The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on income and/or capital gains earned or repatriated. Taxes are accrued and applied to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized appreciation/ depreciation as such income and/or gains are earned.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties in income taxes, management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken or expected to be taken on federal and state income tax returns for all open tax years (the current and the prior three tax years) and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements.

### 5. Investment Income and Investment Transactions

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or as soon as the Fund is informed of the dividend. Interest income is accrued daily. Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Investment gains or losses are determined on the identified cost basis. The Fund amortizes premiums and accretes discounts as adjustments to interest income. The Fund accounts for distributions received from REIT investments or from regulated investment companies as dividend income, realized gain, or return of capital based on information provided by the REIT or the investment company.

### 6. Expense Allocations

Expenses of the Company are charged proportionately to each portfolio or based on other appropriate methods.

### 7. Dividends and Distributions

Dividends and distributions to shareholders, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income dividends and capital gains distributions are determined in accordance with federal tax regulations and may differ from those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. To the extent these differences are permanent, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require such reclassification.

## NOTE B

### Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the Fund pays the Adviser an advisory fee at an annual rate of .55% of the Fund's average daily net assets ("Base Fee"). The advisory fee is increased or decreased from the Base Fee by a performance adjustment ("Performance Adjustment") that depends on whether, and to what extent, the investment

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

performance of the Advisor Class shares of the Fund (“Measuring Class”) exceeds, or is exceeded by, the performance of the S&P 500 Index (“Index”) plus 1.40% (“Index Hurdle”) over the Performance Period (as defined below). The Performance Adjustment is calculated and accrued daily, according to a schedule that adds or subtracts .00357% of the Fund’s average daily net assets for each .01% of absolute performance by which the performance of the Measuring Class exceeds or lags the Index Hurdle for the period from the beginning of the Performance Period through the current business day. The maximum Performance Adjustment (positive or negative) will not exceed an annualized rate of +/- .50% (“Maximum Performance Adjustment”) of the Fund’s average daily net assets, which would occur when the performance of the Measuring Class exceeds, or is exceeded by, the Index Hurdle by 1.40% or more for the Performance Period. On a monthly basis, the Fund will pay the Adviser the minimum fee rate of .05% on an annualized basis (Base Fee minus the Maximum Performance Adjustment) applied to the average daily net assets for the month. At the end of the Performance Period, the Fund will pay to the Adviser the total advisory fee, less the amount of any minimum fees paid during the Performance Period and any waivers described below. The period over which performance is measured (“Performance Period”) is each 12-month period beginning on the first day in the month of January through December 31 of the same year. In addition, the Adviser has agreed to waive its advisory fee by limiting the Fund’s accrual of the advisory fee (Base Fee plus Performance Adjustment) on any day to the amount corresponding to the maximum fee rate multiplied by the Fund’s current net assets if such amount is less than the amount that would have been accrued based on the Fund’s average daily net assets for the Performance Period. For the year end December 31, 2020, the Fund accrued advisory fees of \$1,314,818, as reflected in the statement of operations, at an annual effective rate (excluding the impact from any expense waivers in effect) of 1.05% of the Fund’s average net assets, which reflected a 0.50% Performance Adjustment of \$626,127.

The Adviser has agreed to waive its fees and bear certain expenses to the extent necessary to limit total expenses (other than the advisory fee, acquired fund fees and expenses other than the advisory fees of any AB mutual funds in which the Fund may invest, interest expense, taxes, extraordinary expenses, and brokerage commissions and other transaction costs) on an annual basis from exceeding .05% of average daily net assets (the “Expense Cap”). For the year ended December 31, 2020, such reimbursements/waivers amounted to \$210,327. The Expense Cap will remain in effect until April 30, 2021 and then may be continued thereafter from year to year by the Adviser. Any fees waived and expenses borne by the Adviser through December 31, 2018 are subject to repayment by the Fund until the end of the third fiscal year after the fiscal period in which the

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

fee was waived or the expense was borne; such waivers that are subject to repayment amount to \$171,634 for the period ended December 31, 2017 and \$233,614 for the year ended December 31, 2018. In any case, no repayment will be made that would cause the Fund's total annual expenses (subject to the exclusions set forth above) to exceed .05% of average daily net assets.

Pursuant to the investment advisory agreement, the Fund may reimburse the Adviser for certain legal and accounting services provided to the Fund by the Adviser. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Adviser waived such fees in the amount of \$69,937.

The Fund compensates AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. ("ABIS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, under a Transfer Agency Agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the Fund. ABIS may make payments to intermediaries that provide omnibus account services, sub-accounting services and/or networking services. The compensation retained by ABIS amounted to \$18,214 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The Fund may invest in AB Government Money Market Portfolio (the "Government Money Market Portfolio") which has a contractual annual advisory fee rate of .20% of the portfolio's average daily net assets and bears its own expenses. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive .10% of the advisory fee of Government Money Market Portfolio (resulting in a net advisory fee of .10%) until August 31, 2021. In connection with the investment by the Fund in Government Money Market Portfolio, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fee from the Fund in an amount equal to the Fund's pro rata share of the effective advisory fee of Government Money Market Portfolio, as borne indirectly by the Fund as an acquired fund fee and expense. For the year ended December 31, 2020, such waiver amounted to \$9,133.

A summary of the Fund's transactions in AB mutual funds for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Market Value 12/31/19 (000)</b>	<b>Purchases at Cost (000)</b>	<b>Sales Proceeds (000)</b>	<b>Market Value 12/31/20 (000)</b>	<b>Dividend Income (000)</b>
Government Money Market Portfolio .....	\$ 6,422	\$ 78,134	\$ 75,033	\$ 9,523	\$ 31
Government Money Market Portfolio* .....	185	23,266	23,273	178	2
				<u>\$ 9,701</u>	<u>\$ 33</u>

\* Investment of cash collateral for securities lending transactions (see Note D).

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

During the second quarter of 2018, AXA S.A. (“AXA”), a French holding company for the AXA Group, completed the sale of a minority stake in its subsidiary, AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc. (now named Equitable Holdings, Inc.) (“Equitable”), through an initial public offering. Equitable is the holding company for a diverse group of financial services companies, including an approximate 65% economic interest in the Adviser and a 100% interest in AllianceBernstein Corporation, the general partner of the Adviser. Since the initial sale, AXA has completed additional offerings, most recently during the fourth quarter of 2019. As a result, AXA currently owns less than 10% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Equitable, and no longer owns a controlling interest in Equitable. AXA previously announced its intention to sell its entire interest in Equitable over time, subject to market conditions and other factors (the “Plan”). Most of AXA’s remaining Equitable shares are to be delivered on redemption of AXA bonds mandatorily exchangeable into Equitable shares and maturing in May 2021. AXA retains sole discretion to determine the timing of any future sales of its remaining shares of Equitable common stock.

Sales under the Plan that were completed on November 13, 2019 resulted in the indirect transfer of a “controlling block” of voting securities of the Adviser (a “Change of Control Event”) and may have been deemed to have been an “assignment” causing a termination of the Fund’s investment advisory and administration agreements. In order to ensure that investment advisory and administration services could continue uninterrupted in the event of a Change of Control Event, the Board previously approved new investment advisory and administration agreements with the Adviser, and shareholders of the Fund subsequently approved the new investment advisory agreement. These agreements became effective on November 13, 2019.

### NOTE C

#### Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) for the year ended December 31, 2020, were as follows:

	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales</b>
Investment securities (excluding		
U.S. government securities) .....	\$ 96,848,876	\$ 59,761,890
U.S. government securities .....	– 0 –	– 0 –

The cost of investments for federal income tax purposes, gross unrealized appreciation and unrealized depreciation are as follows:

Cost .....	\$ 130,219,697
Gross unrealized appreciation .....	\$ 55,247,388
Gross unrealized depreciation .....	(1,662,080)
Net unrealized appreciation .....	\$ 53,585,308

**1. Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Fund may use derivatives in an effort to earn income and enhance returns, to replace more traditional direct investments, to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets (collectively, “investment purposes”), or to hedge or adjust the risk profile of its portfolio.

The Fund did not engage in derivative transactions during the year ended December 31, 2020.

**2. Currency Transactions**

The Fund may invest in non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities on a currency hedged or unhedged basis. The Fund may seek investment opportunities by taking long or short positions in currencies through the use of currency-related derivatives, including forward currency exchange contracts, futures and options on futures, swaps, and other options. The Fund may enter into transactions for investment opportunities when it anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Fund and do not present attractive investment opportunities. Such transactions may also be used when the Adviser believes that it may be more efficient than a direct investment in a foreign currency-denominated security. The Fund may also conduct currency exchange contracts on a spot basis (i.e., for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the currency exchange market for buying or selling currencies).

**NOTE D****Securities Lending**

The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions. Under the Fund’s securities lending program, all loans of securities will be collateralized continually by cash collateral and/or non-cash collateral. Non-cash collateral will include only securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. The Fund cannot sell or repledge any non-cash collateral, such collateral will not be reflected in the portfolio of investments. If a loan is collateralized by cash, the Fund will be compensated for the loan from a portion of the net return from the income earned on cash collateral after a rebate is paid to the borrower (in some cases, this rebate may be a “negative rebate” or fee paid by the borrower to the Fund in connection with the loan), and payments are made for fees of the securities lending agent and for certain other administrative expenses. If the Fund receives non-cash collateral, the Fund will receive a fee from the borrower generally equal to a negotiated percentage of the market value of the loaned securities. The Fund will have the right to call a loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time on notice to the borrower within the normal and customary settlement time for the securities. While the securities are on loan, the borrower is obligated to pay the Fund amounts equal

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

to any income or other distributions from the securities; however, these distributions will not be afforded the same preferential tax treatment as qualified dividends. The Fund will not be able to exercise voting rights with respect to any securities during the existence of a loan, but will have the right to regain ownership of loaned securities in order to exercise voting or other ownership rights. Collateral received and securities loaned are marked to market daily to ensure that the securities loaned are secured by collateral. The lending agent currently invests the cash collateral received in Government Money Market Portfolio, an eligible money market vehicle, in accordance with the investment restrictions of the Fund, and as approved by the Board. The collateral received on securities loaned is recorded as an asset as well as a corresponding liability in the statement of assets and liabilities. The collateral will be adjusted the next business day to maintain the required collateral amount. The amounts of securities lending income from the borrowers and Government Money Market Portfolio are reflected in the statement of operations. When the Fund earns net securities lending income from Government Money Market Portfolio, the income is inclusive of a rebate expense paid to the borrower. In connection with the cash collateral investment by the Fund in the Government Money Market Portfolio, the Adviser has agreed to waive a portion of the Fund's share of the advisory fees of Government Money Market Portfolio, as borne indirectly by the Fund as an acquired fund fee and expense. When the Fund lends securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned. A principal risk of lending portfolio securities is that the borrower may fail to return the loaned securities upon termination of the loan and that the collateral will not be sufficient to replace the loaned securities. The lending agent has agreed to indemnify the Fund in the case of default of any securities borrower.

A summary of the Fund's transactions surrounding securities lending for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Market Value of Securities on Loan*	Cash Collateral*	Market Value of Non-Cash Collateral*	Income from Borrowers	Government Money Market Portfolio	
				Income Earned	Advisory Fee Waived
\$ 172,106	\$ 177,650	\$ - 0 -	\$ 950	\$ 1,537	\$ 290

\* As of December 31, 2020.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### NOTE E Capital Stock

Each class consists of 1,000,000,000 authorized shares. Transactions in capital shares for each class were as follows:

	Shares		Amount	
	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019
<b>Advisor Class</b>				
Shares sold	8,546,022	1,657,246	\$ 131,718,270	\$ 20,420,612
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends and distributions	139,789	19,130	2,632,230	266,674
Shares redeemed	(6,247,117)	(611,629)	(91,716,465)	(7,639,782)
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>2,438,694</b>	<b>1,064,747</b>	<b>\$ 42,634,035</b>	<b>\$ 13,047,504</b>

### NOTE F Risks Involved in Investing in the Fund

**Market Risk**—The value of the Fund's assets will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. The value of its investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events, including public health crises (including the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness), that affect large portions of the market. It includes the risk that a particular style of investing, such as the Fund's growth approach, may underperform the market generally.

**Foreign (Non-U.S.) Risk**—Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve more risk than those of U.S. issuers. These securities may fluctuate more widely in price and may be more difficult to trade due to adverse market, economic, political, regulatory or other factors.

**Capitalization Risk**—Investments in mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile than investments in large-capitalization companies. Investments in mid-capitalization companies may have additional risks because these companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources.

**Sector Risk**—The Fund may have more risk because it may invest to a significant extent in one or more particular market sectors, such as the information technology sector. To the extent it does so, market or economic factors affecting the relevant sector(s) could have a major effect on the value of the Fund's investments.

**LIBOR Transition and Associated Risk**—A Fund may invest in debt securities, derivatives or other financial instruments that utilize the London Interbank Offered Rate, or “LIBOR,” as a “benchmark” or “reference rate” for various interest rate calculations. In July 2017, the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. Although widely used LIBOR rates are intended to be published until June 2023, banks are strongly encouraged to cease entering into agreements with counterparties referencing LIBOR by the end of 2021. Although financial regulators and industry working groups have suggested alternative reference rates, such as the European Interbank Offer Rate, the Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate and the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, global consensus on alternative rates is lacking and the process for amending existing contracts or instruments to transition away from LIBOR is underway but remains incomplete. The elimination of LIBOR or changes to other reference rates or any other changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of reference rates could have an adverse impact on the market for, or value of, any securities or payments linked to those reference rates, which may adversely affect a Fund’s performance and/or net asset value. Uncertainty and risk also remain regarding the willingness and ability of issuers and lenders to include revised provisions in new and existing contracts or instruments. Consequently, the transition away from LIBOR to other reference rates may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that are tied to LIBOR, fluctuations in values of LIBOR-related investments or investments in issuers that utilize LIBOR, increased difficulty in borrowing or refinancing and diminished effectiveness of hedging strategies, potentially adversely affecting a Fund’s performance. Furthermore, the risks associated with the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and transition may be exacerbated if the work necessary to effect an orderly transition to an alternative reference rate is not completed in a timely manner. Because the usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate during the transition period, these effects could occur prior to the end of 2021.

**Indemnification Risk**—In the ordinary course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these indemnification provisions and expects the risk of loss thereunder to be remote. Therefore, the Fund has not accrued any liability in connection with these indemnification provisions.

**Management Risk**—The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively-managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

intended results. Some of these techniques may incorporate, or rely upon, quantitative models, but there is no guarantee that these models will generate accurate forecasts, reduce risk or otherwise perform as expected.

### NOTE G

#### Joint Credit Facility

A number of open-end mutual funds managed by the Adviser, including the Fund, participate in a \$325 million revolving credit facility (the "Facility") intended to provide short-term financing, if necessary, subject to certain restrictions in connection with abnormal redemption activity. Commitment fees related to the Facility are paid by the participating funds and are included in miscellaneous expenses in the statement of operations. The Fund did not utilize the Facility during the year ended December 31, 2020.

### NOTE H

#### Distributions to Shareholders

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	2020	2019
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income .....	\$ 1,145,944	\$ 595,119
Net long-term capital gains .....	1,857,516	— 0 —
Total taxable distributions paid .....	<u>\$ 3,003,460</u>	<u>\$ 595,119</u>

As of December 31, 2020, the components of accumulated earnings/(deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income .....	\$ 1,869,685
Undistributed capital gains .....	883,555 <sup>(a)</sup>
Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) .....	53,585,308 <sup>(b)</sup>
Total accumulated earnings/(deficit) .....	<u>\$ 56,338,548</u>

(a) During the fiscal year, the Fund utilized \$463,509 of capital loss carry forwards to offset current year net realized gains.

(b) The differences between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) are attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales.

For tax purposes, net realized capital losses may be carried over to offset future capital gains, if any. Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses for an indefinite period, and such losses will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. As of December 31, 2020, the Fund did not have any capital loss carryforwards.

During the current fiscal year, permanent differences primarily due to non-deductible excise tax paid resulted in a net increase in distributable earnings and a net decrease in additional paid-in capital. These reclassifications had no effect on net assets.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### NOTE I

#### Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through the date the financial statements are issued. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require disclosure in the Fund's financial statements through this date.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Selected Data For A Share Of Capital Stock Outstanding Throughout Each Period

	Advisor Class			
	Year Ended December 31,			June 28, 2017 <sup>(a)</sup> to
	2020	2019	2018	December 31, 2017
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$ 13.94	\$ 10.59	\$ 11.11	\$ 10.00
<b>Income From Investment Operations</b>				
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)(c)</sup> .....	(.06)	.09	.08	.04
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment .....	5.26	3.34	(.54)	1.09
Net increase (decrease) in net asset value from operations .....	5.20	3.43	(.46)	1.13
<b>Less: Dividends and Distributions</b>				
Dividends from net investment income ...	(.00) <sup>(d)</sup>	(.08)	(.06)	(.02)
Distributions from net realized gain on investment .....	(.31)	– 0 –	(.00) <sup>(d)</sup>	– 0 –
Total dividends and distributions .....	(.31)	(.08)	(.06)	(.02)
Net asset value, end of period .....	<b>\$ 18.83</b>	<b>\$ 13.94</b>	<b>\$ 10.59</b>	<b>\$ 11.11</b>
<b>Total Return</b>				
Total investment return based on net asset value <sup>(e)</sup> .....	37.34 %	32.41 %	(4.15)%	11.32 %
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>				
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) .....	\$181,969	\$100,714	\$65,208	\$1,111
Ratio to average net assets of:				
Expenses, net of waivers/ reimbursements <sup>(f)†</sup> .....	1.09 %	.43 %	.42 % <sup>(g)</sup>	.33 % <sup>(h)</sup>
Expenses, before waivers/ reimbursements <sup>(f)†</sup> .....	1.32 %	.84 %	1.05 % <sup>(g)</sup>	37.77 % <sup>(h)</sup>
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(c)</sup> .....	(.38)%	.69 %	.73 %	.66 % <sup>(h)</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate .....	51 %	41 %	31 %	22 %

† Expense ratios exclude the estimated acquired fund fees of affiliated/unaffiliated underlying portfolios .....

	.01 %	.01 %	.01 %	.01 % <sup>(h)</sup>
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See footnote summary on page 34.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

### Selected Data For A Share Of Capital Stock Outstanding Throughout Each Period

- (a) Commencement of operations.
  - (b) Based on average shares outstanding.
  - (c) Net of expenses waived/reimbursed by the Adviser.
  - (d) Amount is less than \$0.005.
  - (e) Total investment return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption on the last day of the period. Total investment return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Total investment return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
  - (f) In connection with the Fund's investments in affiliated underlying portfolios, the Fund incurs no direct expenses but bears proportionate shares of the acquired fund fees and expenses (i.e. operating, administrative and investment advisory fees) of the affiliated underlying portfolios. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its fees from the Fund in an amount equal to the Fund's pro rata share of certain acquired fund fees and expenses, for the years ended December 31, 2020, December 31, 2019, December 31, 2018, and the period ended December 31, 2017, such waiver amounted to 0.01%, 0.01%, 0.01% and 0.01% (annualized), respectively.
  - (g) The advisory fee reflected in the Fund's expense ratio may be higher or lower than the Base Fee plus Performance Adjustment due to the different time periods over which the fee is calculated (i.e., the financial reporting period vs. the Performance Period).
  - (h) Annualized.
- See notes to financial statements.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

### To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio:

#### ***Opinion on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of AB FlexFee US Thematic Portfolio (the “Fund”) (one of the portfolios constituting AB Cap Fund, Inc. (the “Company”)), including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and the period from June 28, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund at December 31, 2020, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and the period from June 28, 2017 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2017, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud,

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM** (continued)

and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2020, by correspondence with the custodian and others or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from others were not received. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

We have served as the auditor of one or more of the AB investment companies since 1968.

New York, New York  
February 26, 2021

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## 2020 FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

(unaudited)

For Federal income tax purposes, the following information is furnished with respect to the distributions paid by the Fund for the calendar year ended December 31, 2020. For corporate shareholders 26.34% of dividends paid qualify for the dividends received deduction. For individual shareholders, the Fund designates 29.89% of dividends paid as qualified dividend income. The Fund designates \$1,857,515 of dividends paid as long-term capital gain dividends.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Marshall C. Turner, Jr.<sup>(1)</sup>**,  
Chairman

**Jorge A. Bermudez<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Michael J. Downey<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Nancy P. Jacklin<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Robert M. Keith\***, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

**Jeanette W. Loeb<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Carol C. McMullen<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Garry L. Moody<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Earl D. Weiner<sup>(1)</sup>**

### OFFICERS

**Daniel C. Roarty<sup>(2)</sup>**, Vice President

**Benjamin Ruesegger<sup>(2)</sup>**, Vice  
President

**Emilie D. Wrapp**, Secretary

**Michael B. Reyes**, Senior Analyst

**Joseph J. Mantineo**, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

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1 Member of the Audit Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Independent Directors Committee.

2 The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the Fund's portfolio are made by the Adviser's Sustainable Thematic Equities Investment Team. Messrs. Roarty and Ruesegger are the investment professional with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio.

\* Mr. Keith is expected to retire as President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Fund as of March 31, 2021 and from the Adviser effective June 30, 2021.



## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Board of Directors Information

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Certain information concerning the Fund's Directors is set forth below.

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>INTERESTED DIRECTOR</b>			
Robert M. Keith, <sup>#</sup> 1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10105 60 (2015)	Senior Vice President of AllianceBernstein L.P. (the "Adviser") and the head of AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. ("ABI") since July 2008; Director of ABI and President of the AB Mutual Funds. Previously, he served as Executive Managing Director of ABI from December 2006 to June 2008. Prior to joining ABI in 2006, Executive Managing Director of Bernstein Global Wealth Management, and prior thereto, Senior Managing Director and Global Head of Client Service and Sales of the Adviser's institutional investment management business since 2004. Prior thereto, he was Managing Director and Head of North American Client Service and Sales in the Adviser's institutional investment management business, with which he had been associated since prior to 2004.	74	None

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**) AND OTHER INFORMATION**	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION**	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</b>			
Marshall C. Turner, Jr.,## <i>Chairman of the Board</i> 79 (2015)	Private Investor since prior to 2016. Former Chairman and CEO of Dupont Photomasks, Inc. (components of semi-conductor manufacturing). He was a Director of Xilinx, Inc. (programmable logic semi-conductors and adaptable, intelligent computing) from 2007 through August 2020, and is a former director of 33 other companies and organizations. He has extensive operating leadership and venture capital investing experience, including five interim or full-time CEO roles, and prior service as general partner of institutional venture capital partnerships. He also has extensive non-profit board leadership experience, and currently serves on the boards of two education and science-related non-profit organizations. He has served as a director of one AB Fund since 1992, and director or trustee of all AB Funds since 2005. He has been Chairman of the AB Funds since January 2014, and the Chairman of the Independent Directors Committees of the AB Funds since February 2014.	74	None

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</b> <b>(continued)</b>			
Jorge A. Bermudez, ## 69 (2020)	Private Investor since prior to 2016. Formerly, Chief Risk Officer of Citigroup, Inc., a global financial services company, from November 2007 to March 2008, Chief Executive Officer of Citigroup's Commercial Business Group in North America and Citibank Texas from 2005 to 2007, and a variety of other executive and leadership roles at various businesses within Citigroup prior to then; Chairman (2018) of the Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees (Trustee since 2013) and Chairman of the Smart Grid Center Board at Texas A&M University since 2012; director of, among others, Citibank N.A. from 2005 to 2008, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch from 2009 to 2011, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from 2011 to 2017, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas from 2010 to 2016. He has served as director or trustee of the AB Funds since January 2020.	74	Moody's Corporation since April 2011
Michael J. Downey, ## 77 (2015)	Private Investor since prior to 2016. Formerly, Chairman of The Asia Pacific Fund, Inc. (registered investment company) since prior to 2016 until January 2019. From 1987 until 1993, Chairman and CEO of Prudential Mutual Fund Management, director of the Prudential mutual funds, and member of the Executive Committee of Prudential Securities Inc. He has served as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since 2005.	74	None

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**) AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</b> <b>(continued)</b>			
Nancy P. Jacklin,## 72 (2015)	Private Investor since prior to 2016. Professorial Lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (2008-2015). U.S. Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (which is responsible for ensuring the stability of the international monetary system), (December 2002-May 2006); Partner, Clifford Chance (1992-2002); Sector Counsel, International Banking and Finance, and Associate General Counsel, Citicorp (1985-1992); Assistant General Counsel (International), Federal Reserve Board of Governors (1982-1985); and Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of the Treasury (1973-1982). Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and of New York; and member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She has served as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since 2006 and has been Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committees of the AB Funds since August 2014.	74	None
Jeanette W. Loeb,## 68 (2020)	Chief Executive Officer of PetCareRx (e-commerce pet pharmacy) from 2002 to 2011 and 2015 to present. Director of New York City Center since 2005. She was a director of AB Multi-Manager Alternative Fund, Inc. (fund of hedge funds) from 2012 to 2018. Formerly, affiliated with Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (financial services) from 1977 to 1994, including as a partner thereof from 1986 to 1994. She has served as director or trustee of the AB Funds since April 2020.	74	Apollo Investment Corp. (business development company) since August 2011

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**) AND OTHER INFORMATION**	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION**	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</b> <b>(continued)</b>			
Carol C. McMullen,## 65 (2016)	Managing Director of Slalom Consulting (consulting) since 2014, private investor and a member of the Advisory Board of Butcher Box (since 2018). Formerly, member, Partners Healthcare Investment Committee (2010-2019); Director of Norfolk & Dedham Group (mutual property and casualty insurance) from 2011 until November 2016; Director of Partners Community Physicians Organization (healthcare) from 2014 until December 2016; and Managing Director of The Crossland Group (consulting) from 2012 until 2013. She has held a number of senior positions in the asset and wealth management industries, including at Eastern Bank (where her roles included President of Eastern Wealth Management), Thomson Financial (Global Head of Sales for Investment Management), and Putnam Investments (where her roles included Chief Investment Officer, Core and Growth and Head of Global Investment Research). She has served on a number of private company and non-profit boards, and as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since June 2016.	74	None

**MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)**

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
<b>DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS</b> <b>(continued)</b>			
Garry L. Moody,## 68 (2015)	Private Investor since prior to 2016. Formerly, Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP (1995-2008) where he held a number of senior positions, including Vice Chairman, and U.S. and Global Investment Management Practice Managing Partner; President, Fidelity Accounting and Custody Services Company (1993-1995), where he was responsible for the accounting, pricing, custody and reporting for the Fidelity mutual funds; and Partner, Ernst & Young LLP (1975-1993), where he served as the National Director of Mutual Fund Tax Services and Managing Partner of its Chicago Office Tax department. He is a member of the Trustee Advisory Board of BoardIQ, a biweekly publication focused on issues and news affecting directors of mutual funds. He is also a member of the Investment Company Institute's Board of Governors and the Independent Directors Council's Governing Council. He has served as a director or trustee and as Chairman of the Audit Committees of the AB Funds since 2008.	74	None

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

NAME, ADDRESS*, AGE, (YEAR FIRST ELECTED**)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS AND OTHER INFORMATION***	PORTFOLIOS IN AB FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORSHIPS CURRENTLY HELD BY DIRECTOR
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### DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS

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Earl D. Weiner, ## 81 (2015)	Senior Counsel since 2017, Of Counsel from 2007 to 2016, and Partner prior to then, of the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. He is a former member of the ABA Federal Regulation of Securities Committee Task Force to draft editions of the Fund Director's Guidebook. He also serves as a director or trustee of various non-profit organizations and has served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of a number of them. He has served as a director or trustee of the AB Funds since 2007 and served as Chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committees of the AB Funds from 2007 until August 2014.	74	None
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\* The address for each of the Fund's disinterested Directors is c/o AllianceBernstein L.P., Attention: Legal & Compliance Department—Mutual Fund Legal, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

\*\* There is no stated term of office for the Fund's Directors.

\*\*\* The information above includes each Director's principal occupation during the last five years and other information relating to the experience, attributes and skills relevant to each Director's qualifications to serve as a Director, which led to the conclusion that each Director should serve as a Director for the Fund.

# Mr. Keith is an "interested person" of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, due to his position as a Senior Vice President of the Adviser. He is expected to retire as President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Fund as of March 31, 2021 and from the Adviser effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Onur Erzan, Senior Vice President and Head of the Global Client Group of the Adviser, has been elected President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Fund, effective April 1, 2021.

## Member of the Audit Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Independent Directors Committee.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND (continued)

### Officer Information

Robert M. Keith <sup>#</sup> 60	President and Chief Executive Officer	See biography above.
Benjamin Ruegsegger 41	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2016.
Daniel C. Roarty 49	Vice President	Senior Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2016. He is also Chief Investment Officer of Sustainable Thematic Equities.
Emilie D. Wrapp 65	Secretary	Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of ABI**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2016.
Michael B. Reyes 44	Senior Analyst	Vice President of the Adviser**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2016.
Joseph J. Mantineo 61	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Senior Vice President of AllianceBernstein Investor Services ("ABIS")**, with which he has been associated since prior to 2016.
Phyllis J. Clarke 60	Controller	Vice President of ABIS**, with which she has been associated since prior to 2016.
Vince S. Noto 56	Chief Compliance Officer	Senior Vice President 2016 and Mutual Fund Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser** since prior to 2016.

\* The address for each of the Fund's Officers is 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

\*\* The Adviser, ABI and ABIS are affiliates of the Fund.

# Mr. Keith is expected to retire as President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Fund as of March 31, 2021 and from the Adviser effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Onur Erzan, Senior Vice President and Head of the Global Client Group of the Adviser, has been elected President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Fund, effective April 1, 2021.

The Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") has additional information about the Fund's Directors and Officers and is available without charge upon request. Contact your financial representative or AB at (800) 227-4618, or visit [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com), for a free prospectus or SAI.



## **Operation and Effectiveness of the Fund's Liquidity Risk Management Program:**

In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted the open-end fund liquidity rule (the "Liquidity Rule"). In June 2018 the SEC adopted a requirement that funds disclose information about the operation and effectiveness of their Liquidity Risk Management Program ("LRMP") in their reports to shareholders.

One of the requirements of the Liquidity Rule is for the Fund to designate an Administrator of the Fund's Liquidity Risk Management Program. The Administrator of the Fund's LRMP is AllianceBernstein L.P., the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"). The Adviser has delegated the responsibility to its Liquidity Risk Management Committee (the "Committee"). Another requirement of the Liquidity Rule is for the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Fund Board") to receive an annual written report from the Administrator of the LRMP, which addresses the operation of the Fund's LRMP and assesses its adequacy and effectiveness. The Adviser provided the Fund Board with such annual report during the first quarter of 2020, which covered the period December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 (the "Program Reporting Period").

The LRMP's principal objectives include supporting the Fund's compliance with limits on investments in illiquid assets and mitigating the risk that the Fund will be unable to meet its redemption obligations in a timely manner. Pursuant to the LRMP, the Fund classifies the liquidity of its portfolio investments into one of the four categories defined by the SEC: Highly Liquid, Moderately Liquid, Less Liquid, and Illiquid. These classifications are reported to the SEC on Form N-PORT.

During the Program Reporting Period, the Committee reviewed whether the Fund's strategy is appropriate for an open-end structure, taking into account any holdings of less liquid and illiquid assets. If the Fund participated in derivative transactions, the exposure from such transactions were considered in the LRMP. The Committee also performed an analysis to determine whether the Fund is required to maintain a Highly Liquid Investment Minimum ("HLIM"). The Committee also incorporated the following information when determining the Fund's reasonably anticipated trading size for purposes of liquidity monitoring: historical net redemption activity, a Fund's concentration in an issuer, shareholder concentration, investment performance, total net assets, and distribution channels.

The Adviser informed the Fund Board that the Committee believes the Fund's LRMP is adequately designed, has been implemented as intended, and has operated effectively since its inception. No material exceptions have been noted since the implementation of the LRMP, and there were no liquidity events that impacted the Fund or its ability to timely meet redemptions during the Program Reporting Period.

## **Information Regarding the Review and Approval of the Fund's Advisory Agreement**

The disinterested directors (the “directors”) of AB Cap Fund, Inc. (the “Company”) unanimously approved the continuance of the Company’s Advisory Agreement with the Adviser in respect of AB FlexFee™ US Thematic Portfolio (the “Fund”) at a meeting held by video conference on May 5-7, 2020 (the “Meeting”).

Prior to approval of the continuance of the Advisory Agreement, the directors had requested from the Adviser, and received and evaluated, extensive materials. They reviewed the proposed continuance of the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser and with experienced counsel who are independent of the Adviser, who advised on the relevant legal standards. The directors also reviewed additional materials, including comparative analytical data prepared by the Senior Analyst for the Fund. The directors also discussed the proposed continuance in private sessions with counsel.

The directors considered their knowledge of the nature and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund gained from their experience as directors or trustees of most of the registered investment companies advised by the Adviser, their overall confidence in the Adviser’s integrity and competence they have gained from that experience, the Adviser’s initiative in identifying and raising potential issues with the directors and its responsiveness, frankness and attention to concerns raised by the directors in the past, including the Adviser’s willingness to consider and implement organizational and operational changes designed to improve investment results and the services provided to the AB Funds. The directors noted that they have four regular meetings each year, at each of which they review extensive materials and information from the Adviser, including information on the investment performance of the Fund and the money market fund advised by the Adviser in which the Fund invests.

The directors also considered all factors they believed relevant, including the specific matters discussed below. During the course of their deliberations, the directors evaluated, among other things, the reasonableness of the performance-based advisory fee (which consists of a base fee plus or minus a performance adjustment) and considered materials presented to them concerning the SEC’s published guidance on factors that should be considered in connection with fulcrum fee arrangements, including the following factors: (1) the fairness of the fulcrum fee; (2) selection of an appropriate index against which fund performance should be measured; (3) variations in periods used for computing average asset values and performance; (4) length of period over which performance is computed; (5) computation of performance over a rolling period; (6) performance for transitional periods; (7) computation of the performance of the fund and the index with respect to payment of dividends and capital gains distributions; and (8) avoidance of basing significant fee adjustments upon

random or insignificant differences. The directors did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and different directors may have attributed different weights to the various factors. The directors determined that the selection of the Adviser to manage the Fund and the overall arrangements between the Fund and the Adviser, as provided in the Advisory Agreement, including the performance-based advisory fee, were fair and reasonable in light of the services performed, expenses incurred and such other matters as the directors considered relevant in the exercise of their business judgment. The material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the directors' determinations included the following:

### **Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided**

The directors considered the scope and quality of services provided by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, including the quality of the investment research capabilities of the Adviser and the other resources it has dedicated to performing services for the Fund. The directors noted that the Adviser from time to time reviews the Fund's investment strategies and from time to time proposes changes intended to improve the Fund's relative or absolute performance for the directors' consideration. They also noted the professional experience and qualifications of the Fund's portfolio management team and other senior personnel of the Adviser. The directors also considered that the Advisory Agreement provides that the Fund will reimburse the Adviser for the cost to it of providing certain clerical, accounting, administrative and other services to the Fund by employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. Requests for these reimbursements are made on a quarterly basis and subject to approval by the directors. The Adviser had not requested any reimbursements from the Fund in the Fund's latest fiscal year. The quality of administrative and other services, including the Adviser's role in coordinating the activities of the Fund's other service providers, also was considered. The directors concluded that, overall, they were satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund under the Advisory Agreement.

### **Costs of Services Provided and Profitability**

The directors reviewed a schedule of the revenues and expenses and related notes indicating the profitability of the Fund to the Adviser for calendar years 2018 and 2019 that had been prepared with an expense allocation methodology arrived at in consultation with an independent consultant retained by the Fund's former Senior Officer/Independent Compliance Officer. The directors noted the assumptions and methods of allocation used by the Adviser in preparing fund-specific profitability data and understood that there are a number of potentially acceptable allocation methodologies for information of this type. The directors noted that the profitability information reflected all revenues and expenses of the Adviser's relationship with the Fund, including those relating to its subsidiaries that provide transfer agency, distribution and brokerage services to the Fund.

The directors recognized that it is difficult to make comparisons of the profitability of the Advisory Agreement with the profitability of fund advisory contracts for unaffiliated funds because comparative information is not generally publicly available and is affected by numerous factors. The directors focused on the profitability of the Adviser's relationship with the Fund before taxes and distribution expenses. The directors noted that the Fund was not profitable to the Adviser in the periods reviewed. The directors noted that, due to the performance fee component of the advisory fee, profitability would tend to be higher with better performance relative to the Fund's benchmark index, which they considered to create an appropriate alignment of incentives.

### **Fall-Out Benefits**

The directors considered the other benefits to the Adviser and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund and the money market fund advised by the Adviser in which the Fund invests, including, but not limited to, benefits relating to 12b-1 fees and sales charges received by the Fund's principal underwriter (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Adviser) in respect of certain classes of the Fund's shares; brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to brokers affiliated with the Adviser; and transfer agency fees paid by the Fund to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Adviser. The directors recognized that the Fund's unprofitability to the Adviser would be exacerbated without these benefits. The directors understood that the Adviser also might derive reputational and other benefits from its association with the Fund.

### **Investment Results**

In addition to the information reviewed by the directors in connection with the Meeting, the directors receive detailed performance information for the Fund at each regular Board meeting during the year.

At the Meeting, the directors reviewed performance information prepared by an independent service provider (the "15(c) service provider"), showing the performance of the Advisor Class shares of the Fund against a group of similar funds ("peer group") and a larger group of similar funds ("peer universe"), each selected by the 15(c) service provider, and information prepared by the Adviser showing performance of the Advisor Class shares against a broad-based securities market index, in each case for the 1-year period ended February 29, 2020 and (in the case of comparisons with the broad-based securities market index) for the period from inception. Based on their review, the directors concluded that the Fund's investment performance was acceptable.

### **Advisory Fees and Other Expenses**

The directors considered the advisory fee rate payable by the Fund to the Adviser and information prepared by the 15(c) service provider concerning advisory fee rates payable by other funds in the same category as the Fund. The directors recognized that it is difficult to make comparisons of

advisory fees because there are variations in the services that are included in the fees payable by other funds. The directors compared the Fund's contractual effective advisory fee rate with a peer group median.

The directors also considered the Adviser's fee schedule for other clients utilizing investment strategies similar to those of the Fund. For this purpose, they reviewed the relevant advisory fee information from the Adviser's Form ADV and in a report from the Fund's Senior Analyst and noted the differences between the Fund's fee schedule, on the one hand, and the Adviser's institutional fee schedule and the schedule of fees charged by the Adviser to any offshore funds and for services to any sub-advised funds utilizing investment strategies similar to those of the Fund, on the other. The directors noted that the Adviser may, in some cases, agree to fee rates with large institutional clients that are lower than those reviewed by the directors and that they had previously discussed with the Adviser its policies in respect of such arrangements. The directors previously discussed these matters with an independent fee consultant. The directors also compared the advisory fee rate for the Fund with that for another fund advised by the Adviser utilizing similar investment strategies.

The Adviser reviewed with the directors the significantly greater scope of the services it provides to the Fund relative to institutional, offshore fund and sub-advised fund clients. In this regard, the Adviser noted, among other things, that, compared to institutional and offshore or sub-advisory accounts, the Fund (i) demands considerably more portfolio management, research and trading resources due to significantly higher daily cash flows; (ii) has more tax and regulatory restrictions and compliance obligations; (iii) must prepare and file or distribute regulatory and other communications about fund operations; and (iv) must provide shareholder servicing to retail investors. The Adviser also reviewed the greater legal risks presented by the large and changing population of Fund shareholders who may assert claims against the Adviser in individual or class actions, and the greater entrepreneurial risk in offering new fund products, which require substantial investment to launch, may not succeed, and generally must be priced to compete with larger, more established funds resulting in lack of profitability to the Adviser until a new fund achieves scale. In light of the substantial differences in services rendered by the Adviser to institutional, offshore fund and sub-advised fund clients as compared to the Fund, and the different risk profile, the directors considered these fee comparisons inapt and did not place significant weight on them in their deliberations.

The directors noted that the Fund may invest in shares of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), subject to the restrictions and limitations of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as these may be varied as a result of exemptive orders issued by the SEC. The directors also noted that ETFs pay advisory fees pursuant to their advisory contracts. The directors concluded, based on the Adviser's explanation of how it uses ETFs when they are the most

cost-effective way to obtain desired exposures, in some cases pending purchases of underlying securities, that the advisory fee for the Fund would be for services in addition to, rather than duplicative of, the services provided under the advisory contracts of the ETFs.

In connection with their review of the Fund's advisory fee, the directors also considered the total expense ratio of the Advisor Class shares of the Fund in comparison to a peer group and a peer universe selected by each 15(c) service provider. The Advisor Class expense ratio of the Fund was based on the Fund's latest fiscal year and the directors considered the Adviser's expense cap for the Fund. The directors noted that it was likely that the expense ratios of some of the other funds in the Fund's category were lowered by waivers or reimbursements by those funds' investment advisers, which in some cases might be voluntary or temporary. The directors view the expense ratio information as relevant to their evaluation of the Adviser's services because the Adviser is responsible for coordinating services provided to the Fund by others. Based on their review, the directors concluded that the Fund's expense ratio was acceptable.

### **Economies of Scale**

The directors noted that the advisory fee schedule for the Fund does not contain breakpoints and that they had previously discussed their strong preference for breakpoints in advisory contracts with the Adviser. The directors took into consideration prior presentations by an independent consultant on economies of scale in the mutual fund industry and for the AB Funds, and presentations from time to time by the Adviser concerning certain of its views on economies of scale. The directors also previously discussed economies of scale with an independent fee consultant. The directors also had requested and received from the Adviser certain updates on economies of scale in advance of the Meeting. The directors believe that economies of scale may be realized (if at all) by the Adviser across a variety of products and services, and not only in respect of a single fund. The directors noted that there is no established methodology for setting breakpoints that give effect to the fund-specific services provided by a fund's adviser and to the economies of scale that an adviser may realize in its overall mutual fund business or those components of it which directly or indirectly affect a fund's operations. The directors observed that in the mutual fund industry as a whole, as well as among funds similar to the Fund, there is no uniformity or pattern in the fees and asset levels at which breakpoints (if any) apply. The directors also noted that the advisory agreements for many funds do not have breakpoints at all. The directors informed the Adviser that they would monitor the Fund's asset levels (which were well below the level at which they would anticipate adding an initial breakpoint) and its profitability (currently unprofitable) to the Adviser and anticipated revisiting the question of breakpoints in the future if circumstances warranted doing so.

## AB FAMILY OF FUNDS

### US EQUITY

#### CORE

Core Opportunities Fund  
FlexFee™ US Thematic Portfolio  
Select US Equity Portfolio

#### GROWTH

Concentrated Growth Fund  
Discovery Growth Fund  
FlexFee™ Large Cap  
Growth Portfolio  
Growth Fund  
Large Cap Growth Fund  
Small Cap Growth Portfolio

#### VALUE

Discovery Value Fund  
Equity Income Fund  
Relative Value Fund  
Small Cap Value Portfolio  
Value Fund

### INTERNATIONAL/ GLOBAL EQUITY

#### CORE

Global Core Equity Portfolio  
International Strategic  
Core Portfolio  
Sustainable Global Thematic Fund  
Tax-Managed Wealth  
Appreciation Strategy  
Wealth Appreciation Strategy

#### GROWTH

Concentrated International  
Growth Portfolio  
Sustainable International  
Thematic Fund

#### VALUE

All China Equity Portfolio  
International Value Fund

### FIXED INCOME

#### MUNICIPAL

High Income Municipal Portfolio  
Intermediate California  
Municipal Portfolio  
Intermediate Diversified  
Municipal Portfolio  
Intermediate New York  
Municipal Portfolio  
Municipal Bond Inflation Strategy  
Tax-Aware Fixed Income  
Opportunities Portfolio  
National Portfolio  
Arizona Portfolio  
California Portfolio  
Massachusetts Portfolio  
Minnesota Portfolio  
New Jersey Portfolio  
New York Portfolio  
Ohio Portfolio  
Pennsylvania Portfolio  
Virginia Portfolio

#### TAXABLE

Bond Inflation Strategy  
FlexFee™ High Yield Portfolio  
Global Bond Fund  
High Income Fund  
Income Fund  
Intermediate Duration Portfolio  
Limited Duration High  
Income Portfolio  
Short Duration Income Portfolio  
Short Duration Portfolio  
Total Return Bond Portfolio

### ALTERNATIVES

All Market Real Return Portfolio  
Global Real Estate  
Investment Fund  
Select US Long/Short Portfolio

### MULTI-ASSET

All Market Income Portfolio  
All Market Total Return Portfolio  
Conservative Wealth Strategy  
Emerging Markets Multi-  
Asset Portfolio  
Global Risk Allocation Fund  
Tax-Managed All Market  
Income Portfolio

### CLOSED-END FUNDS

AllianceBernstein Global High  
Income Fund  
AllianceBernstein National  
Municipal Income Fund

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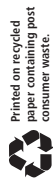
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