

# **CREDIT SUISSE FUNDS**

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CREDIT SUISSE TRUST

**COMMODITY RETURN STRATEGY PORTFOLIO** 

CLASS 1 SHARES - TICKER SYMBOL: CCRSX

CLASS 2 SHARES - TICKER SYMBOL: CCRRX

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# **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The portfolio seeks total return.

# FEES AND PORTFOLIO EXPENSES

The accompanying table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the portfolio. The fee table and the expense example do not reflect expenses or withdrawal charges incurred from investing through a variable contract or qualified plan and do not reflect variable annuity or life insurance contract charges. *If they did, the overall fees and expenses would be higher than those shown.* Detailed information about the cost of investing in the portfolio through a variable contract or qualified plan is presented in the contract prospectus through which the portfolio's shares are offered to you or in the plan documents or other informational materials supplied by plan sponsors.

	Class 1	Class 2
Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)		
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases	N/A	N/A
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	N/A	N/A
Maximum sales charge (load) on reinvested distributions	N/A	N/A
Redemption fees	N/A	N/A
Exchange fees	N/A	N/A
Annual portfolio operating expenses (expenses that you pay as a percentage of the value of your investment)		
Management fee	0.59%	0.59%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fee	0.25%	None
Other expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.22%	0.22%
Total annual portfolio operating expenses	1.06%	0.81%
Less: amount of fee limitations/expense reimbursements <sup>2</sup>	0.01%	0.01%
Total annual portfolio operating expenses after fee limitations/expense reimbursements	1.05%	0.80%

<sup>1</sup> The portfolio invests in Credit Suisse Cayman Commodity Fund II, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the portfolio organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "Subsidiary"). "Other Expenses" include expenses of both the portfolio and the Subsidiary.

<sup>2</sup> Credit Suisse Trust (the "Trust") and Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("Credit Suisse") have entered into a written contract limiting operating expenses to 1.05% for Class 1 shares and 0.80% for Class 2 shares of the portfolio's average daily net assets at least through May 1, 2022. This limit excludes certain expenses, including interest charges on fund borrowings, taxes, brokerage commissions, dealer spreads and other transaction charges, expenditures that are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, acquired fund fees and expenses, short sale dividends, and extraordinary expenses (e.g., litigation and indemnification and any other costs and expenses that may be approved by the Trust's board of trustees (the "Board of Trustees")). The Trust is authorized to reimburse Credit Suisse for management fees previously limited and/or for expenses previously paid by Credit Suisse provided, however, that any reimbursements must be paid at a date not more than thirty-six months following the applicable month during which such fees were limited or expenses were reimbursed by Credit Suisse and the reimbursements do not cause the portfolio to exceed the applicable expense limitation in the contract at the time the fees are recouped. This contract may not be terminated before May 1, 2022.

# EXAMPLE

This example may help you compare the cost of investing in shares of the portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example does not include expenses or withdrawal charges incurred from investing through a variable annuity or life insurance contract or qualified plan. If the example included these expenses, the figures shown would be higher.

Assume you invest \$10,000, the portfolio returns 5% annually, expense ratios remain the same and you close your account at the end of each of the time periods shown. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your cost would be:

	ONE YEAR	THREE YEARS	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
Class 1	\$107	\$336	\$584	\$1,293
Class 2	\$ 82	\$258	\$449	\$1,001

# **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The computation of the portfolio's portfolio turnover rate for regulatory purposes excludes trades of derivatives and instruments with a maturity of one year or less. However, the portfolio expects to engage in frequent trading of derivatives, which could have tax consequences that impact shareholders, such as the realization of taxable short-term capital gains. In addition, the portfolio could incur transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities and other instruments. Transaction costs, which are not reflected in annual portfolio operating expenses or in the example, affect the portfolio's performance. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 184% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

The portfolio is designed to achieve positive total return relative to the performance of the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return (the "BCOM Index"). The portfolio intends to invest its assets in a combination of commodity-linked derivative instruments and fixed income securities. The portfolio gains exposure to commodities markets by investing through the Subsidiary and in structured notes linked to the BCOM Index, other commodity indices, or the value of a particular commodity or commodity futures contract or subset of commodities or commodity futures contracts. The value of these investments will rise or fall in response to changes in the underlying index or commodity. The portfolio intends to engage in active and frequent trading.

The portfolio may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Credit Suisse Cayman Commodity Fund II, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the portfolio organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The portfolio will invest in the Subsidiary primarily to gain exposure to the commodities markets within the limitations of the federal tax laws, rules and regulations that apply to registered investment companies. Generally, the Subsidiary will invest in commodity-linked derivative instruments, but it will also invest in fixed income instruments, including U.S. government securities, U.S. government agency securities, corporate bonds, debentures and notes, mortgage-backed securities, event-linked bonds, loan participations, bank certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and other short-term fixed income securities. The primary purpose of the fixed income instruments held by the Subsidiary will be to serve as collateral for the Subsidiary's derivative positions; however, these instruments are also expected to earn income for the Subsidiary.

The portfolio invests in a portfolio of fixed income securities normally having an average duration of one year or less, and emphasizes investment-grade fixed income securities.

# **PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE PORTFOLIO**

### A WORD ABOUT RISK

All investments involve some level of risk. Simply defined, risk is the possibility that you will lose money or not make money.

Principal risk factors for the portfolio are discussed below. Before you invest, please make sure you understand the risks that apply to the portfolio. As with any mutual fund, you could lose money over any period of time.

The portfolio is not a complete investment program and should only form a small part of a diversified portfolio. At any time, the risk of loss associated with a particular instrument in the portfolio's portfolio may be significantly higher than 50% of the value of the investment. Investors in the portfolio should be willing to assume the greater risks of potentially significant short-term share price fluctuations.

Investments in the portfolio are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

### **COMMODITY EXPOSURE RISKS**

The portfolio's and the Subsidiary's investments in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject the portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss (including the likelihood of greater volatility of the portfolio's net asset value), and there can be no assurance that the portfolio's use of leverage will be successful.

#### **CORRELATION RISK**

Changes in the value of a hedging instrument may not match those of the investment being hedged. In addition, certain of the portfolio's commodity-linked derivative investments may result in the portfolio's performance diverging from the BCOM Index, perhaps materially. For example, a structured note can be structured to limit the loss or the gain on the investment, which would result in the portfolio not participating in declines or increases in the BCOM Index that exceed the limits.

### **CREDIT RISK**

The issuer of a debt instrument or the counterparty to a contract, including derivatives contracts, may default or otherwise become unable to honor a financial obligation. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness also may affect the value of the portfolio's investment in that issuer.

### **DERIVATIVES RISK**

Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The portfolio typically uses derivatives as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. The portfolio also may use derivatives for leverage. The portfolio's use of derivative instruments, particularly commodity-linked derivatives, involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this *Prospectus*, such as commodity exposure risks, correlation risk, illiquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, regulatory risk and credit risk. Also, suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the portfolio will engage in these transactions to reduce exposure to other risks when that would be beneficial.

### **EXPOSURE RISK**

The risk associated with investments (such as derivatives) or practices (such as short selling) that increase the amount of money the portfolio could gain or lose on an investment.

- Hedged Exposure risk could multiply losses generated by a derivative or practice used for hedging purposes. Such losses should be substantially offset by gains on the hedged investment. However, while hedging can reduce or eliminate losses, it can also reduce or eliminate gains.
- Speculative To the extent that a derivative or practice is not used as a hedge, the portfolio is directly exposed to its risks. Gains or losses from speculative positions in a derivative may be much greater than the derivative's original cost. For example, potential losses from commodity-linked notes or swap agreements, from writing uncovered call options and from speculative short sales are unlimited.

### **FIXED INCOME RISK**

The market value of fixed income investments will change in response to interest rate changes and other factors, such as changes in the effective maturities and credit ratings of fixed income investments. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of outstanding fixed income securities and related financial instruments generally rise. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the values of such securities and related financial instruments generally rise generally decline. Fixed income investments are also subject to credit risk.

### Focus Risk

The portfolio will be exposed to the performance of commodities in the BCOM Index, which may from time to time have a small number of commodity sectors (e.g., energy, metals or agricultural) representing a large portion of the index. As a result, the portfolio may be subject to greater volatility than if the index were more broadly diversified among commodity sectors. If the portfolio is exposed to a significant extent to a particular commodity or subset of commodities, the portfolio will be more exposed to the specific risks relating to such commodity or commodities and will be subject to greater volatility than if it were more broadly diversified among commodity sectors.

### **FUTURES CONTRACTS RISK**

The risks associated with the portfolio's use of futures contracts and swaps and structured notes that reference the price of futures contracts include the risk that: (i) changes in the price of a futures contract may not always track the changes in market value of the underlying reference asset; (ii) trading restrictions or limitations may be imposed by an exchange, and government regulations may restrict trading in futures contracts; and (iii) if the portfolio has insufficient cash to meet margin requirements, the portfolio may need to sell other investments, including at disadvantageous times.

#### ILLIQUIDITY RISK

Certain portfolio holdings, such as commodity-linked notes and swaps, may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the portfolio would like. The portfolio may have to lower the price, sell other holdings instead or forgo an investment opportunity. Any of these could have a negative effect on portfolio management or performance.

#### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Changes in interest rates may cause a decline in the market value of an investment. With bonds and other fixed income instruments, a rise in interest rates typically causes a fall in values, while a fall in interest rates typically causes a rise in values. The portfolio may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the recent period of historically low rates and the effect of potential government fiscal policy initiatives and resulting market reaction to those initiatives. Generally, the longer the maturity or duration of a debt instrument, the greater the impact of a change in interest on the instrument's value. In periods of market volatility, the market values of fixed income securities may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates.

#### LEVERAGING RISK

The portfolio may invest in certain derivatives that provide leveraged exposure. The portfolio's investment in these instruments generally requires a small investment relative to the amount of investment exposure assumed. As a result, such investments may cause the portfolio to lose more than the amount it invested in those instruments. The net asset value of the portfolio when employing leverage will be more volatile and sensitive to market movements. Leverage may involve the creation of a liability that requires the portfolio to pay interest.

#### MARKET RISK

The market value of a security may fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably due to changes in general market conditions, economic trends or events that are not specifically related to the issuer of the security or other asset, or factors that affect a particular issuer or issuers, exchange, country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments. These fluctuations, which are often referred to as "volatility," may cause an instrument to be worth less than it was worth at an earlier time.

Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, commodity, sector of the economy, or the market as a whole. Market risk is common to most investments – including stocks, bonds and commodities, and the mutual funds that invest in them.

Bonds and other fixed income securities generally involve less market risk than stocks and commodities. The risk of bonds can vary significantly depending upon factors such as issuer and maturity. The bonds of some companies may be riskier than the stocks of others.

### **NON-DIVERSIFIED STATUS**

The portfolio is considered a non-diversified investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and is permitted to invest a greater proportion of its assets in the securities of a smaller number of issuers. As a result, the portfolio may be subject to greater volatility with respect to its portfolio securities than a fund that is diversified.

### **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK**

The portfolio expects to engage in frequent trading of derivatives. Active and frequent trading may lead to the realization and distribution to shareholders of higher short-term capital gains, which would increase their tax liability. Frequent trading also increases transaction costs, which could detract from the portfolio's performance.

### STRUCTURED NOTE RISK

The value of a structured note will be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the type of note, interest rate and market volatility, changes in the issuer's credit rating, and economic, legal, political, or geographic events that affect the reference asset. In addition, there may be a lag between a change in the value of the underlying reference asset and the value of the structured note.

### SUBSIDIARY RISK

By investing in the Subsidiary, the portfolio is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The derivatives and other investments held by the Subsidiary are generally similar to those that are permitted to be held by the portfolio and are subject to the same risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the portfolio. These risks are described elsewhere in this *Prospectus*.

The Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act and, unless otherwise noted in this *Prospectus*, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. However, the portfolio wholly owns and controls the Subsidiary, and the portfolio and the Subsidiary are both managed by Credit Suisse, making it unlikely that the Subsidiary will take action contrary to the interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. The Board of Trustees has oversight responsibility for the investment activities of the portfolio, including its investment in the Subsidiary, and the portfolio's role as sole shareholder of the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary will be subject to the same investment restrictions and limitations, and follow the same compliance policies and procedures, as the portfolio.

Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the portfolio and/or the Subsidiary to continue to operate as it does currently and could adversely affect the portfolio.

### SWAP AGREEMENTS RISK

Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the portfolio has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the portfolio and the risk that the portfolio will not be able to meet its obligations to pay the other party to the agreement.

### TAX RISK

In order to qualify as a Regulated Investment Company (a "RIC") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the portfolio must meet certain requirements regarding the source of its income, the diversification of its assets and the distribution of its income. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has issued a ruling that income realized directly from certain types of commodity-linked derivatives would not be qualifying income. As a result, the portfolio's ability to realize income from direct investments in such commodity-linked derivatives as part of its investment strategy would be limited to a maximum of 10% of its gross income. To comply with the ruling, the portfolio seeks to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in the Subsidiary, which invests in commodity-linked notes. If the portfolio fails to qualify as a RIC, the portfolio will be subject to federal income tax on its net income at regular corporate rates (without reduction for distributions to shareholders).

When distributed, that income also would be taxable to shareholders as an ordinary dividend to the extent attributable to the portfolio's earnings and profits. If the portfolio were to fail to qualify as a RIC and became subject to federal income tax, shareholders of the portfolio would be subject to diminished returns. The portfolio anticipates treating income and gain from the Subsidiary and from commodity-linked notes as qualifying income.

### **U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES RISK**

Obligations of U.S. government agencies and authorities are supported by varying degrees of credit but generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support to its agencies and authorities if it is not obligated by law to do so.

# PERFORMANCE

The accompanying bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the portfolio. The bar chart shows you how performance of the portfolio's Class 1 shares (which was previously an undesignated share class of the portfolio), has varied from year to year for up to 10 years. The table compares the portfolio's performance over time to that of a broad-based securities market index. The table also compares the portfolio's performance to the BCOM Index, which is currently composed of futures contracts on 23 physical commodities. The bar chart and table do not reflect additional charges and expenses which are, or may be, imposed under the variable contracts or plans; such charges and expenses are described in the prospectus of the insurance company separate account or in the plan documents or other informational materials supplied by plan sponsors. Inclusion of these charges would reduce the total return for the periods shown. As with all mutual funds, past performance is not a prediction of future performance.

The portfolio makes updated performance available at the portfolio's website (<u>www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds</u>) or by calling Credit Suisse Funds at 877-870-2874.

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YEAR ENDED 12/31:	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Best quarter: 12.69% (Q2 16)						12.02%	1.52%		6.69%	
Worst quarter: -22.17% (Q1 20) Inception date: 2/28/06	-12.65%	-2.09%	-10.27%	-17.01%	-25.10%			-11.66%		-1.48%

### YEAR-BY-YEAR TOTAL RETURNS

### **AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS**

PERIOD ENDED 12/31/20:	ONE YEAR 2020	FIVE YEARS 2016-2020	TEN YEARS 2011-2020
COMMODITY RETURN STRATEGY PORTFOLIO – CLASS 1 SHARES	-1.48%	1.10%	-6.63%
COMMODITY RETURN STRATEGY PORTFOLIO – CLASS 2 SHARES	28.52%(1)	N/A	N/A
BLOOMBERG COMMODITY INDEX TOTAL RETURN (REFLECTS NO DEDUCTIONS FOR FEES OR EXPENSES)	-3.12%	1.03%	-6.50%

<sup>(1)</sup> Return represents performance from May 1, 2020 (inception date) to December 31, 2020.

### MANAGEMENT

Investment manager: Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("Credit Suisse")

**Portfolio manager:** The Credit Suisse Commodities Management Team is responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio. Christopher Burton, Senior Portfolio Manager and Managing Director, is the lead portfolio manager of the team and has been managing the portfolio since 2006, the portfolio's inception.

# PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Shares of the portfolio may be purchased or redeemed only through variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of certain insurance companies or through tax-qualified pension and retirement plans. Shares of the portfolio may be purchased and redeemed each day the New York Stock Exchange is open, at the portfolio's net asset value determined after receipt of a request in good order.

The portfolio does not have any initial or subsequent investment minimums. However, your life insurance company, pension plan or retirement plan may impose investment minimums.

# TAX INFORMATION

Distributions made by the portfolio to an insurance company separate account, and exchanges and redemptions of portfolio shares made by a separate account, ordinarily do not cause the corresponding contract holder to recognize income or gain for federal income tax purposes. See the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of the distributions to separate accounts and the holders of the contracts.

# PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

The portfolio and its related companies may pay broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries (such as a bank or insurance company) for the sale of portfolio shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing your broker-dealer or other representative or its employees or associated persons to recommend the portfolio over another investment. Ask your financial representative or visit your financial representative's website for more information.

## THE PORTFOLIO IN DETAIL

#### **GOAL AND STRATEGIES**

#### **PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES**

The portfolio seeks total return. To pursue this goal, it invests in a combination of commodity-linked derivative instruments and fixed income securities.

The portfolio invests in commodity-linked derivative instruments, such as commodity-linked notes, that provide exposure to the investment returns of the commodities markets without investing directly in physical commodities. The portfolio intends to gain exposure to commodities markets by investing in the Subsidiary, which in turn invests in commodity-linked swap agreements and other commodity-linked derivative instruments, and by investing directly in commodity-linked structured notes. These investments will be linked to the BCOM Index, other commodity indices or the value of a particular commodity or commodity futures contract or subset of commodities or commodity futures contracts. The principal value of commodity-linked investments held by the portfolio is expected to equal between 0% and 50% of the portfolio's net assets at the time of investment. The percentage may be higher or lower as the value of the BCOM Index changes. The remainder of the portfolio's assets (other than amounts invested in commodity-linked investments) is expected to consist predominantly of fixed income instruments. The portfolio intends to engage in active and frequent trading.

The portfolio may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary is advised by Credit Suisse. The Subsidiary (unlike the portfolio) may invest without limitation in commodity-linked swap agreements and other commodity-linked derivative instruments, including futures contracts on individual commodities or a subset of commodities. However, the Subsidiary is otherwise subject to the same fundamental, non-fundamental and certain other investment restrictions as the portfolio.

The BCOM Index is a broadly diversified futures index currently composed of futures contracts on 23 physical commodities. The index is weighted among commodity sectors using dollar-adjusted liquidity and production data. Currently, five energy commodities, two precious metals commodities, four industrial metals commodities, two livestock commodities and nine agricultural commodities are represented in the index. The BCOM Index is rebalanced as of the beginning of each calendar year so that as of that time no single commodities (e.g., energy, precious metals, industrial metals, livestock or agriculture) represented in the index is limited to 33%. However, following this rebalancing and for the remainder of the calendar year these percentages may change so that a single commodity may constitute a lesser or greater percentage of the index at the beginning of the year and different sectors may represent different proportions of the index. (A more detailed description of the BCOM Index is found in the *Statement of Additional Information ("SAI")*.) The portfolio does not intend to invest in commodities directly or in instruments linked to individual commodity sectors.

The prices of commodity-linked instruments may move in different directions than investments in traditional equity and debt securities in periods of rising inflation. Of course, there can be no guarantee that the portfolio's commoditylinked investments would not be correlated with traditional financial assets under any particular market conditions. In addition, while the primary driver of the portfolio's returns is expected to be the change in value of the BCOM Index, the portfolio is not an index fund and may be exposed to particular commodities or subset of commodities to a greater or lesser extent than reflected in the BCOM Index. However, the portfolio is designed to generally achieve positive performance relative to that of the BCOM Index, although there can be no guarantee that this positive performance will be achieved.

The portfolio will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in instruments issued by companies in any one industry. However, 25% or more of its total assets may be indirectly exposed to industries in one or more of the three commodity sectors (currently the energy, metal and agricultural sectors) of the BCOM Index. In addition, the portfolio can invest more than 25% of its total assets in instruments (such as structured notes) issued by companies in the financial services sector (which includes the banking, brokerage and insurance industries). In that case the portfolio's share values will fluctuate in response to events affecting issuers in those sectors.

Under normal market conditions:

- at least 90% of the portfolio's fixed income securities (excluding structured notes) will be investment grade
- the portfolio will maintain an average duration of the fixed income portion of the portfolio (excluding structured notes) of one year or less

In determining the credit quality of a security, Credit Suisse will use the highest rating assigned to it. While structured notes are not typically rated, the portfolio does not intend to enter into structured notes with issuers that do not have debt ratings of investment grade.

Duration is a measure of the expected life of a fixed income security that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. The longer a security's duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates. Similarly, a fund with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a fund with a shorter average portfolio duration.

#### **PRINCIPAL PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS**

The portfolio intends to gain exposure to commodity markets primarily by investing up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary invests primarily in commodity-linked derivative instruments, including swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures. Although the portfolio may enter into these commodity-linked derivative instruments directly, the portfolio likely will gain exposure to these derivative instruments, including in the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary also will invest in fixed income instruments, some of which are intended to serve as margin or collateral for the Subsidiary's derivatives position.

The derivative instruments in which the portfolio and the Subsidiary primarily intend to invest are instruments linked to certain commodity indices. Additionally, the portfolio or the Subsidiary may invest in derivative instruments linked to the value of a particular commodity or commodity futures contract, or a subset of commodities or commodity futures contracts, including swaps on commodity futures. The portfolio's or the Subsidiary's investments in commodity-linked derivative instruments may specify exposure to commodity futures with different roll dates, reset dates or contract months than those specified by a particular commodity index. As a result, the commodity-linked derivatives component of the portfolio's portfolio may deviate from the returns of any particular commodity index. The portfolio or the Subsidiary may also over-weight or under-weight its exposure to a particular commodity index, or a subset of commodities, such that the portfolio has greater or lesser exposure to that index than the value of the portfolio's net assets, or greater or lesser exposure to a subset of commodities than is represented by a particular commodity index. Such deviations will frequently be the result of temporary market fluctuations, and under normal circumstances the portfolio will seek to maintain net notional exposure to one or more commodity indices within 5% (plus or minus) of the value of the portfolio's net assets. The portion of the portfolio's or Subsidiary's assets exposed to any particular commodity or commodity sector will vary based on market conditions, but from time to time the portion could be substantial. To the extent that the portfolio invests in the Subsidiary, it may be subject to the risks associated with those derivative instruments and other securities, which are discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

The Subsidiary is managed by Credit Suisse. With respect to its investments, the Subsidiary generally will be subject to the same fundamental, non-fundamental and certain other investment restrictions as the portfolio; however, the Subsidiary (unlike the portfolio) may invest without limitation in commodity-linked instruments that may otherwise be limited if purchased by the portfolio due to federal tax requirements, as discussed above. With respect to the Subsidiary's investments in certain instruments that may involve leverage, the Subsidiary will comply with 1940 Act asset segregation or "earmarking" requirements to the same extent as the portfolio.

The structured notes in which the portfolio may invest may be issued by U.S. and foreign banks, brokerage firms, insurance companies and other corporations. These notes are debt securities of the issuer and so, in addition to fluctuating in response to changes in the underlying commodity index, will be subject to credit and interest rate risks that typically affect debt securities.

The fixed income securities the portfolio may invest in include:

- corporate bonds, debentures and notes
- government and agency securities
- mortgage-backed securities
- structured notes, including hybrid or "indexed" securities, event-linked bonds and loan participations
- bank certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits and bankers' acceptances
- commercial paper

### **OTHER PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS**

In addition to investing in the Subsidiary and commodity-linked instruments, the portfolio may engage in other investment practices that include the use of options, futures and other derivative securities. The portfolio will attempt

to take advantage of pricing inefficiencies in these securities. For example, the portfolio may write (i.e., sell) put and call options. The portfolio would receive premium income when it writes an option, which will increase the portfolio's return in the event the option expires unexercised or is closed out at a profit. Upon the exercise of a put or call option written by the portfolio, the portfolio may suffer an economic loss equal to the difference between the price at which the portfolio is required to purchase, in the case of a put, or sell, in the case of a call, the underlying security or instrument and the option exercise price, less the premium received for writing the option. The portfolio may engage in derivative transactions involving a variety of underlying instruments, including, in addition to structured notes, swaps, equity and debt securities, securities indexes and futures.

The portfolio also may invest in common and preferred stock as well as convertible securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. To a limited extent, the portfolio may also engage in other investment practices.

For defensive purposes due to abnormal market conditions or economic situations as determined by Credit Suisse, the portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or certain short-term securities. Although intended to avoid losses in adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, defensive tactics might be inconsistent with the portfolio's principal investment strategies and might prevent the portfolio from achieving its goal.

The portfolio's investment objective may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.

### **RISK FACTORS**

The portfolio may use certain investment practices that have higher risks associated with them. However, the portfolio has limitations and policies designed to reduce many of the risks. The principal risks of the portfolio are identified in the Summary section and are described in this section.

### **PRINCIPAL RISK FACTORS**

**Commodity Exposure Risks** The portfolio's investment in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject the portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the investments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss (including the likelihood of greater volatility of the portfolio's net asset value), and there can be no assurance that the portfolio's use of leverage will be successful.

**Correlation Risk** Changes in the value of a hedging instrument may not match those of the investment being hedged. In addition, certain of the portfolio's commodity-linked derivative instruments may result in the portfolio's performance diverging from the BCOM Index, perhaps materially. For example, a note can be structured to limit the loss or the gain on the investment, which would result in the portfolio not participating in declines or increases in the BCOM Index that exceed the limits.

**Credit Risk** The issuer of a security, the borrower of a loan or the counterparty to a contract, including derivatives contracts, may default or otherwise become unable to honor a financial obligation. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness also may affect the value of the portfolio's investment in that issuer. Non-investment grade securities carry a higher risk of default and should be considered speculative.

**Derivatives Risk** Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The portfolio typically uses derivatives as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. The portfolio may also use derivatives for leverage. The portfolio's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Derivatives are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this section, such as correlation risk, illiquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk and credit risk. Also, suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the portfolio's investments in derivatives are also subject to the risk that "speculative positions limits" imposed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and certain futures exchanges on net long and net short positions may require the portfolio to limit or unravel positions in certain types of investments. In addition, regulations are now in effect that require swap dealers to post and collect variation margin (comprised of specified liquid instruments and subject to a

required haircut) in connection with trading of over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps with the portfolio. Shares of investment companies (other than certain money market funds) may not be posted as collateral under these regulations. Requirements for posting of initial margin in connection with OTC swaps will be phased-in through 2021. Further, regulations adopted by prudential regulators that are now in effect require certain bank-regulated counterparties and certain of their affiliates to include in certain financial contracts, including many derivatives contracts, terms that delay or restrict the rights of counterparties, such as the portfolio, to terminate such contracts, foreclose upon collateral, exercise other default rights or restrict transfers of credit support in the event that the counterparty and/or its affiliates are subject to certain types of resolution or insolvency proceedings.

The Securities and Exchange Commission recently adopted new regulations governing the use of derivatives by registered investment companies ("Rule 18f-4"). The portfolio will be required to implement and comply with Rule 18f-4 by August 19, 2022. Once implemented, Rule 18f-4 will impose limits on the amount of derivatives the portfolio can enter into, eliminate the asset segregation framework currently used by the portfolio to comply with Section 18 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, treat derivatives as senior securities and require the portfolio to establish and maintain a comprehensive derivatives risk management program and appoint a derivatives risk manager.

**Fixed Income Risk** The market value of fixed income investments, and financial instruments related to those fixed income investments, will change in response to interest rate changes and other factors, such as changes in the effective maturities and credit ratings of fixed income investments. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of outstanding fixed income securities and related financial instruments generally rise. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the values of such securities and related financial instruments generally decline. While securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher yields, the prices of longer maturity securities are also subject to greater market fluctuations as a result of changes in interest rates. Fixed income investments are also subject to credit risk.

**Focus Risk** If the portfolio is exposed to a significant extent to a particular commodity or subset of commodities, the portfolio will be more exposed to the specific risks relating to such commodity or commodities and will be subject to greater volatility than if it were more broadly diversified among commodity sectors. The portfolio will be exposed to the performance of commodities in the BCOM Index, which may from time to time have a small number of commodity sectors (e.g., energy, metals or agricultural) representing a large portion of the index. As a result, the portfolio may be subject to greater volatility than if the index were more broadly diversified among commodity sectors.

**Futures Contracts Risk** The price volatility of futures contracts historically has been greater than that for traditional securities such as stocks and bonds. The value of certain futures contracts may fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates, commodity prices or other changes. Therefore, the assets of the portfolio, and the prices of portfolio shares, may be subject to greater volatility, as a result of the portfolio's use of futures contracts. The risks associated with the portfolio's use of futures contracts include the risk that: (i) changes in the price of a futures contract may not always track the changes in market value of the underlying reference asset; (ii) the underlying reference asset may not perform the way Credit Suisse expected it to; (iii) trading restrictions or limitations may be imposed by an exchange, and government regulations may restrict trading in futures contracts; (iv) if the portfolio has insufficient cash to meet margin requirements, the portfolio may need to sell other investments, including at disadvantageous times; and (v) although the portfolio may generally purchase only exchange-traded futures, due to market conditions there may not always be a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and, as a result, the portfolio may be unable to close out its futures contracts at a time which is advantageous.

**Hedged Exposure Risk** The portfolio's hedging activities could multiply losses generated by a derivative used for hedging purposes. Such losses should be substantially offset by gains on the hedged investment. However, while hedging can reduce or eliminate losses, it can also reduce or eliminate gains.

**Illiquidity Risk** Certain portfolio holdings may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the portfolio would like. The portfolio may have to lower the price, sell other securities instead or forgo an investment opportunity. Over recent years, regulatory changes have led to reduced liquidity in the marketplace, and the capacity of dealers to make markets in fixed income securities has been outpaced by the growth in size of the fixed income markets. Any of these could have a negative effect on portfolio management or performance.

**Interest Rate Risk** Changes in interest rates may cause a decline in the market value of an investment. With loans, bonds and other debt instruments, a rise in interest rates typically causes a fall in values, while a fall in interest rates typically causes a rise in values. The portfolio may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates

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due to the recent period of historically low rates and the effect of potential government fiscal policy initiatives and resulting market reaction to those initiatives. Generally, the longer the maturity or duration of a debt instrument, the greater the impact of a change in interest rates on the instrument's value. In periods of market volatility, the market values of fixed income securities may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates.

Leveraging Risk Although the portfolio itself will not be leveraged, certain transactions may give rise to a form of leverage. Such transactions may include, among others, structured notes, reverse repurchase agreements, indexed and inverse floating rate securities, swap agreements, futures contracts, loans of portfolio securities, and the use of when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment transactions. The use of derivatives may also create leveraging risk. To mitigate leveraging risk, Credit Suisse will segregate liquid assets or otherwise cover the transactions that may give rise to such risk. The Subsidiary will comply with these asset segregation or "earmarking" requirements to the same extent as the portfolio. The use of leverage may cause the portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements. Leverage, including borrowing, may cause the portfolio to be more volatile than if the portfolio had not been leveraged. This is because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the portfolio's portfolio securities.

**Market Risk** The market value of an instrument may fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably due to changes in general market conditions, economic trends or events that are not specifically related to the issuer of the security or other asset, or factors that affect a particular issuer or issuers, exchange, country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments. These fluctuations, which are often referred to as "volatility," may cause an instrument to be worth less than it was worth at an earlier time. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, commodity, sector of the economy, or the market as a whole. Market risk is common to most investments – including stocks, bonds and commodities, and the mutual funds that invest in them.

Bonds and other fixed income securities generally involve less market risk than stocks and commodities. However, the risk of bonds can vary significantly depending upon factors such as issuer and maturity. The bonds of some companies may be riskier than the stocks of others.

**Non-Diversified Status** The portfolio is considered a non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act and is permitted to invest a greater proportion of its assets in the securities of a smaller number of issuers. As a result, the portfolio may be subject to greater volatility with respect to its portfolio securities than a fund that is diversified.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk** Active and frequent trading may lead to the realization and distribution to shareholders of higher short-term capital gains, which would increase their tax liability. Frequent trading also increases transaction costs, which could detract from the portfolio's performance.

**Speculative Exposure Risk** Gains or losses from speculative positions in a derivative may be much greater than the derivative's original cost. For example, potential losses from swaps, writing uncovered call options and speculative short sales are unlimited.

**Structured Note Risk** The portfolio may seek investment exposure to commodity sectors through structured notes that may be exchange-traded or trade in the OTC market. These notes are typically issued by banks or brokerage firms, and have interest and/or principal payments which are linked to changes in the price level of certain assets or to the price performance of certain indices. The value of a structured note will be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the type of note, interest rate and market volatility, changes in the issuer's credit rating, and economic, legal, political, or geographic events that affect the reference asset. In addition, there may be a lag between a change in the value of the underlying reference asset and the value of the structured note. The portfolio may also be exposed to increased transaction costs when it seeks to sell such notes in the secondary market. Certain structured notes issued by European issuers may subject a purchaser to the imposition of "resolution measures" required under the European Union Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive. Such measures include the power to (i) write down, including to zero, any payment on the notes; (ii) convert the notes into ordinary shares or certain other equity instruments; and/or (iii) apply any other resolution measure, including, but not limited to, any transfer of the notes to another entity, the amendment of the terms and conditions of the notes or the cancellation of the notes. If a resolution measure becomes applicable to the structured notes held by the portfolio, the portfolio could lose some or all of its investment.

**Subsidiary Risk** As discussed in the portfolio's Summary, the portfolio makes investments through the Subsidiary a wholly-owned subsidiary, organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. By investing in the

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Subsidiary, the portfolio is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. The derivatives and other investments held by the Subsidiary are generally similar to those that are permitted to be held by the portfolio and are subject to the same risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the portfolio. These risks are described elsewhere in this *Prospectus*. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Subsidiary will be achieved. Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the portfolio and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this *Prospectus* and the *SAI* and could adversely affect the portfolio. For example, the Cayman Islands does not currently impose any income, corporate or capital gains tax, estate duty, inheritance tax, gift tax or withholding tax on the Subsidiary. If Cayman Islands law changes such that the Subsidiary must pay Cayman Islands taxes, portfolio shareholders would likely suffer decreased investment returns.

The Subsidiary is not registered under the 1940 Act, and, unless otherwise noted in this *Prospectus*, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. However, the portfolio wholly owns and controls its Subsidiary, and the portfolio and the Subsidiary are both managed by Credit Suisse, making it unlikely that the Subsidiary will take action contrary to the interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. The Board of Trustees has oversight responsibility for the investment activities of the portfolio, including its investment in the Subsidiary, and the portfolio's role as sole shareholder of the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary will be subject to the same investment restrictions and limitations, and follow the same compliance policies and procedures, as the portfolio.

**Swap Agreements Risk** Swap agreements involve the risk that the party with whom the portfolio has entered into the swap will default on its obligation to pay the portfolio and the risk that the portfolio will not be able to meet its obligations to pay the other party to the agreement.

**Tax Risk** In order to qualify as a RIC under the Code, the portfolio must meet certain requirements regarding the source of its income, the diversification of its assets and the distribution of its income. The IRS has issued a ruling that income realized directly from certain types of commodity-linked derivatives would not be qualifying income. As a result, the portfolio's ability to realize income from investments in such commodity-linked derivatives as part of its investment strategy would be limited to a maximum of 10% of its gross income. To comply with the ruling, the portfolio seeks to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in a Subsidiary, which invests in commodity-linked notes. If the portfolio fails to qualify as a RIC, the portfolio will be subject to federal income tax on its net income at regular corporate rates (without reduction for distributions to shareholders). When distributed, that income also would be taxable to shareholders as an ordinary dividend to the extent attributable to the portfolio's earnings and profits. If the portfolio were to fail to qualify as a RIC and became subject to federal income tax, shareholders of the portfolio would be subject to diminished returns. The portfolio anticipates treating income tax, shareholders of the portfolio would be subject to diminished returns. The portfolio anticipates treating income and gain from a Subsidiary and from commodity-linked notes as qualifying income.

**U.S. Government Securities Risk** Obligations of U.S. government agencies and authorities are supported by varying degrees of credit but generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support to its agencies and authorities if it is not obligated by law to do so. Certain U.S. government agency securities are backed only by the credit of the government agency and not by the full faith and credit of the United States.

#### **OTHER RISK FACTORS**

**Convertible Securities Risk** The market value of a convertible security performs like that of a regular debt security; that is, if market interest rates rise, the value of a convertible security usually falls. In addition, convertible securities are subject to the risk that the issuer will not be able to pay interest or dividends when due, and their market value may change based on changes in the issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of the issuer's creditworthiness. Since it derives a portion of its value from the common stock into which it may be converted, a convertible security is also subject to the same types of market and issuer risks that apply to the underlying common stock.

**Counterparty Risk** The portfolio will be exposed to the credit of the counterparties to OTC derivative contracts and repurchase agreements and their ability to satisfy the terms of the agreements, which exposes the portfolio to the risk that the counterparties may default on their obligations to perform under the agreements. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, the portfolio could experience delays in liquidating the positions and significant losses, including declines in the value of its investment during the period in which the portfolio seeks to enforce its rights, inability to realize any gains on its investment during such period, loss of collateral and fees and expenses incurred in enforcing its rights.

**Extension Risk** An unexpected rise in interest rates may extend the life of a mortgage-backed security beyond the expected prepayment time, typically reducing the security's value.

**Preferred Securities Risk** Preferred securities may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred securities are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities. In addition, a company's preferred securities generally pay dividends only after the company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt. For this reason, the value of preferred securities will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects. Preferred securities of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred securities of larger companies.

**Prepayment Risk** Securities with high stated interest rates may be prepaid prior to maturity. During periods of falling interest rates, the portfolio would generally have to reinvest the proceeds at lower rates.

**Regulatory Risk** Governments, agencies or other regulatory bodies may adopt or change laws or regulations that could adversely affect the issuer, the market value of the security, or the portfolio's performance. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), among other things, grants the CFTC and SEC broad rulemaking authority to implement various provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act including comprehensive regulation of the OTC derivatives market. The implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act could adversely affect the portfolio by increasing transaction and/or regulatory compliance costs. In addition, greater regulatory scrutiny may increase the portfolio's and Credit Suisse's exposure to potential liabilities.

**Risks of Investing in Other Funds** Other mutual funds and exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are subject to investment advisory and other expenses. If the portfolio invests in other mutual funds or ETFs, the cost of investing in the portfolio may be higher than other funds that invest only directly in individual securities. Shareholders will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the other mutual funds and ETFs in addition to the portfolio's direct fees and expenses. Other mutual funds and ETFs are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the mutual fund or ETF.

Most ETFs are investment companies whose shares are purchased and sold on a securities exchange. An ETF represents a portfolio of securities designed to track a particular market segment or index. An investment in an ETF generally presents the same primary risks as an investment in a conventional fund (i.e., one that is not exchange-traded) that has the same investment objectives, strategies and policies. In addition, an ETF may fail to accurately track the market segment or index that underlies its investment objective. The price of an ETF can fluctuate, and the portfolio could lose money investing in an ETF.

Credit Suisse serves as the adviser to other mutual funds in which the portfolio may invest. It is possible that a conflict of interest among the portfolio and the other Credit Suisse Funds could affect how Credit Suisse fulfills its fiduciary duties to the portfolio and the other Credit Suisse Funds.

**Valuation Risk** The lack of an active trading market may make it difficult to obtain an accurate price for an instrument held by the portfolio. Many derivative instruments are not actively traded.

# **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The consolidated financial highlights table shows the portfolio's audited financial performance for five years. Certain information in the table reflects results for a single portfolio share. Total return in the table represents how much you would have earned or lost on an investment in the portfolio, assuming you had reinvested all dividend and capital gain distributions. The total returns do not reflect additional charges and expenses which are, or may be, imposed under the variable contracts or plans; if such charges and expenses were reflected, total returns would be lower.

The figures below for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 have been audited by the portfolio's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report on the portfolio's financial statements is included in such fund's *Annual Report*. The figures below for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 have been audited by the portfolio's former independent registered public accounting firm. The *Annual Report* includes the independent registered public accounting firm's report, along with the portfolio's financial statements. It is available free upon request through the methods described on the back cover of this *Prospectus*.

### For a Class 1 Share of the Portfolio Outstanding Throughout Each Year

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per share data					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$3.67	\$3.47	\$4.03	\$4.38	\$3.91
Investment Operations					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.00 <sup>2</sup>	0.04	0.04	0.00 <sup>2</sup>	(0.01)
Net gain (loss) from investments, futures contracts and swap contracts (both realized and unrealized)	(0.10)	0.19	(0.50)	0.04	0.48
Total from investment operations	(0.10)	0.23	(0.46)	0.04	0.47
Less Dividends					
Dividends from net investment income	(0.19)	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.39)	—
Return of Capital	(0.00) <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—
Total dividends	(0.19)	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.39)	—
Net asset value, end of year	\$3.38	\$3.67	\$3.47	\$4.03	\$4.38
Total return <sup>3</sup>	(1.48)%	6.69%	(11.66)%	1.52%	12.02%
Ratios and supplemental data					
Net assets, end of year (000s omitted)	\$20,156	\$453,138	\$389,931	\$408,881	\$347,118
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.05%	1.05%	1.04%	1.05%	1.05%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	0.13%	1.22%	0.93%	0.07%	(0.35)%
Decrease reflected in above operating expense ratios due to waivers/reimbursements	0.01%	0.00%4	-%	0.06%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>5</sup>	184%	148%	105%	94%	113%

<sup>1</sup> Per share information is calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

<sup>2</sup> This amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> Total returns are historical and include change in share price and reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Had certain expenses not been reduced during the years shown, total returns would have been lower.

<sup>4</sup> This amount represents less than 0.01%.

<sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover is calculated by dividing the lesser of total purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the reporting period by the monthly average of portfolio securities owned during the reporting period. Excluded from both the numerator and denominator are amounts relating to derivatives and securities whose maturities or expiration dates at the time of acquisition were one year or less.

### For a Class 2 Share of the Portfolio Outstanding Throughout Each Period

	Period from May 1, 2020 (inception date) to December 31, 2020
Per share data	
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$2.63
Investment Operations	
Net investment loss <sup>1</sup>	(0.01)
Net gain on investments, futures contracts and swap contracts (both realized and unrealized)	0.76
Total from investment operations	0.75
Less Dividends	
Dividends from net investment income	—
Total dividends	_
Net asset value, end of period	\$3.38
Total return <sup>2</sup>	28.52%
Ratios and supplemental data	
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$469,048
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	0.80%3
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets	(0.32)% <sup>3</sup>
Decrease reflected in above operating expense ratios due to waivers/reimbursements	0.01% <sup>3</sup>
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	184%

<sup>1</sup> Per share information is calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

<sup>2</sup> Total returns are historical and include change in share price and reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Had certain expenses not been reduced during the periods shown, total returns would have been lower. Total returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>3</sup> Annualized.

<sup>4</sup> Portfolio turnover is calculated by dividing the lesser of total purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the reporting period by the monthly average of portfolio securities owned during the reporting period. Excluded from both the numerator and denominator are amounts relating to derivatives and securities whose maturities or expiration dates at the time of acquisition were one year or less.

# MEET THE MANAGER

The portfolio is managed by the Credit Suisse Commodities Portfolio Management Team (the "Commodities Team"). Christopher Burton, the lead portfolio manager, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio including commodities exposure, portfolio construction and risk management.

**Christopher Burton,** Managing Director, is a portfolio manager and trader specializing in derivatives. He has been a team member of the Commodities Team since 2005 and a portfolio manager of the portfolio since the portfolio's inception in 2006. Mr. Burton earned a B.S. in Economics with concentrations in Finance and Accounting from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager and the portfolio manager's ownership of securities in the portfolio.

Job titles indicate position with the investment manager.

### THE MANAGEMENT FIRM

### **CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC**

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- Investment manager for the portfolio. Credit Suisse also serves as the investment manager for the Subsidiary
- Responsible for managing the portfolio's assets according to its goal and strategies
- Responsible for providing certain administrative services to the portfolio
- Is part of the asset management business of Credit Suisse Group AG, one of the world's leading banks
- Credit Suisse Group AG provides its clients with investment banking, private banking and wealth management services worldwide. The asset management business of Credit Suisse Group AG is comprised of a number of legal entities around the world that are subject to distinct regulatory requirements

Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC is referred to as "Credit Suisse" throughout this Prospectus.

The portfolio pays management fees at the annual rate of 0.59% of its average daily net assets. The portfolio has entered into an investment management agreement with Credit Suisse which bundles the management and administration fees into a single fee. For the 2020 fiscal year, the portfolio paid Credit Suisse 0.49% of its average net assets for advisory services, and the portfolio paid Credit Suisse 0.09% of its average daily net assets for co-administration services, after waivers and expense reimbursements. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the portfolio's investment management agreement is available in the portfolio's *Annual Report* to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Pursuant to an expense limitation agreement, Credit Suisse will limit the portfolio's operating expenses to 1.05% for Class 1 shares and 0.80% for Class 2 shares of the portfolio's average daily net assets at least through May 1, 2022. This limit excludes certain expenses, including interest charges on portfolio borrowings, taxes, brokerage commissions, dealer spreads and other transaction charges, expenditures that are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, acquired portfolio fees and expenses, short sale dividends and extraordinary expenses (e.g., litigation and indemnification and any other costs and expenses that may be approved by the Board of Trustees). The Trust is authorized to reimburse Credit Suisse for management fees previously limited and/or for expenses previously paid by Credit Suisse, provided, however, that any reimbursements must be paid at a date not more than three years after the end of the fiscal year during which such fees were limited or expenses were paid by Credit Suisse and the reimbursements do not cause the portfolio to exceed the expense limitation in the contract at the time the fees were limited or expenses were paid. This contract may not be terminated before May 1, 2022.

As discussed in the "Principal Investment Strategies" section, the portfolio may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary has entered into a separate contract with Credit Suisse whereby Credit Suisse or its affiliates provide investment advisory and other services to the Subsidiary. Neither Credit Suisse nor any affiliate receives separate compensation from the Subsidiary for providing it with investment advisory or administrative services. However, the portfolio pays Credit Suisse and its affiliates based on the portfolio's assets, including the assets in the Subsidiary.

### SHARE VALUATION

The net asset value ("NAV") of the portfolio is determined daily as of the close of regular trading (normally 4 p.m. eastern time) on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "NYSE") on each day the NYSE is open for business. It is calculated by dividing the portfolio's total assets, less its liabilities, by the number of shares outstanding. The most recent NAV of the portfolio is available on the portfolio's website at www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds or by calling Credit Suisse Funds at 877-870-2874.

The portfolio's equity investments are valued at market value, which is generally determined using the closing price on the exchange or market on which the security is primarily traded at the time of valuation (the "Valuation Time").

If no sales are reported, equity investments are generally valued at the most recent bid quotation as of the Valuation Time or at the lowest asked quotation in the case of a short sale of securities. Debt securities are valued in accordance with the price supplied by a pricing service, which may use a matrix, formula or other objective method that takes into consideration market indices, yield curves and other specific adjustments. Investments in open-end investment companies are valued at their NAV each business day. Swap contracts are generally valued at a price at which the counterparty to such contract would repurchase the instrument or terminate the contract. Futures contracts are valued at the settlement prices established each day on the exchange on which they are traded. The portfolio's investment in the Subsidiary is valued at the Subsidiary's NAV each business day. Structured note agreements are valued in accordance with a dealer-supplied valuation based on changes in the value of the underlying index. Securities, options, swaps and futures contracts, structured note agreements and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the portfolio's Valuation Time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by, or under the direction of, the Board of Trustees under procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The portfolio may utilize a service provided by an independent third party which has been approved by the Board of Trustees to fair value certain securities.

The portfolio also may use fair value procedures if Credit Suisse determines that a significant event has occurred between the time at which a market price is determined and the time at which the portfolio's net asset value is calculated. In particular, the value of foreign securities may be materially affected by events occurring after the close of the market on which they are valued, but before the portfolio prices its shares. The portfolio may use a fair value model developed by an independent third party pricing service, which has been approved by its Board of Trustees, to price foreign equity securities on days when there is a certain percentage change in the value of a domestic equity security index, as such percentage may be determined by Credit Suisse from time to time. The Subsidiary is subject to the same valuation policies as the portfolio.

The portfolio's fair valuation policies are designed to reduce dilution and other adverse effects on long-term shareholders of trading practices that seek to take advantage of "stale" or otherwise inaccurate prices. When fair value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by the portfolio to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Valuing securities at fair value involves greater reliance on judgment than valuation of securities based on readily available market quotations. A portfolio that uses fair value to price securities may value those securities higher or lower than another fund using market quotations or its own fair value procedures to price the same securities. There can be no assurance that the portfolio could obtain the fair value assigned to a security if it were to sell the security at approximately the time at which the portfolio determines its NAV.

Some portfolio securities may be listed on foreign exchanges that are open on days (such as U.S. holidays) when the portfolio does not compute its prices. This could cause the value of the portfolio's investments to be affected by trading on days when you cannot buy or sell shares.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

As a portfolio investor, you will receive distributions.

The portfolio earns income from structured notes and swap agreements, dividends from stocks and interest from bond, money market and other investments. These are passed along as dividend distributions. The portfolio realizes capital gains whenever it sells securities for a higher price than it paid for them. These are passed along as capital gain distributions.

The portfolio declares and pays dividends quarterly. The portfolio typically distributes capital gains annually, usually in December. The portfolio may make additional distributions at other times if necessary to avoid a federal tax. Unless otherwise specified, distributions will be reinvested automatically in additional shares of the portfolio.

Estimated year-end distribution information, including record and payment dates, generally will be available late in the year at www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds or by calling 877-870-2874.

#### TAXES

The IRS has issued a ruling that income realized from certain types of commodity-linked derivatives, including commodity-linked swaps, would not be qualifying income. As a result, any income the portfolio derives from direct investments in such commodity-linked derivatives must be limited to a maximum of 10% of the portfolio's gross income in order for the portfolio to satisfy the source of income requirement. If the portfolio fails to qualify as a RIC, the portfolio will be subject to federal income tax on its net income at regular corporate rates (without reduction for distributions to shareholders). When distributed, that income also would be taxable to shareholders as an ordinary dividend to the extent attributable to the portfolio's earnings and profits. If the portfolio were to fail to qualify as a RIC and became subject to federal income tax, shareholders of the portfolio would be subject to diminished returns. The portfolio anticipates treating income and gain from the Subsidiary and from commodity-linked notes as qualifying income.

For a discussion of the tax status of a variable contract or pension or retirement plan, refer to the prospectus of the sponsoring participating insurance company separate account or plan documents or other informational materials supplied by plan sponsors. Because shares of the portfolio may be purchased only through variable contracts and

plans, income dividends and capital gain distributions from the portfolio are taxable, if at all, to the participating insurance companies and plans and the variable contract owner or plan participant generally will not be subject to tax on such dividends and distributions until they are distributed to such owner or participant from their respective variable contract or plan.

The portfolio intends to comply with the diversification and investor control requirements currently imposed by the Code on separate accounts of insurance companies as a condition of maintaining the tax-deferred status of variable contracts. If the portfolio or a separate account did not meet such requirements, income allocable to the contracts associated with the separate account would be taxable currently to the holders of such contracts and income from prior periods with respect to such contracts also could be taxable.

Because each contract holder's situation is unique, ask your tax professional about the tax consequences of your investment.

### STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

The portfolio produces financial reports, which include a list of the portfolio's holdings, semiannually and updates its *Prospectus* annually. The portfolio generally does not hold shareholder meetings. To reduce expenses by eliminating duplicate mailings to the same address, the portfolio may choose to mail only one report, *Prospectus* or proxy statement to your household, even if more than one person in the household has an account with the portfolio. Please call 877-870-2874 if you would like to receive additional reports, *Prospectuses* or proxy statements.

The portfolio discloses its portfolio holdings and certain of the portfolio's statistical characteristics, such as industry diversification as of the end of each calendar month on its website, <u>www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds.</u> This information is posted on the portfolio's website after the end of each month and generally remains available until the portfolio holdings and other information as of the end of the next calendar month is posted on the website. A description of the portfolio's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of its portfolio securities is available in the portfolio's *SAI*.

# **BUYING AND SELLING SHARES**

The portfolio offers its shares to (1) insurance company separate accounts that fund both variable contracts and variable life insurance contracts and (2) tax-qualified pension and retirement plans including participant-directed plans which elect to make the portfolio an investment option for plan participants. Due to differences of tax treatment and other considerations, the interests of various variable contract owners and plan participants participating in the portfolio may conflict. The Board of Trustees will be informed of any material conflicts that may arise and will determine what action, if any, should be taken. If a conflict occurs, the Board of Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts and/or plans to withdraw its investments in the portfolio, which may cause the portfolio to sell securities at disadvantageous prices and disrupt orderly portfolio management.

The Board of Trustees also may determine not to sell shares of the portfolio to any variable contract or plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of shares of the portfolio if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the shareholders of the portfolio.

You may not buy or sell shares of the portfolio directly; you may only buy or sell shares through variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts offered by separate accounts of certain insurance companies or through tax-qualified pension and retirement plans. The portfolio may not be available in connection with a particular contract or plan.

An insurance company's separate accounts buy and sell shares of the portfolio at NAV, without any sales or other charges. Each insurance company receives orders from its contract holders to buy or sell shares of the portfolio on any business day that the portfolio calculates its NAV. If the order is received by the insurance company prior to the close of regular trading on the NYSE, the order will be executed at that day's NAV.

Plan participants may buy shares of the portfolio through their plan by directing the plan trustee to buy shares for their account in a manner similar to that described above for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. You should contact your plan sponsor concerning the appropriate procedure for investing in the portfolio.

The portfolio reserves the right to:

- charge a wire-redemption fee
- make a "redemption in kind" payment in portfolio securities rather than cash for certain large redemption amounts that could hurt portfolio operations
- suspend redemptions or postpone payment dates as permitted by law (such as during periods other than weekends or holidays when the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted, or any other time that the SEC permits)
- stop offering its shares for a period of time (such as when management believes that a substantial increase in assets could adversely affect it)

### FREQUENT PURCHASES AND SALES OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Frequent purchases and redemptions of portfolio shares present risks to the contract owners or plan participants who hold shares of the portfolio through their annuity contracts or pension plans over the long term. These risks include the potential for dilution in the value of portfolio shares; interference with the efficient management of the portfolio, such as the need to keep a larger portion of the portfolio invested in cash or short-term securities, or to sell securities, rather than maintaining full investment in securities selected to achieve the portfolio's investment objective; losses on the sale of investments resulting from the need to sell securities at less favorable prices; and increased brokerage and administrative costs. These risks may be greater for portfolios investing in securities and small capitalization securities, as certain investors may seek to make short-term trades as part of strategies aimed at taking advantage of "stale" or otherwise inaccurate prices for portfolio holdings (e.g., "time zone arbitrage").

The portfolio will take steps to detect and eliminate excessive trading in portfolio shares, pursuant to the portfolio's policies as described in this *Prospectus* and approved by the Board of Trustees. The portfolio defines excessive trading or "market timing" as two round trips (purchase and redemption of comparable assets) by an investor within 60 days. A contract owner or plan participant that is determined to be engaged in market timing will be restricted from making future purchases or exchange purchases in any of the Credit Suisse Funds. In determining whether the account has engaged in market timing, the portfolio considers the historical trading activity of the account making the trade, as well as the potential impact of any specific transaction on the Credit Suisse Funds and their shareholders. The portfolio's distributor enters into agreements with financial intermediaries such as insurance company separate accounts and tax-qualified pension and retirement plans that require such financial intermediaries to provide certain information to help detect frequent trading activity by their contract holders or plan participants and to eliminate frequent trading by these contract holders and plan participants.

The portfolio reserves the right to reject a purchase or exchange purchase order for any reason with or without prior notice to the insurance contract or plan. In particular, the portfolio reserves the right to reject a purchase or an exchange purchase order from any insurance contract or plan that in its opinion has not taken effective steps to detect and prevent frequent purchases and sales of portfolio shares.

The portfolio has also adopted fair valuation policies to protect the portfolio from "time zone arbitrage" with respect to foreign securities holdings and other trading practices that seek to take advantage of "stale" or otherwise inaccurate prices. See "More About The Portfolio – Share Valuation."

There can be no assurance that these policies and procedures will be effective in limiting excessive trading in all cases. Also, contract holders and plan participants who invest in the portfolio through insurance company separate accounts and plans may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance companies and plans with respect to excessive trading of portfolio shares, which may define market timing differently than the portfolio does and have different consequences associated with it.

The portfolio's policies and procedures may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice of material changes to shareholders and prospective investors.

# **O**THER **INFORMATION**

#### **ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTOR**

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ("CSSU"), an affiliate of Credit Suisse, serves as distributor of the portfolio's shares.

With respect to the portfolio, CSSU or its affiliates (including Credit Suisse) may make payments out of their own resources to firms offering shares of the portfolio for providing administration, subaccounting, transfer agency and/or other services. CSSU or its affiliates may also make payments out of past profits and other available sources for marketing, promotional or related expenses. Such payments may be made to insurance companies and other entities offering shares of the portfolio and/or providing services with respect to such shares. The amount of these payments is determined by CSSU or its affiliates and may be substantial. For further information on the distributor's payments for distribution and shareholder servicing, see "Management of the Trust – Shareholder Servicing" in the SAI.

Class 1 of the portfolio has adopted a Rule 12b-1 plan pursuant to the rules under the 1940 Act to pay distribution and service fees for the sale and servicing of Class 1 shares. Under the 12b-1 plan, CSSU is paid 0.25% per annum of the average daily net assets of Class 1 shares. Since the fees are paid out of Class 1 assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment in Class 1 shares. These fees may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Distribution and service fees are used to pay CSSU to promote the sale of Class 1 shares and the servicing of accounts of Class 1 of the portfolio. Under the 12b-1 plan, Class 1 pays a fee to the distributor, which in turn remits all or a portion of the fee to participating insurance companies and pension and retirement plans to reimburse them for various costs incurred or paid by these companies and plans in connection with marketing, distributing and servicing Class 1 shares. The distributor may remit payments to the participating insurance company's affiliated broker-dealers or other affiliated company rather than to a participating insurance company itself. Examples of expenses payable under the 12b-1 plan include the costs of printing and mailing materials (such as portfolio prospectuses, shareholder reports, portfolio advertisements and sales literature) to policyholders and plan participants, holding seminars and sales meetings, providing customer service to policyholders and plan participants and paying sales compensation to insurance company and plan employees.

With respect to the portfolio, CSSU or its affiliates (including Credit Suisse) may make additional payments out of their own resources to firms offering shares of the portfolio for providing administration, subaccounting, transfer agency and/or other services. CSSU or its affiliates may also make payments out of past profits and other available sources for marketing, promotional or related expenses. Such payments may be made to insurance companies and other entities offering shares of the portfolio and/or providing services with respect to such shares. The amount of these payments is determined by CSSU or its affiliates and may be substantial. For further information on the distributor's payments for distribution and shareholder servicing, see "Management of the Trust – Shareholder Servicing" in the SAI.

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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

This *Prospectus* is intended for use in connection with certain insurance products and pension and retirement plans. Please refer to the prospectus of the sponsoring participating insurance company separate account or to the plan documents or other informational materials supplied by plan sponsors for information regarding distributions and instructions on purchasing or selling a variable contract and on how to select the portfolio as an investment option for a variable contract or plan. More information about the portfolio is available free upon request, including the following:

#### **ANNUAL/SEMIANNUAL REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS**

Includes financial statements, portfolio investments and detailed performance information.

The Annual Report also contains a letter from the portfolio managers discussing market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected portfolio performance during its past fiscal year.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

A current *SAI*, which provides more details about the portfolio, is on file with the SEC and is incorporated by reference.

You may visit the SEC's Internet website (www.sec.gov) to view the SAI, material incorporated by reference and other information. Please contact the Credit Suisse Funds to obtain, without charge, the SAI, Annual and Semiannual Reports and other information, and to make shareholder inquiries:

#### BY TELEPHONE:

877-870-2874

By Facsimile: 888-606-8252

#### BY MAIL:

Credit Suisse Trust P.O. Box 219916 Kansas City, MO 64121-9916

#### BY OVERNIGHT OR COURIER SERVICE:

DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc. Attn: Credit Suisse Trust 430 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street STE 219916 Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

#### **ON THE INTERNET:**

www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds

The portfolio's SAI and Annual and Semiannual Reports are available on Credit Suisse's website, www.credit-suisse.com/us/funds.

SEC file number: Credit Suisse Trust

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