Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust 36 North New York Ave. Huntington, NY 11743

January 29, 2020

Dear Shareholders,

The enclosed document is purely for informational purposes. You are not being asked to vote or take action on any matter. The document relates to the appointment of a new investment sub-adviser to Rational Equity Armor Fund (formerly, Rational Dividend Capture Fund) (the "Fund"), a series of Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust.

As described in the enclosed Information Statement, the Board of Trustees of Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust has approved Equity Armor Investments, LLC as an investment subadviser to the Fund, and has approved a sub-advisory agreement with Equity Armor Investments, LLC on the terms described herein.

As always, please feel free to contact the Fund at 1-800-253-0412 with any questions you may have.

Jerry Szilagyi President Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust

MUTUAL FUND AND VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST

RATIONAL EQUITY ARMOR FUND

(formerly, Rational Dividend Capture Fund)

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INFORMATION STATEMENT

This information Statement is being provided to the shareholders of Rational Equity Armor Fund (formerly, Rational Dividend Capture Fund) (the "Fund"), a series of Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust ("MFVIT" or the "Trust"). This Information Statement is in lieu of a proxy statement, pursuant to the terms of an exemptive order that Catalyst Capital Advisors, LLC, an affiliate of Rational Advisors, Inc., the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser" or "Rational") received from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on January 13, 2014 (the "Order"). The Order permits the Adviser to hire or replace investment sub-advisers and to make changes to existing sub-advisory agreements with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board" or the "Trustees"), without obtaining shareholder approval. Under the conditions of the Order, the Board must provide notice to shareholders within ninety (90) days of hiring a new sub-adviser or implementing any material change in a sub-advisory agreement. The Trust may rely on the Order because the Fund is managed by Catalyst Capital Advisors, LLC (or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Catalyst Capital Advisors, LLC, such as the Adviser) and complies with the terms and conditions set forth in the application for the Order.

At an in-person meeting held on June 24, 2019, the Board, made up entirely of individuals who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) (the "1940 Act") of the Trust ("Independent Trustees"), considered and approved Equity Armor Investments, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" or "Equity Armor") to serve as a sub-adviser to the Fund. At that time, the sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and Sub-Adviser, with respect to the Fund (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") (in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Annex A</u>) was approved by the Board. The Sub-Advisory Agreement with the Sub-Adviser became effective December 13, 2019, when the Sub-Adviser commenced providing sub-advisory services to the Fund.

This Information Statement is being supplied to shareholders to fulfill the notice requirement of the Order, and a notice regarding the website availability of this Information Statement will be mailed on or about January 29, 2020 to the Fund's shareholders of record as of January 27, 2020 (the "Record Date"). This Information Statement describes the Sub-Advisory Agreement. As of the Record Date, there were issued and outstanding 3,052,445.701 shares of the Fund. As there will be no vote taken, no shares are entitled to vote on the matters discussed in this Information Statement.

NO SHAREHOLDER VOTE WILL BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS INFORMATION STATEMENT. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE NOT REQUESTED TO SEND US A PROXY.

The Trust will furnish, without charge, a copy of the Fund's most recent annual or semiannual report to any shareholder upon request. To obtain the Fund's annual or semi-annual report, please contact the Fund by calling 1-800-253-0412, or by writing to 36 North New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743, c/o Rational Equity Armor Fund.

I. BACKGROUND

MFVIT is an open-end investment management company, consisting of several series, each commonly known as a "mutual fund," and each fund sells and redeems shares every day that it is open for business. The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust by a Certificate of Trust filed June 23, 2006, with the Secretary of State of Delaware, and is registered with the SEC under the 1940 Act. The Fund represents a series of beneficial interest in the Trust having different investment objectives, investment restrictions, investment programs and investment advisers than the other series of the Trust.

The Adviser is located at 53 Palmeras St. Suite 601, San Juan, PR 00901. Pursuant to an investment management agreement with the Trust, on behalf of the Fund (the "Advisory Agreement"), the Adviser, subject to the supervision of the Board and in conformity with the stated policies of the Fund, manages the operations of the Fund, selecting investments according to the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions. The Adviser may retain one or more subadvisers, at its own cost and expense, subject to the approval of the Board, for the purpose of managing the investment of all or a portion of the assets of the Fund. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser receives a fee paid monthly at the annual rate of 0.75% of the first \$500 million of the Fund's average daily net assets, 0.70% of the next \$500 million of the Fund's average daily net assets, and 0.65% of the Fund's average daily net assets over \$1 billion. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund paid the Adviser management fees (after waivers) of 0% as a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets. During this period, the Adviser earned \$136,284, of which \$136,284 was waived. The foregoing information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 has not been audited. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid the Adviser management fees (after waivers) of 0.17% as a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets. During this period, the Adviser earned \$203,731, of which \$156,337 was waived. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund paid the Adviser management fees (after waivers) of 0.45% as a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets. During this period, the Adviser earned \$404,268, of which \$161,810 was waived.

The Fund uses a "multi-manager" approach by selecting one or more sub-advisers to manage the Fund's assets. Section 15(a) of the 1940 Act generally requires the shareholders of a mutual fund to approve an agreement pursuant to which a person serves as the investment adviser or sub-adviser for the mutual fund. As indicated above, Catalyst Capital Advisors, LLC ("Catalyst") (or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Catalyst, such as the Adviser) has obtained an Order that permits the Adviser to enter into sub-advisory agreements with sub-advisers without obtaining shareholder approval. The Adviser, subject to the review and approval of the Board, selects sub-advisers for the Fund, and supervises and monitors

the performance of each sub-adviser. The Order also permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Board, to replace sub-advisers or amend sub-advisory agreements without shareholder approval (except in the case of affiliated sub-advisers) whenever the Adviser and the Board believe such action will benefit the Fund and its shareholders.

II. THE SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

At a June 24, 2019 in-person meeting, the Board approved the hiring of the Sub-Adviser to the Fund pursuant to a Sub-Advisory Agreement between the Adviser and Sub-Adviser. Under the terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Adviser separately pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee equal to one half of its net advisory fee, which is after fees waived pursuant to an expense limitation agreement between the Adviser and the Trust and certain other costs.

For such compensation, the Sub-Adviser will, at its expense, continuously furnish an investment program for the Fund, make investment decisions on behalf of the Fund, and placed all orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, subject to the Fund's investment objectives, policies, and restrictions and such policies as the Trustees determine.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that it will continue in force for an initial period of two years, and from year to year thereafter, but only so long as its continuance is approved at least annually by the Trustees at a meeting called for that purpose or by the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Trust. The Sub-Advisory Agreement will automatically terminate on assignment and is terminable upon notice by the Fund. In addition, the Sub-Advisory Agreement can be terminated on not more than 60 days' notice by the Sub-Adviser given to the Fund.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement provides that the Sub-Adviser will not be subject to any liability in connection with the performance of its services thereunder in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties.

The Sub-Advisory Agreement is attached as <u>Annex A</u>. You should read the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The description in this Information Statement of the Sub-Advisory Agreement is only a summary.

Sub-Adviser

Equity Armor Investments, LLC is located at 311 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60606. Equity Armor is registered as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and is an independent asset management firm. Founded in 2011 Equity Armor provides investment management services to individuals, registered investment advisers and other financial institutions. As of December 31, 2019, the Sub-Adviser had discretionary investment management authority with respect to approximately \$45,083,256 of assets. The Sub-Adviser's current owners are Brian Stutland Revocable Trust (42.5%), Afshin Luke Rahbari (42.5%), and Joseph Tigay (15%). Below is the name and principal occupation of each principal executive officer or director of the Sub-Adviser. The business address for each person listed below is 311 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60606.

Name	Title(s) and Principal Occupation
Brian Stutland	Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and Managing Partner
Luke Rahbari	Chief Risk Officer and Member
Joseph Tigay	Chief Trading Officer

IV. CURRENT AND PROFORMA FEES

Because the Sub-Adviser's fees will be paid from the management fee paid to the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund's fees and expenses are not changed by the Sub-Advisory Agreement. Therefore, no comparative expense tables are presented.

V. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS IN APPROVING THE SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

In connection with an in-person meeting held on June 24, 2019, the Trustees, all of whom are Independent Trustees, discussed the approval of the Sub-Advisory Agreement. In considering the proposed Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board received materials it had specifically requested relating to the proposed Sub-Advisory arrangement. The Trustees were assisted by independent legal counsel throughout the review process. The Board relied upon the advice of independent legal counsel and their own business judgment in determining the material factors to be considered in evaluating the Sub-Advisory Agreement and the weight to be given to each such factor. The conclusions reached by the Trustees were based on a comprehensive evaluation of all of the information provided and were not the result of any one factor. Moreover, each Trustee may have afforded different weight to the various factors in reaching his conclusions with respect to the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The Board also approved changes to the Fund's principal investment strategies, which were to become effective upon the commencement of Equity Armor's management of the Fund.

Nature and Extent of Services. The Trustees discussed the nature of Equity Armor's operations and the experience and performance of its management team. The Trustees noted Equity Armor's in-depth experience and knowledge of derivatives, options and futures trading and its approach to portfolio selection. The Board reviewed Equity Armor's Form ADV, which was filed in May 2019, and the Board discussed a review of the quality of Equity Armor's compliance program provided by the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer (the "CCO"). The CCO confirmed that Equity Armor had an adequate compliance program reasonably designed to detect and prevent violations of applicable laws. The Trustees also reviewed the financial statements of Equity Armor as of December 31, 2018. After further discussion and review of information that Equity Armor provided in connection with the Board's review of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Trustees concluded that Equity Armor would provide an acceptable level of services to the Fund.

Performance. The Board reviewed the hypothetical performance of Equity Armor Fund Hedged Dividend strategy versus its benchmark, the S&P 500 Total Return Index, for the most recent one and three year periods. The Board considered the strong investment experience of the

Equity Armor investment team and anticipated that Equity Armor should be able to provide improved performance to the Fund under this new strategy.

Fees and Expenses. The Trustees discussed the proposed sub-advisory fee of 50% of the net management fee payable to Equity Armor by Rational. The Board noted this fee is lower than the fees Equity Armor currently receives from its other advisory clients. After discussion, the Board determined that the sub-advisory fee was reasonable.

Profitability. The Trustees reviewed a profitability analysis provided by Equity Armor. They noted that Equity Armor expected to receive a profit during each of its first two years serving as sub-adviser to the Fund. After discussion, the Trustees determined that, if assets of the Fund increased as anticipated, breakpoints would be reviewed in relationship to the profitability of both Rational and Equity Armor.

Economies of Scale. The Trustees agreed that economies of scale were a primarily an advisory fee concern and that economies of scale would be revisited when the Fund reaches significant asset levels. They concluded that the absence of breakpoints was appropriate with the current asset level and fee structure.

Conclusion. No single factor was determinative to the decision of the Trustees. Having reviewed and discussed in depth such information from Equity Armor as the Trustees believed to be reasonably necessary to evaluate the terms of the Sub-Advisory Agreement, and as assisted by the advice of counsel, the Trustees concluded that approval of the Sub-Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Owners. As of January 21, 2020, the only shareholders known to the Trust to be the beneficial owners of 5% or more of the outstanding shares of each class of shares of the Fund are listed below. A control person is one who owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or acknowledges the existence of control. A shareholder owning of record or beneficially more than 25% of any class of the Fund's outstanding shares may be considered a control person of that share class. That shareholder's vote could have more significant effect on matters presented at a shareholder's meeting with respect to that class than votes of other shareholders.

Class A Shares

Name & Address	Shares	Percentage of Fund
CHARLES SCHWAB AND CO INC SPECIAL CUSTODY AC FBO CUSTOMERS ATTN ASSET RECON SF 215 SMT-03-255 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105-2318	129,544.3640	7.94%

As of January 21, 2020, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, individually and as a group, owned less than 1% the Fund's outstanding Class A shares.

Class C Shares

Name & Address	Shares	Percentage of Fund
LPL FINANCIAL/FBO LPL FINANCIAL CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS ATTN MUTUAL FUND OPERATION PO BOX 509046 SAN DIEGO, CA 92150-9046	19,226.5280	11.62%
WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES 2801 MARKET STREET SAINT LOUIS, MO 63103	16,230.7500	9.81%
WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES 2801 MARKET STREET SAINT LOUIS, MO 63103	12,594.4580	7.61%

As of January 21, 2020, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, individually and as a group, owned less than 1% the Fund's outstanding Class C shares.

Institutional Class Shares

Name & Address	Shares	Percentage of Fund
ISOBEL L SZILAGYI TTEE/JERRY J SZILAGYI 2015 FAMILY TRUST 5 ABBINGTON DR HUNTINGTON, NY 11743	139,082.0580	11.09%
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 499 WASHINGTON BLVD JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310	86,360.7410	6.89%

As of January 21, 2020, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, individually and as a group, owned 11.09% of the Fund's outstanding Institutional Class Shares.

Operation of the Fund. The Fund is a diversified series of the Trust, an open-end investment management company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on June 23, 2006. The Trust's principal offices are located at 36 North New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. The Board supervises the business activities of the Fund. Like other mutual funds, the Fund retains various organizations to perform specialized services. The Fund currently retains the Adviser as Fund manager and investment adviser. Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, located at 4221 North

203rd Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, serves as principal underwriter and distributor of the Fund. Gemini Fund Services, LLC, located at 17605 Wright Street, Omaha, NE 68130, provides the Fund with transfer agent, accounting, and certain administrative services. MFund Services LLC, located at 36 North New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 and an affiliate of the Adviser, provides the Fund with certain management compliance and legal administrative services.

Shareholder Proposals. The Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, and therefore it cannot be determined when the next meeting of shareholders will be held. Shareholder proposals to be presented at any future meeting of shareholders of the Trust must be received by the Trust within a reasonable time before the Trust's solicitation of proxies for that meeting in order for such proposals to be considered for inclusion in the proxy materials related to that meeting. The cost of the preparation, printing and distribution of this Information Statement is being paid by the Trust.

Delivery of Documents to Shareholders Sharing an Address. Only one Notice Regarding Internet Availability of this Information Statement is being delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless the Trust has received contrary instructions from one or more of the shareholders. Upon written or oral request, the Trust will promptly deliver a separate copy of the Notice Regarding Internet Availability or this Information Statement to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered. Contact the Fund by calling 1-800-253-0412, or by writing to 36 North New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743, c/o Rational Equity Armor Fund. Shareholders at shared addresses can also contact the Fund to indicate their preference regarding receiving multiple or single copies annual or semi-annual reports, information statements or Notices of Internet Availability of information statements or proxy materials at their shared address.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jerry Szilagyi, President Dated: January 24, 2020

ANNEX A

SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT, between Rational Advisors, Inc., an Ohio Corporation (the "Adviser"), and Equity Armor Investments, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company (the "Sub-Adviser").

WHEREAS, the Adviser acts as an investment adviser to the Rational Dividend Capture Fund (to be renamed Rational Equity Armor Fund) (the "Fund"), a series of Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust"), pursuant to a Management Agreement dated as of January 1, 2016 (the "Management Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Management Agreement provides that the Adviser may delegate any or all of the responsibilities, rights or duties in the Management Agreement to one or more subadvisers;

WHEREAS, the Sub-Adviser is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act");

WHEREAS, the Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Adviser desires to retain the Sub-Adviser to render investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, and the Sub-Adviser is willing to render such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, mutually agree as follows:

1. <u>Appointment and Status of Sub-Adviser</u>. The Adviser hereby appoints the Sub-Adviser to act as a sub-adviser for the Fund, subject to the overall policies, direction and review of the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") and to the instructions and supervision of the Adviser. The Sub-Adviser shall provide investment advisory services to the portion of the Fund's assets allocated to the Sub-Adviser (the "Subadvised Assets") for the period and on the terms set forth in this Agreement, in accordance with such investment strategies and within such guidelines and limitations as the Adviser and Sub-Adviser shall agree from time to time (the "Investment Strategy"). The Sub-Adviser accepts such appointment and agrees to render the services and assume the obligations herein set forth, for the compensation herein provided, subject to the oversight of the Board and the Adviser. The Sub-Adviser shall for all purposes herein be deemed to be an independent contractor of the Adviser or the Board from time to time, have no authority to act for or represent the Adviser or the Trust in any way or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Adviser or the Trust. 2. <u>Sub-Adviser's Duties</u>. Subject to the general supervision and oversight of the Board and the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser shall, employing its discretion, manage the investment operations of the Subadvised Assets and the composition of all of the portfolio of securities and investments (including cash) belonging to the Fund, including the purchase, retention and disposition thereof and the execution of agreements relating thereto in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions as stated in the Fund's then-current Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (together, the "Registration Statement"), and subject to the following understandings:

- (a) The Sub-Adviser shall formulate and implement a continuous investment program for the Subadvised Assets and determine from time to time what investments or securities will be purchased, retained or sold by the Fund and what portion of the assets belonging to the Fund, if any, will be invested or held uninvested as cash;
- (b) The Sub-Adviser shall use its best judgment in the performance of its duties under this Agreement;
- (c) The Sub-Adviser, in the performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement for the Fund, shall act in conformity with (i) the Investment Strategy; (ii) the Trust's declaration of trust and by-laws, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time; (iii) the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions as stated in the Fund's then-current Registration Statement ; (iv) any written instructions or policies which the Board, the Adviser or the Trust Chief Compliance Officer may deliver to the Sub-Adviser from time to time and the policies and procedures adopted by the Trust pursuant to Rule 38a-1 of the 1940 Act that are applicable to the Fund (together, the "Policies"); and (v) the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Advisers Act, the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("CEA"), and all other applicable federal and state laws and regulations;
- (d) The Sub-Adviser shall determine the securities and other investments to be purchased or sold by the Fund and will place portfolio transactions pursuant to its determinations either directly with the issuer or with any broker and/or dealer in such securities and other investments, subject Section 6;
- (e) The Sub-Adviser shall render to the Adviser and the Board a quarterly report, in advance of the regular meetings of the Board, of its activities under this Agreement, in such form and detail as the Adviser or the Board may reasonably request, and shall make an investment officer available to attend such meetings of the Board as the Adviser or the Board may reasonably request;
- (f) The Sub-Adviser shall provide the Trust's custodian, administrator and fund accounting agent on each business day with information about the Subadvised Assets' securities transactions, and with such other information relating to the Subadvised Assets as may be required under the terms of the then-current custody agreement between the Trust and the custodian, and other information reasonably requested by the custodian or administrator to enable the custodian or administrator

to perform its custodial, administrative, and recordkeeping responsibilities with respect to the Fund;

- (g) The Sub-Adviser shall respond promptly to any request from the Adviser or the Fund's fund accountant for assistance in obtaining price sources for investments held by the Subadvised Assets or determining a price when a price source is not available, and promptly review the prices used by the Fund's accountant to determine net asset value and advise the Fund's accountant promptly if any price appears to be incorrect;
- (h) The Sub-Adviser (i) shall be required to vote all proxies, with respect to the Subadvised Assets, in accordance with the Sub-Adviser's proxy policies and procedures, provided that the Adviser reserves the right to vote said proxies upon providing a written instruction to the Sub-Adviser; (ii) shall make all proxy votes available to the Adviser upon the Adviser's request; and (iii) will establish a process for the timely distribution of the Sub-Adviser's voting record with respect to the Fund's securities and other information necessary for the Fund to complete information required by applicable regulatory filings;
- (i) The Sub-Adviser hereby represents that it has adopted a written code of ethics complying with the requirements of Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act and will provide the Adviser and the Trust with a copy of the code and evidence of its adoption. Within 45 days of the last calendar quarter of each year while this Agreement is in effect, the Sub-Adviser shall provide to the Board a written report that describes any issues arising under the code of ethics since the last report to the Board, including, but not limited to, information about material violations of the code and sanctions imposed in response to the material violations, and which certifies that the Sub-Adviser has adopted procedures reasonably necessary to prevent access persons (as that term is defined in Rule 17j-1) from violating the code;
- (j) The Sub-Adviser agrees to maintain adequate compliance procedures to ensure its compliance with the 1940 Act, the Advisers Act and other applicable federal and state regulations. The Sub-Adviser shall provide to the Trust's chief compliance officer an annual written report regarding the Sub-Adviser's compliance program consistent with its obligations under the Advisers Act;
- (k) The Sub-Adviser shall be responsible for daily monitoring of the investment activities and portfolio holdings of the Subadvised Assets to ensure compliance with the Investment Strategy, Registration Statement, Policies and applicable law. Sub-Adviser shall advise the Adviser promptly in the event it becomes aware of any non-compliance with any of the above with respect to the Fund;
- (1) The Sub-Adviser agrees to monitor investments held by the Subadvised Assets for "significant events" that occur when the market is closed that may affect the value of such investments, Sub-Adviser shall promptly notify the Adviser and Trust Chief Compliance Officer of such event. Sub-Adviser shall provide reasonable assistance to the Fund's administrator and other applicable parties designated by the

administrator in determining the fair value of such assets subject to a "significant event" or any assets held in the Subadvised Assets for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the Adviser, the administrator and the Board have otherwise determined to fair value;

- (m)Upon the Adviser's request, the Sub-Adviser shall review and comment on selected portions relating to Sub-Adviser and/or the Investment Strategy of the Registration Statement, other offering documents and marketing materials prepared by the Adviser (or its affiliates) for the Fund. Sub-Adviser shall promptly notify the Adviser if any information in the Registration Statement or other materials that it has reviewed is (or will become) inaccurate or incomplete;
- (n) The Sub-Adviser shall not act for, represent, or purport to bind the Trust, the Fund, or the Adviser in any legal or administrative proceeding involving the Fund or any such proceedings involving any security or investment currently or formerly held by the Fund, including, without limitation class action lawsuits, regulatory or governmental victim funds, and bankruptcy proceedings. The Sub-Adviser does, however, agree that it will promptly notify the Adviser of any legal matters affecting the Fund or any security or investment currently or formerly held in the Fund, that Sub-Adviser reasonably believes the Fund and the Adviser should consider pursuing ("Legal Matters"). Sub-Adviser agrees to cooperate with the Adviser to provide reasonable assistance regarding any Legal Matters, including providing factual information in its possession regarding such Legal Matters as the Fund and/or the Adviser may reasonably request.
- (o) Upon the Adviser's request, the Sub-Adviser shall provide such information and assistance as may be required to enable the Adviser to fulfill its obligations under the Trust's Liquidity Risk Management Program including, but not limited to, review of all liquidity determinations regarding the Subadvised Assets.

3. <u>Custodian</u>. The assets of the Fund shall be held by an independent custodian, not the Adviser or Sub-Adviser. The Sub-Adviser is authorized to give instructions to the custodian with respect to all investment decisions regarding the Subadvised Assets and the Trust shall instruct the custodian to take such actions as the Sub-Adviser shall reasonably direct in connection with the performance of the Sub-Adviser's obligations in respect of the Subadvised Assets.

4. <u>Risk Acknowledgment</u>. Adviser acknowledges that Sub-Adviser does not guarantee the future performance of the Fund or any specific level of performance, nor the success of Sub-Adviser's overall management of the Fund. Accordingly, Adviser acknowledges and agrees that Sub-Adviser shall not have any legal or financial responsibility for performance or losses except as provided herein under Section 10.

5. <u>Directions to the Sub-Adviser</u>. Adviser will be responsible for forwarding Adviser and/or Trust's reasonable directions, notices and instructions to Sub-Adviser, in writing, which shall be effective upon receipt by the Sub-Adviser. The Sub-Adviser shall be fully protected in relying upon any such direction, notice, or instruction until it has been duly advised in writing of

changes therein.

6. <u>Execution of Purchase and Sale Orders.</u>

(a) In connection with purchases or sales of investments for the account of the Subadvised Assets, the Sub-Adviser will arrange for the placing of all orders for the purchase and sale of investments for the account with brokers or dealers selected by the Sub-Adviser, subject to review of this selection by the Board from time to time. The Sub-Adviser will be responsible for the negotiation and the allocation of principal business and portfolio brokerage. In the selection of such brokers or dealers and the placing of such orders, the Sub-Adviser will at all times seek for the Fund the best execution, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), the execution capability, financial responsibility and responsiveness of the broker or dealer and the brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer.

(b) The Sub-Adviser will seek favorable prices and commission rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. In seeking best execution, the Sub-Adviser is authorized to select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage and research services to the Fund and/or the other accounts over which it exercises investment discretion. In accordance with Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Sub-Adviser is authorized to pay a broker or dealer who provides such brokerage and research services a commission for executing a Fund portfolio transaction that is in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the Sub-Adviser determines in good faith that the amount of the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the executing broker or dealer. The determination may be viewed in terms of either a particular transaction or the Sub-Adviser's overall responsibilities with respect to the Fund and to accounts over which the Sub-Adviser exercises investment discretion. The Trust and the Sub-Adviser understand and acknowledge that, although the information may be useful to the Fund and the Sub-Adviser, it is not possible to place a dollar value on such information. The Sub-Adviser may not give consideration to sales of shares of the Fund as a factor in the selection of brokers and dealers to execute Fund portfolio transactions.

(c) On occasions when the Sub-Adviser deems the purchase or sale of a security or other investment to be in the best interest of the Fund as well as other clients of the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, may, but shall be under no obligation to, aggregate orders of the Fund and such other clients for the purchase or sale of such security or other investment to attempt to obtain a more favorable price or lower brokerage commissions. Allocation of the securities so purchased or sold, as well as the expenses incurred in the transaction, will be made by the Sub-Adviser in a manner that the Sub-Adviser considers to be fair and equitable.

(d) To the extent that the Sub-Adviser uses counterparties with respect to the Subadvised Assets for brokerage, futures and options clearing and ISDA purposes, the Sub-Adviser shall use such counterparties under agreements set up by, and in the name of, the Trust or the Fund. The Sub-Adviser shall not establish any brokerage, futures and options clearing or ISDA arrangements for the Subadvised Assets without the prior express written consent of the Adviser

(e) Subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, and other applicable law, the Sub-Adviser, any of its affiliates or any affiliates of its affiliates may retain compensation in connection with effecting the Fund's portfolio transactions, including transactions effected through others. If any occasion should arise in which the Sub-Adviser gives any advice to clients of the Sub-Adviser concerning the shares of the Fund, the Sub-Adviser will act solely as investment counsel for such client and not in any way on behalf of the Fund. The Sub-Adviser's services to the Fund pursuant to this Sub-Advisory Agreement are not to be deemed to be exclusive and it is understood that the Sub-Adviser may render investment advice, management and other services to others, including other registered investment companies.

7. <u>Books and Records</u>. In compliance with the requirements of Rules 31a-1, 31a-2 and 31a-3 under the 1940 Act, Sub-Adviser hereby agrees to maintain separate detailed records as are required by applicable laws and regulations of all matters hereunder relating to the Subadvised Assets. The Sub-Adviser agrees that all records that it maintains for the Trust are the property of the Trust and it will promptly surrender any of such records to the Trust upon the Trust's request. The Sub-Adviser further agrees to preserve for the periods and in the place prescribed by the rules under the 1940 Act any such records as are required to be maintained by the Sub-Adviser with respect to the Subadvised Assets.

8. <u>Expenses of the Sub-Adviser</u>. During the term of this Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Sub-Adviser will pay all expenses (including without limitation the compensation of all trustees or officers of the Trust, if any, who are "interested persons" of the Sub-Adviser, as defined in the 1940 Act) incurred by it in connection with its activities under the Sub-Advisory Agreement other than the cost of securities and investments purchased or sold for the Fund (including taxes and brokerage commissions, if any). Furthermore, the Sub-Adviser is not obligated to pay the compensation or expenses of the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer, regardless of whether the Chief Compliance Officer is affiliated with the Sub-Adviser.

9. <u>Compensation of the Sub-Adviser</u>. For the services provided pursuant to this Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Adviser will pay to the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee of 50% of the net management fee received by the Advisor for the corresponding month. Net management fee is defined as management fees less fee waivers due to the expense caps and any extraordinary expenses related to the management and sponsorship of the Fund, including but not limited to, regulatory, litigation and legal expenses as recorded on the financial statements of the Fund and Advisor. To the extent the Advisor is required to waive its entire management fee pursuant to any fee waiver and operating expense limitation agreement in effect between the Advisor and the Fund, the Sub-Advisor will pay to the Advisor an amount equal to 50% of Fund expenses paid by the Advisor pursuant to any fee waiver and operating expense limitation agreement in effect between the Advisor and the Fund.

If this Agreement is terminated prior to the end of any month, the monthly fee shall be prorated for that month according to the proportion of the number of calendar days in the month during which the Agreement is in effect with respect to the total number of calendar days in the month. The prorated monthly fee shall be payable within 15 calendar days after the date of termination

10. Liability and Indemnification.

(a) Neither the Sub-Adviser nor its shareholders, members, officers, directors, employees, control persons or affiliates, shall be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the matters to which this Agreement relates provided that nothing herein shall be construed to protect the Sub-Adviser or its shareholders, members, officers, directors, employees, control persons or affiliates in the event of (i) a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the receipt of compensation for services (in which case any award of damages shall be limited to the period and the amount set forth in Section 36(b)(3) of the 1940 Act), (ii) from the Sub-Adviser's material breach of this Agreement, willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties under this Agreement, or (iii) any untrue statement of a material fact (or an omission of such statement) contained in the Registration Statement, proxy materials, reports, advertisements, sales literature or other materials pertaining to the Fund or the Sub-Adviser to the extent that such statement was made in reliance on information furnished to the Fund or the Adviser by the Sub-Adviser or any director, officer, agent, control person, affiliate or employee of the Sub-Advisor for use therein.

No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to protect any director or officer of the Adviser or Sub-Adviser from liability in violation of Sections 17(h) or (i) of the 1940 Act.

(b) Any person, even though also a director, officer, employee, shareholder, member or agent of the Sub-Adviser, who may be or become an officer, director, trustee, employee or agent of the Trust, shall be deemed, when rendering services to the Trust or acting on any business of the Trust (other than services or business in connection with the Sub-Adviser's duties hereunder), to be rendering such services to or acting solely for the Trust and not as a director, officer, employee, shareholder, member or agent of the Sub-Adviser, or one under the Sub-Adviser's control or direction, even though paid by the Sub-Adviser.

11. <u>Duration and Termination</u>.

The term of this Sub-Advisory Agreement shall begin on the date and year the Sub-(a) Adviser commences investment operations for the Fund and, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided, shall continue in effect for a period of two (2) years. This Sub-Advisory Agreement shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter, subject to termination as hereinafter provided, if such continuance is approved at least annually (i) by a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or by vote of the Trust's Board of Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval (if such meeting is required to be in person under then current positions and interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC), and (ii) by vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust who are not parties to this Sub-Advisory Agreement or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any party to this Sub-Advisory Agreement, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval (if such meeting is required to be in person under then current positions and interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC). The Sub-Adviser shall furnish to the Adviser and the Trust, promptly upon their request, such information as may reasonably be necessary to evaluate the performance of the terms of this Sub-Advisory Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment thereof.

(b) This Sub-Advisory Agreement may be terminated at any time upon at least 60 days' prior written notice to the Sub-Adviser, without the payment of any penalty, (i) by vote of the Board of Trustees, (ii) by the Adviser, or (iii) by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund, or (iv) in accordance with the terms of any exemptive order obtained by the Trust or the Fund under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act, exempting the Trust or the Funds from Section 15(a) and Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act. The Adviser or the Fund may terminate this Agreement at any time, without payment of any penalty, upon a material breach by the Sub-Adviser of any of the Sub-Adviser's obligations or representations under this Agreement if such breach is not corrected within five business days after notice thereof by the Adviser or the Fund. The Sub-Adviser may terminate this Sub-Advisory Agreement at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on at least 60 days' prior written notice to the Adviser and the Trust. Termination of this Sub-Advisory Agreement and/or the services of the Sub-Adviser will not affect (i) the validity of any action previously taken by Sub-Adviser under this Sub-Advisory Agreement; (ii) liabilities or obligations of the parties for transactions initiated before termination of this Sub-Advisory Agreement; (iii) the Fund's obligation to pay advisory fees to Adviser. If this Sub-Advisory Agreement is terminated by the Adviser or Sub-Adviser, Sub-Adviser will have no further obligation to take any action subsequent to termination with respect to the Fund except as may be reasonably required pursuant to the notice of termination and in furtherance of its role as a fiduciary in order to facilitate an orderly transition of the management of the Fund. This Sub-Advisory Agreement will automatically and immediately terminate in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act) and upon any termination of the Management Agreement. In the event that there is a proposed reorganization or change in control of the Sub-Adviser that, in Trust counsel's judgment, would act to terminate this Agreement, the Sub-Adviser agrees to assume all reasonable costs and expenses (including the costs of printing and mailing) associated with the preparation of a proxy statement or information statement, as may be needed, related to the continuation or replacement of this Agreement with Sub-Adviser.

12. Delegation. The Sub-Adviser may not delegate to one or more entities any of the services for which the Sub-Adviser is responsible under this Agreement without the prior consent and approval of the Adviser and the Board. With respect to delegation to another sub-adviser to render investment advisory services for which the Sub-Adviser is responsible under this Agreement, the Sub-Adviser may delegate any or all of the responsibilities, rights or duties under this Agreement to one or more sub-advisers who shall enter into agreements with the Sub-Adviser, provided the agreements are approved and ratified (i) by the Board including a majority of the trustees who are not interested persons of you or of the Trust, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval (if such meeting is required to be in person under then current positions and interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC), and (ii) if required under interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC or its staff, by vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the applicable Fund (unless the Trust has obtained an exemption from the provisions of Section 15(a) of the Act). In the event of any such delegation under this paragraph, the Sub-Adviser will be responsible for the compensation, if any, of any such entities for such services, will continue to have responsibility and liability for all such services required to be provided under this Agreement and will supervise each delegate in its performance of its services for the Fund with a view to preventing violations of the federal securities laws.

13. <u>Non-Exclusive Management</u>. Sub-Adviser, its officers, employees, and agents, may have or take the same or similar positions in specific investments for their own accounts, or

for the accounts of other clients, as the Sub-Adviser does for the Fund. Adviser expressly acknowledges and understands that Sub-Adviser shall be free to render investment advice to others and that Sub-Adviser does not make its investment management services available exclusively to Adviser or the Fund. Nothing in this Sub-Advisory Agreement shall impose upon the Sub-Adviser any obligation to purchase or sell, or to recommend for purchase or sale, for the Fund any investment which the Sub-Adviser, its principals, affiliates or employees, may purchase or sell for their own accounts or for the account of any other client, if in the reasonable opinion of the Sub-Adviser such investment would be unsuitable for the Fund or if the Sub-Adviser determines in the best interest of the Fund such purchase or sale would be impractical.

14. <u>Representations, Warranties, and Covenants.</u>

(a) <u>Sub-Adviser</u>. The Sub-Adviser represents and warrants to the Adviser that:

(i) the retention of Sub-Adviser by the Adviser as contemplated by this Agreement is permitted under Sub-Adviser's governing documents;

(ii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not violate any obligation by which Sub-Adviser or its property is bound, whether arising by contract, operation of law or otherwise;

(iii) this Agreement has been duly authorized by appropriate action of Sub-Adviser and when executed and delivered by Sub-Adviser will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of Sub-Adviser;

(iv) Sub-Adviser is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is duly registered and/or licensed with all other regulatory bodies necessary or appropriate to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

(v) If the Subadvised Assets contain commodity futures, the Sub-Adviser is registered as a Commodity Trading Advisor under the CEA with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and is a member in good standing of the National Futures Association ("NFA"), or is not required to file such registration with the CFTC or to be a member of the NFA; and

(vi) Sub-Adviser is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or other law, regulation or order from performing the services contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) <u>Adviser</u>. The Adviser represents and warrants to the Sub-Adviser that:

(i) the retention of the Sub-Adviser by the Adviser as contemplated by this Agreement is authorized by the governing documents of the Adviser;

(ii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not violate any obligation by which the Adviser or its property is bound, whether arising by contract, operation of law or otherwise; and (iii) this Agreement has been duly authorized by appropriate action of the Adviser and when executed and delivered by the Adviser will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Adviser, enforceable against the Adviser in accordance with its terms.

Adviser and Sub-Adviser acknowledge that their respective obligations to advise the other with respect to these representations shall be continuing and ongoing, and should any representation change for any reason, each warrants to advise the other as soon as practicable, together with providing the corresponding pertinent facts and circumstances.

15. <u>Amendment</u>. This Sub-Advisory Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, provided the Trust approves the amendment (a) by vote of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust, including Trustees who are not parties to this Sub-Advisory Agreement or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such amendment (if such meeting is required to be in person under then current positions and interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC), and (b) if required under then current interpretations of the 1940 Act by the SEC, by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of each Fund affected by such amendment.

16. <u>Privacy Notice/Confidentiality</u>. The Adviser and Sub-Adviser acknowledge prior receipt of the Fund's *Privacy Notice* and *Policy*. Adviser and Sub-Adviser agree to safeguard all information pertaining to the Fund consistent with the requirements of applicable state and federal privacy statutes pertaining to registered investment advisers. Sub-Adviser will treat confidentially and as proprietary information of the Fund all records and other information relative to the Fund and prior, present or potential shareholders, and will not use such records and information for any purpose other than performance of its responsibilities and duties hereunder, except after prior notification to and approval in writing by the Fund, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and may not be withheld where Sub-Adviser may be exposed to civil or criminal contempt proceedings for failure to comply when requested to divulge such information by duly constituted authorities, or when so requested by the Fund.

17. <u>Notice of Certain Events; Compliance Notices</u>. The Sub-Adviser will promptly notify the Adviser in writing of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) Sub-Adviser ceases to be registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act or under the laws of any jurisdiction in which Sub-Adviser is required to be registered as an investment adviser in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

(b) the occurrence of any inspections, notices or inquiries from any governmental, administrative or self-regulatory agency, or actions, suits or proceeding involving the affairs of the Fund or Sub-Adviser's management of the Fund;

(c) any change in control or management of Sub-Adviser; and

(d) any changes in the key personnel who are the portfolio managers responsible for the management of the Fund prior to such change.

Throughout the term of this Agreement, Sub-Adviser shall submit to the Adviser: (a) any material changes to Sub-Adviser's written policies and procedures ("Compliance Policies") as required by Rule 206(4)-7 under the Advisers Act and Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act that relate to the services provided by Sub-Adviser to the Fund, (b) notification of regulatory examinations of Sub-Adviser and general descriptions of the results of such examinations and of any periodic testing of the Compliance Policies, and (c) notification of any material compliance matter that relates to the services provided by Sub-Adviser to the Fund including but not limited to any material violation of the Compliance Policies or of the code of ethics of Sub-Adviser. Throughout the term of this Agreement, Sub-Adviser shall provide the Adviser with any certifications, information and access to personnel and resources (including those resources that will permit testing of the Compliance Policies by the Adviser) that the Adviser may reasonably request to enable the Fund to comply with Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act or other applicable federal securities laws.

18. <u>Notice</u>. Whenever any notice is required or permitted to be given under any provision of this Sub-Advisory Agreement, such notice shall be in writing, shall be signed by or on behalf of the party giving the notice and shall be mailed by first class or express mail, sent by courier or email to the other party at the addresses specified on page 1, the email addresses on the signature page, or to such other address as a party may from time to time specify to the other party by such notice hereunder, or provided via email (confirmed by telephone). Notice is effective when received. Any such notice shall be deemed duly given when delivered at the following addresses.

Adviser:

Rational Advisors, Inc Attn: Jerry Szilagyi 36 North New York Avenue Huntington, NY 11746 JerryS@RationalMF.com

Sub-Adviser:

Fund: Mutual Fund and Variable Insurance Trust 36 North New York Avenue Huntington, NY 11743 Attention: President

with copy to Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP 2005 Market Street, Suite 2600 Philadelphia, PA 19103 Attention: Michael P. O'Hare 19. <u>Indemnification</u>. Adviser agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Sub-Adviser and its affiliates, officers, directors, members, and employees (each a "Sub-Adviser Indemnified Party") from any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and/or expenses incurred by a Sub-Adviser Indemnified Party with respect to (i) the Adviser's material breach of this Agreement, willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of its obligations or duties hereunder.

Sub-Adviser agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Fund and Adviser and each of its affiliates, officers, directors, members, and employees (each an "Adviser Indemnified Party") from any and call claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and/or expenses incurred by an Adviser Indemnified Party with respect to (i) the Sub-Adviser's material breach of this Agreement, willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of its obligations or duties hereunder or (ii) any untrue statement of a material fact (or an omission of such statement) contained in the Registration Statement, proxy materials, reports, advertisements, sales literature or other materials pertaining to the Subadvised Assets or the Sub-Adviser to the extent that such statement was made in reliance on information furnished to the Fund or the Adviser by the Sub-Adviser or any director, officer, agent or employee of the Sub-Advisor for use therein, together with all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by any such Adviser Indemnified Party in connection with such liability.

Adviser and Sub-Adviser's obligations under this Section 19 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

20. <u>Limited Agency.</u> Subject to any other written instructions of the Adviser or the Trust, the Sub-Adviser is hereby appointed the Adviser's and the Trust's agent and attorney-in-fact for the limited purposes of executing account documentation, agreements, contracts and other documents including, without limitation, brokerage agreements, clearing agreements, account documentation, swap agreements, and other investment related agreements as the Sub-Adviser shall be requested by brokers, dealers, counterparties and other persons in connection with its management of the Subadvised Assets. Sub-Adviser is also authorized on behalf of the Adviser to make all elections required in such agreements, instruments and documents and to receive all related notices from brokers or other counterparties on the Adviser's behalf. Upon the Adviser's written request, the Sub-Adviser agrees to provide the Adviser and the Trust with copies of any such agreements executed on behalf of the Adviser or the Trust.

21. <u>Marketing Materials.</u> During the term of this Agreement, the Adviser or its affiliates shall have permission to use Sub-Adviser's name in the marketing of the Fund. During the term of this Agreement, Sub-Adviser may not use the name of the Fund, the Adviser or any of their affiliates in any marketing or advertising material unless otherwise expressly authorized in advance and in writing by the Adviser.

22. <u>Governing Law</u>. (a) This Sub-Advisory Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of laws principles thereof, and (b) any question of interpretation of any term or provision of this Sub-Advisory Agreement having a counterpart in or otherwise derived from a term or provision of the 1940 Act, shall be resolved by reference to such term or provision of the 1940 Act and to interpretation thereof, if any, by the United States courts or in the absence of any controlling

decision of any such court, by rules, regulations or orders of the SEC issued pursuant to said 1940 Act. In addition, where the effect of a requirement of the 1940 Act reflected in any provision of this Sub-Advisory Agreement is revised by rule, regulation or order of the SEC, such provision shall be deemed to incorporate the effect of such rule, regulation or order.

23. <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision of this Sub-Advisory Agreement is determined to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Sub-Advisory Agreement, which shall continue to be in force.

24. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Sub-Advisory Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

25. Acknowledgement. Sub-Adviser acknowledges that it has received notice of and accepts the limitations of the Trust's liability as set forth in its Agreement and Declaration of Trust. Sub-Adviser agrees that the Trust's obligations hereunder shall be limited to the assets of the Fund, and that Sub-Adviser shall not seek satisfaction of any such obligation from any shareholders of the Fund nor from any trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust.

26. <u>Captions</u>. The captions in this Sub-Advisory Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and in no way define or delimit any of the provisions hereto or otherwise affect their construction or effect.

24. <u>Other Business</u>. Except as set forth above, nothing in this Sub-Advisory Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any of the Sub-Adviser's directors, officers or employees who may also be a trustee, officer, partner or employee of the Trust to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to the management or other aspects of any business, whether of a similar or a dissimilar nature, nor limit or restrict the Sub-Adviser's right to engage in any other business or to render services of any kind to any other corporation, firm, individual or association.

Disclaimer:

PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH ACCOUNTS OF QUALIFIED ELIGIBLE PERSONS, THIS ACCOUNT DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE, AND HAS NOT BEEN, FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION DOES NOT PASS UPON THE MERITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A TRADING PROGRAM OR UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF COMMODITY TRADING ADVISOR DISCLOSURE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION HAS NOT REVIEWED OR APPROVED THIS TRADING PROGRAM OR THIS ACCOUNT DOCUMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Sub-Advisory Agreement to be executed by their officers designated below.

RATIONAL ADVISORS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jerry Szilagyi</u>

Name : Jerry Szilagyi

Title: President

Dated: as of December 12, 2019

EQUITY ARMOR INVESTMENTS, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Brian Stutland</u>

Name: Brian Stutland

Title: Chief Investment Officer