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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Incorporation or Organization)

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## **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to Be Registered	Proposed Maximum	Proposed Maximum	Amount of Registration
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Offering Price Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Fee <sup>(2)</sup>
United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP	11,000,000 Units	\$ 50.00	\$ 550,000,000	\$ 16,885

<sup>(1)</sup> Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(d) under the Securities Act of 1933.

Reflects prior payment of registration fee of \$1,535 for 1,000,000 units pursuant to the initial filing of the registration statement on July 5, 2007 and \$15,350 for 10,000,000 units pursuant to the filing of Amendment No. 1 to this registration statement on August 31, 2007.

**The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said section 8(a), may determine.**

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Subject to Completion**

## PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

# United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP 11,000,000 Units

United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, is a commodity pool that will issue units that may be purchased and sold on the American Stock Exchange. United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP is referred to as US12OF throughout this document. The investment objective of US12OF is for the changes in percentage terms of the units net asset value to reflect the changes in percentage terms of the price of light, sweet crude oil delivered to Cushing, Oklahoma, as measured by the changes in the average of the prices of 12 futures contracts on crude oil traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, for a total of 12 consecutive months contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven consecutive months, less US12OF's expenses. When calculating the daily movement of the average price of the 12 contracts each contract month will be equally weighted.

This is a best efforts offering. US12OF will continuously offer creation baskets consisting of 100,000 units to authorized purchasers through ALPS Distributors, Inc., which is the marketing agent. Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. is expected to be the initial authorized purchaser. A list of US12OF's current authorized purchasers will be available from the marketing agent. Authorized purchasers will pay a transaction fee of \$1,000 for each order to

create one or more baskets. There are no arrangements to place funds in an escrow, trust, or similar account. This will be a continuous offering and will not terminate until all of the registered units have been sold.

It is anticipated that on the effective date (the date the Securities and Exchange Commission declares the registration statement relating to this prospectus effective), the initial authorized purchaser will, though it is under no obligation to do so, purchase one or more initial creation baskets of 100,000 units at a price per unit of \$50.00. It is expected that the proceeds from that purchase will be invested on that day and that US12OF's initial per unit net asset value will be established as of 4:00 p.m. New York City time that day. The units are expected to begin trading on the day following the effective date. Units offered in creation baskets on any day after the effective date will be offered at the per unit net asset value as of the earlier of 4:00 p.m. New York time or the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Authorized purchasers will be the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem baskets. An authorized purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an authorized purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. Authorized purchasers that do offer to the public units from the baskets they create will do so at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange, the net asset value of US12OF at the time the authorized purchaser purchased the creation basket and the net asset value at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the crude oil futures contract market and the market for other crude oil-related investments. The difference between the price paid by authorized purchasers as underwriters and the price paid to such authorized purchasers by investors will be deemed underwriting compensation. Units initially comprising the same basket but offered by authorized purchasers to the public at different times may have different offering prices. We intend to apply to have our units listed on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol USL. Units may trade in the secondary market at prices that are lower or higher relative to their net asset value per unit. The amount of the discount or premium in the trading price relative to the net asset value per unit may be influenced by various factors, including the number of investors who seek to purchase or sell units in the secondary market and the liquidity of the crude oil futures contract market and the market for other crude oil-related investments. Authorized purchasers will not be required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of units.

**US12OF is not a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not subject to regulation under such Act.**

Some of the risks of investing in US12OF include:

Investing in crude oil interests subjects US12OF to the risks of the crude oil industry which could result in large fluctuations in the price of US12OF's units.

If certain correlations do not exist, then investors may not be able to use US12OF as a cost-effective way to invest indirectly in crude oil or as a hedge against the risk of loss in crude oil-related transactions.

US12OF does not expect to make cash distributions.

US12OF and its general partner may have conflicts of interest, which may permit them to favor their own interests to your detriment.

US12OF has no operating history so there is no performance history to serve as a basis for you to evaluate an investment in US12OF.

**Investing in US12OF involves other significant risks. See What Are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12OF? beginning on page 11.**

**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ( SEC ) NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED IN THIS PROSPECTUS, OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

**THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION ( CFTC ) HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS POOL NOR HAS IT PASSED ON THE ADEQUACY OR**

**ACCURACY OF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.**

**This prospectus is in two parts: a disclosure document and a statement of additional information. These parts are bound together, and both contain important information.**

	Per Unit	Per Basket
Price of the units in the first basket(s) sold	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
The date of this prospectus is November , 2007.		

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# **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION PERMITS YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMODITY POOL. IN SO DOING, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FUTURES AND OPTIONS TRADING CAN QUICKLY LEAD TO LARGE LOSSES AS WELL AS GAINS. SUCH TRADING LOSSES CAN SHARPLY REDUCE THE NET ASSET VALUE OF THE POOL AND CONSEQUENTLY THE VALUE OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE POOL. IN ADDITION, RESTRICTIONS ON REDEMPTIONS MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO WITHDRAW YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE POOL.**

**FURTHER, COMMODITY POOLS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES FOR MANAGEMENT, ADVISORY AND BROKERAGE FEES. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THOSE POOLS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THESE CHARGES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL TRADING PROFITS TO AVOID DEPLETION OR EXHAUSTION OF THEIR ASSETS. THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF EACH EXPENSE TO BE CHARGED THIS POOL BEGINNING ON PAGE 73 AND A STATEMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE RETURN NECESSARY TO BREAK EVEN, THAT IS, TO RECOVER THE AMOUNT OF YOUR INITIAL INVESTMENT, ON PAGE 6.**

**THIS BRIEF STATEMENT CANNOT DISCLOSE ALL THE RISKS AND OTHER FACTORS NECESSARY TO EVALUATE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMMODITY POOL. THEREFORE, BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMODITY POOL, YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY STUDY THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, INCLUDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL RISK FACTORS OF THIS INVESTMENT, BEGINNING ON PAGE 11.**

**YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THIS COMMODITY POOL MAY TRADE FOREIGN FUTURES OR OPTIONS CONTRACTS. TRANSACTIONS ON MARKETS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MARKETS FORMALLY LINKED TO A UNITED STATES MARKET, MAY BE SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS WHICH OFFER DIFFERENT OR DIMINISHED PROTECTION TO THE POOL AND ITS PARTICIPANTS. FURTHER, UNITED STATES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES MAY BE UNABLE TO COMPEL THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES OR MARKETS IN NON-UNITED STATES JURISDICTIONS WHERE TRANSACTIONS FOR THE POOL MAY BE EFFECTED.**

**AS OF THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS THIS POOL HAS NOT COMMENCED TRADING AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY PERFORMANCE HISTORY.**

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Until [Date], 2007 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in the offered units, whether or not participating in this distribution, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This requirement is in addition to the obligations of dealers to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This is only a summary of the prospectus and, while it contains material information about US12OF and its units, it does not contain or summarize all of the information about US12OF and the units contained in this prospectus that is material and/or which may be important to you. You should read this entire prospectus, including What Are the Risk*

*Factors Involved with an Investment in US12OF? beginning on page 11, before making an investment decision about the units.*

## Overview of US12OF

United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ( US12OF or Us or We ), is a commodity pool that will issue units that may be purchased and sold on the American Stock Exchange. US12OF was organized as a limited partnership under Delaware law on June 27, 2007. US12OF is operated pursuant to the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership dated [ ] ( LP Agreement ), which is included as Appendix B. It is managed and controlled by its general partner, Victoria Bay Asset Management, LLC ( General Partner ). The General Partner is a single member limited liability company formed in Delaware on May 10, 2005 that is registered as a commodity pool operator ( CPO ) with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ( CFTC ) and is a member of the National Futures Association ( NFA ). US12OF will pay the General Partner a management fee of 0.60% of NAV on all of its assets.

The net assets of US12OF will consist primarily of investments in futures contracts for crude oil, heating oil, gasoline, natural gas, and other petroleum-based fuels that are traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, ICE Futures or other U.S. and foreign exchanges (collectively, Futures Contracts ). This may include contracts that are of the standard industry size as measured in physical amounts of crude oil, as well as similar contracts that are financially settled but are based on a percentage of the standard size contracts. US12OF may also invest in other crude oil-related investments such as cash-settled options on Futures Contracts, forward contracts for crude oil, and over-the-counter transactions that are based on the price of crude oil, heating oil, gasoline, natural gas, and other petroleum-based fuels, Futures Contracts and indices based on the foregoing (collectively, Other Crude Oil-Related Investments ). For convenience and unless otherwise specified, Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments collectively are referred to as Crude Oil Interests in this Prospectus.

US12OF will invest in Crude Oil Interests to the fullest extent possible without being leveraged or unable to satisfy its current or potential margin or collateral obligations with respect to its investments in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. The primary focus of the General Partner will be the investment in Futures Contracts and the management of its investments in short-term obligations of the United States of two years or less ( Treasuries ), cash and/or cash equivalents for margining purposes and as collateral.

The investment objective of US12OF is to have the changes in percentage terms of the units' net asset value reflect the changes in percentage terms of the price of light, sweet crude oil delivered to Cushing, Oklahoma, as measured by the changes in the average of the prices of 12 Futures Contracts on crude oil traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (the Benchmark Futures Contracts ), consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, for a total of 12 consecutive months' contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven consecutive months, less US12OF's expenses. When calculating the daily movement of the average price of the 12 contracts each contract month will be equally weighted.

The General Partner believes that holding futures contracts whose expiration dates are spread out over a 12 month period of time will cause the total return of such a portfolio to vary compared to a portfolio that holds only a single month's contract (such as the near month contract). In particular, the General Partner believes that the total return of a portfolio holding contracts with a range of expiration months will be impacted differently by the price relationship between different contract months of the same commodity future compared to the total return of a portfolio consisting of the near month contract. For example, in cases in which the near month contract's price is higher than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as backwardation in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to rise as it approaches expiration. Conversely, in



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cases in which the near month contract's price is lower than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as contango in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to decline as it approaches expiration. The total return of a portfolio that owned the near month contract and rolled forward each month by selling the near month contract as it approached expiration and purchasing the next month to expire would be positively impacted by a backwardation market, and negatively impacted by a contango market. Depending on the exact price relationship of the different month's prices, portfolio expenses, and the overall movement of crude oil prices, the impact of backwardation and contango could have a major impact on the total return of such a portfolio over time. The General Partner believes that based on historical evidence a portfolio that held futures contracts with a range of expiration dates spread out over a 12 month period of time would typically be impacted less by the positive effect of backwardation and the negative effect of contango compared to a portfolio that held contracts of a single near month. As a result, absent the impact of any other factors, a portfolio of 12 different monthly contracts would tend to have a lower total return than a near month only portfolio in a backwardation market and a higher total return in a contango market. However, there can be no assurance that such historical relationships would provide the same or similar results in the future.

It is not the intent of US12OF to be operated in a fashion such that its NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the dollar price of spot crude oil or any particular futures contract or contracts based on crude oil. US12OF will invest in interests other than the Benchmark Futures Contract to comply with accountability levels and position limits. For a detailed discussion of accountability levels and position limits, see "What are Futures Contracts?"

As a specific benchmark, the General Partner will endeavor to place US12OF's trades in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and otherwise manage US12OF's investments so that  $A$  will be within plus/minus 10 percent of  $B$ , where:

$A$  is the average daily change in US12OF's NAV for any period of 30 successive valuation days, i.e., any day as of which US12OF calculates its NAV, and

$B$  is the average daily change in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts over the same period.

An investment in the units will allow both retail and institutional investors to easily gain exposure to the crude oil market in a cost-effective manner. The units are also expected to provide additional means for diversifying an investor's investments or hedging exposure to changes in crude oil prices.

The composition of the Benchmark Futures Contracts will be changed or rolled by selling the near month contract during one day and buying the contract which at that time is the thirteenth month contract. For example, the Benchmark Futures Contracts on June 1 of any given year would include the near month contract that would expire in July, and the next eleven contract months, which would be August of the current year through June of the following year, for a total of 12 months. When the July contract is within two weeks of expiration, the Benchmark would no longer make use of the July contract of the current year and would instead add the July contract of the next year. The Benchmark Futures Contracts would remain 12 consecutive contract months but they would now consist of the August contract of the current year through the July contract of the next year.

The General Partner will employ a neutral investment strategy intended to track the changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts crude oil regardless of whether these prices go up or go down. US12OF's neutral investment strategy is designed to permit investors generally to purchase and sell US12OF's units for the purpose of investing indirectly in crude oil in a cost-effective manner, and/or to permit participants in the crude oil markets or other industries to hedge the risk of losses in their crude oil-related transactions. Accordingly, depending on the investment objective of an individual investor, the risks generally associated with investing in crude oil and/or the risks involved in hedging may exist. In addition, an investment in US12OF involves the risk that the changes in the

price of US12OF's units will not accurately track the changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. For example, US12OF will also invest a substantial amount of its assets in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents to be used to meet its current or potential margin or collateral requirements with respect to its investments in Futures Contracts and

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Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. US12OF does not expect there to be any meaningful correlation between the performance of its investments in Treasuries/cash/cash equivalents and the changes in the price of crude oil. While the level of interest earned on or the market price of these investments may in some respect correlate to changes in the price of crude oil, this correlation is not anticipated as part of US12OF's efforts to meet its objectives. This and certain risk factors discussed in this prospectus may cause a lack of correlation between the changes in US12OF's NAV and the changes in the price of crude oil.

US12OF will create and redeem units only in blocks of 100,000 units called Creation Baskets and Redemption Baskets, respectively. Only Authorized Purchasers may purchase or redeem Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets. An Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. It is expected that baskets will be created when there is sufficient demand for units that the market price per unit is at a premium to the NAV per unit. Authorized Purchasers will then sell such units, which will be listed on the American Stock Exchange, to the public at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange, the NAV of US12OF at the time the Authorized Purchaser purchased the Creation Baskets and the NAV at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the Futures Contracts market and the market for Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. The prices of units offered by authorized purchasers are expected to fall between US12OF's NAV and the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange at the time of sale. Similarly, it is expected that baskets will be redeemed when the market price per unit is at a discount to the NAV per unit. Retail investors seeking to purchase or sell units on any day are expected to effect such transactions in the secondary market, on the American Stock Exchange, at the market price per unit, rather than in connection with the creation or redemption of baskets.

The minimum number of Creation Baskets that must be sold is one. All proceeds from the sale of Creation Baskets will be invested as quickly as possible in the investments described in this prospectus. There will be no escrow or similar holding of funds that has a time period or other conditions. Investments will be held through US12OF's custodian, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ( Custodian ) or through accounts with US12OF's commodity futures brokers. There is no stated maximum time period for US12OF's operations and the fund will continue until all units are redeemed or the fund is liquidated pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement.

There is no specified limit on the maximum amount of Creation Baskets that can be sold. At some point, position limits on certain of the Futures Contracts in which US12OF intends to invest may practically limit the maximum amount of Creation Baskets that will be sold if the General Partner determines that the other investment alternatives available to US12OF at that time will not enable it to meet its stated investment objective. In this regard, the General Partner also manages the United States Oil Fund, LP ( USOF ) that currently invests in near-month and next month to expire Futures Contracts for light, sweet crude oil primarily traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Any Futures Contracts held by USOF will be aggregated with the ones held by US12OF in determining New York Mercantile Exchange position limits.

Units may also be purchased and sold by individuals and entities that are not Authorized Purchasers in smaller increments than Creation Baskets on the American Stock Exchange. However, these transactions will be effected at bid and ask prices established by specialist firm(s). Like any listed security, units of US12OF can be purchased and

sold at any time a secondary market is open.

In managing US12OF's assets, the General Partner does not intend to use a technical trading system that issues buy and sell orders. The General Partner intends instead to employ quantitative methodologies whereby each time one or more baskets are purchased or redeemed, the General Partner will purchase or sell Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments with an aggregate face amount that approximates the amount of Treasuries and /or cash received or paid upon the purchase or redemption of the basket(s).

*Note to Secondary Market Investors:* The units can be directly purchased from or redeemed by US12OF only in Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets, respectively, and only by Authorized Purchasers. Each Creation Basket and Redemption Basket will consist of 100,000 units and may be worth millions of dollars. Individual investors, therefore, will not be able to directly purchase units from or redeem units with US12OF. Some of the information contained in this prospectus, including information about buying and redeeming units

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directly from and to US12OF is only relevant to Authorized Purchasers. Units will also be listed and traded on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol USL and may be purchased and sold as individual units. Individuals interested in purchasing units in the secondary market should contact their broker. Units purchased or sold through a broker may be subject to commissions.

**Except when aggregated in Redemption Baskets, units will not be redeemable securities. There is no guarantee that units will trade at or near the per-unit NAV.**

## **The Units**

The units are registered as securities under the Securities Act of 1933 ( 1933 Act ) and will not provide dividend rights or conversion rights and there will not be sinking funds. The units may only be redeemed when aggregated in Redemption Baskets as discussed under Creations and Redemptions and limited partners will have limited voting rights as discussed under Who is the General Partner? Cumulative voting will neither be permitted nor required and there will be no preemptive rights. As discussed in the LP Agreement, upon liquidation of US12OF, its assets will be distributed pro rata to limited partners based upon the number of units held. Each limited partner will receive its share of the assets in cash or in kind, and the proportion of such share that is received in cash may vary from partner to partner, as the General Partner in its sole discretion may decide.

This will be a continuous offering under Rule 415 of the 1933 Act and will terminate when all of the registered units have been sold. It is anticipated that when all registered units have been sold, additional units will be registered in subsequent continuous offerings. As discussed above, the minimum purchase requirement for Authorized Purchasers is a Creation Basket, which will consist of 100,000 units. Under the plan of distribution, US12OF does not require a minimum purchase amount for investors who purchase units from Authorized Purchasers. There are no arrangements to place funds in an escrow, trust, or similar account.

## **US12OF's Investments in Crude Oil Interests**

A brief description of the principal types of Crude Oil Interests in which US12OF may invest is set forth below.

Except when aggregated in Redemption Baskets, units will not be redeemable securities. There is no guarantee that

A futures contract is a standardized contract traded on a futures exchange that calls for the future delivery of a specified quantity of a commodity at a specified time and place. Some futures exchanges also list similar contracts that are financially settled but are based on a percentage of the standard size contracts. In the commodity futures market, a series of consecutive monthly contracts traded together, or whose returns are calculated together, is commonly referred to as a strip (some examples would be a six month strip, a twelve month strip, or, if all twelve months fell in the same year, a calendar strip).

A forward contract is a supply contract between principals, not traded on an exchange, to buy or sell a specified quantity of a commodity at or before a specified date at a specified price.

A spot contract is a cash market transaction in which the buyer and seller agree to the immediate purchase and sale of a commodity, usually with a two-day settlement. Spot contracts are not uniform and are not exchange-traded.

An option on a futures contract, forward contract or a commodity on the spot market gives the buyer of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a futures contract, forward contract or a commodity as applicable, at a specified price on or before a specified date. Options on futures contracts are standardized contracts traded on an exchange, while options on forward contracts and commodities on the spot market, referred to collectively in this Prospectus as over-the-counter options, generally are individually negotiated, principal-to-principal contracts not traded on an exchange.

Over-the-counter contracts (such as swap contracts) generally involve an exchange of a stream of payments between the contracting parties. Over-the-counter contracts generally are not uniform and not exchange-traded.

A more detailed description of Crude Oil Interests and other aspects of the crude oil and crude oil interest markets can be found later in this prospectus.

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**As noted, US12OF expects to invest primarily in Futures Contracts, including those traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange. US12OF expressly disclaims any association with such Exchange or endorsement of US12OF by such Exchange and acknowledges that NYMEX and New York Mercantile Exchange are registered trademarks of such Exchange.**

## **Principal Investment Risks of an Investment in US12OF**

An investment in US12OF involves a degree of risk. Some of the risks you may face are summarized below. A more extensive discussion of these risks appears beginning on page 11.

Unlike mutual funds, commodity pools or other investment pools that actively manage their investments in an attempt to realize income and gains from their investing activities and distribute such income and gains to their investors, US12OF generally does not expect to distribute cash to limited partners or other unitholders. You should not invest in US12OF if you will need cash distributions from US12OF to pay taxes on your share of income and gains of US12OF, if any, or for any other reason.

There is the risk that the changes in the price of US12OF's units on the American Stock Exchange will not closely track the changes in the price of crude oil. This could happen if the price of units traded on the American Stock Exchange does not correlate closely with US12OF's NAV; the changes in US12OF's NAV do not closely correlate with the changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts; or the changes in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts do not closely correlate with the changes in the cash or spot price of crude oil. This is a risk because if these correlations do not exist, then investors may not be able to use US12OF as a cost-effective way to invest indirectly in crude oil or as a hedge against the risk of loss in crude oil-related transactions.

US12OF seeks to have the changes in its units' NAV in percentage terms track changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts in percentage terms rather than profit from speculative trading of Crude Oil Interests. The General

Partner will therefore endeavor to manage US12OF's positions in Crude Oil Interests so that US12OF's assets are, unlike those of other commodity pools, not leveraged (i.e., so that the aggregate value of US12OF's unrealized losses from its investments in such Crude Oil Interests at any time will not exceed the value of US12OF's assets). There is no assurance that the General Partner will successfully implement this investment strategy. If the General Partner permits US12OF to become leveraged, you could lose all or substantially all of your investment if US12OF's trading positions suddenly turn unprofitable. These movements in price may be the result of factors outside of the General Partner's control and may not be anticipated by the General Partner.

As described above the Benchmark Futures Contracts consist of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, except during the last two weeks of the current month when the near month contract is sold and replaced by the futures contract for the twelfth month following the current month. The price relationship among these contracts will vary and may impact both the total return over time of US12OF's NAV, as well as the degree to which its total return tracks other crude oil price indices' total returns. In cases in which the near month contract's price is lower than the twelfth following month contract's price (a situation known as contango in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to decline as it approaches expiration. In cases in which the near month contract's price is higher than the twelfth month contract's price (a situation known as backwardation in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to rise as it approaches expiration. A portfolio, such as US12OF's, that consists of twelve different monthly contracts that roll just one month as described above, will be impacted differently by contango and backwardation than a portfolio that consists of just the near month contract that rolls each month to the next month contract.

Investors may choose to use US12OF as a means of investing indirectly in crude oil and there are risks involved in such investments. The risks and hazards that are inherent in the crude oil industry

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may cause the price of crude oil to widely fluctuate. The exploration for, and production of, crude oil is an uncertain process with many risks. The cost of drilling, completing and operating wells for crude oil is often uncertain, and a number of factors can delay or prevent drilling operations or production.

Investors, including those who directly participate in the crude oil market, may choose to use US12OF as a vehicle to hedge against the risk of loss and there are risks involved in hedging activities. While hedging can provide protection against an adverse movement in market prices, it can also preclude a hedgor's opportunity to benefit from a favorable market movement.

US12OF expects to invest primarily in Futures Contracts that are traded in the United States. However, a portion of US12OF's trades may take place in markets and on exchanges outside the United States. Some non-U.S. markets present risks because they are not subject to the same degree of regulation as their U.S. counterparts. In some of these non-U.S. markets, the performance on a contract is the responsibility of the counterparty and is not backed by an exchange or clearing corporation and therefore exposes US12OF to credit risk. Trading in non-U.S. markets also leaves US12OF susceptible to fluctuations in the value of the local currency against the U.S. dollar.

US12OF may also invest in Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, many of which are negotiated contracts that are not as liquid as Futures Contracts and expose US12OF to credit risk that its counterparty may not be able to satisfy its obligations to US12OF.

US12OF will pay fees and expenses that are incurred regardless of whether it is profitable.

You will have no rights to participate in the management of US12OF and will have to rely on the duties and judgment of the General Partner to manage US12OF.

The structure and operation of US12OF may involve conflicts of interest. For example, a conflict may arise because the General Partner and its principals and affiliates may trade for themselves. In addition, the General Partner has sole current authority to manage the investments and operations, which may create a conflict with the unitholders' best interests. The General Partner may also have a conflict to the extent that its trading decisions may be influenced by the effect they would have on the United States Oil Fund, LP ( USOF ) or the United States Natural Gas Fund, LP ( USNG ), two other commodity pools that it manages, or any other commodity pool the General Partner has formed

and manages or may form and manage in the future.

US12OF is new and has no operating history. Therefore, you do not have the benefit of reviewing the past performance of US12OF as a basis for you to evaluate an investment in US12OF.

For additional risks, see What Are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12OF?

## Principal Offices of US12OF and the General Partner

US12OF's principal office is located at 1320 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 145, Alameda, California 94502. The telephone number is 510.522.3336. The General Partner's principal office is also located at 1320 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 145, Alameda, California 94502.

## Financial Condition of US12OF

US12OF will not calculate the NAV prior to the effective date. The initial NAV will be determined as of 4:00 p.m. New York time on the effective date.

## Defined Terms

For a glossary of defined terms, see Appendix A.

## Breakeven Analysis

The breakeven analysis below indicates the approximate dollar returns and percentage required for the redemption value of a hypothetical \$50.00 initial investment in a single unit to equal the amount invested twelve months after the investment was made. This breakeven analysis refers to the redemption of baskets by Authorized Purchasers and is not related to any gains an individual investor would have to achieve in order to break even. The breakeven analysis is an approximation only.

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Assumed initial selling price per unit	\$ 50.00
Management Fee (0.60%) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ .30
Creation Basket Fee <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (.01 )
Estimated Brokerage Fee (0.016%) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ .01
Interest Income (3.40%) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ (1.70 )
New York Mercantile Exchange Licensing Fee <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ .02
Independent Directors and Officers' Fees <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ .02
Fees and expenses associated with tax accounting and reporting <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ .075
Amount of trading income (loss) required for the redemption value at the end of one year to equal the initial selling price of the unit	\$ (1.29 )
Percentage of initial selling price per unit	0 %

(1) US12OF is contractually obligated to pay the General Partner a management fee based on daily net assets and paid monthly of 0.60% per annum on average net assets.

(2) Authorized Purchasers are required to pay a Creation Basket fee of \$1,000 for each order they place to create one

or more baskets. An order must be at least one basket, which is 100,000 units. This breakeven analysis assumes a hypothetical investment in a single unit so the Creation Basket fee is \$.01 (1,000/100,000).

US12OF determined this estimate as follows. The breakeven analysis assumes an initial investment by an investor in one unit. Assuming the price of the unit is \$50.00, US12OF would receive \$5,000,000 upon the sale of a Creation Basket (100,000 units multiplied by \$50.00). Assuming no change in the settlement price of the contracts, US12OF would be required to initially purchase approximately 72 futures contracts to support the Creation Basket (\$5,000,000 divided by the average total value of the 12 crude oil contracts of \$69,440 (as of June 26, 2007 the average settlement price for the 12 benchmark crude oil contracts was \$69.44)). As a result, US12OF would own 6

(3) contracts expiring in each of the next 12 months. Every month after the first month, US12OF would need to sell the 6 contracts closest to expiration and purchase 6 more contracts that are in the 13th month from expiration. Assuming futures commission merchants charge approximately \$4.00 per crude oil contract for each buy or sale, the monthly futures commission merchant commission charges would be approximately \$48.00. Assuming no change in the settlement price of the contracts the annual commission charge per Creation Basket would be approximately \$816 (72 initial contracts bought \* \$4 plus approximately \$48 per month \* 11 months). As a percentage of the total investment of \$5,000,000 to support the issuance of the Creation Basket, US12OF's annual commission expense would be approximately 0.016% (\$816 divided by \$5,000,000).

US12OF will earn interest on funds it will deposit with the futures commission merchant and the Custodian and it (4) estimates that the interest rate will be 3.40% based on the current interest rate on three-month Treasury Bills as of November 7, 2007. The actual rate may vary.

Assuming the aggregate assets of US12OF, USOF and USNG are \$1,000,000,000 or less, the New York Mercantile Exchange licensing fee is .04%. The foregoing assumes that the fee will be charged based upon the (5) aggregation of the assets of US12OF with those of USOF and USNG. At present, only USOF and USNG pay this fee pursuant to an Agreement with the New York Mercantile Exchange. For more information see Fees of US12OF.

The foregoing assumes that the assets of US12OF are aggregated with those of USOF and USNG, that the (6) aggregate fees to be paid to the independent directors for 2007 equals \$276,000, that the allocable portion of the fees borne by US12OF will equal 15 percent of the aggregate assets of USOF, USNG and US12OF, or \$41,400, and that US12OF will have \$100 million in assets.

US12OF assumed the aggregate costs attributable to tax accounting and reporting to be \$150,000. This estimate is (7) based on the experience of the General Partner in its management of similar funds. The number in the break-even table assumes US12OF has \$100 million in assets.

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# The Offering

### Offering

US12OF will be offering Creation Baskets consisting of 100,000 units through ALPS Distributors, Inc. ( Marketing Agent ) as marketing agent to Authorized Purchasers. The initial Authorized Purchaser will purchase one or more initial Creation Baskets of 100,000 units at an initial offering price per unit equal to \$50.00. The initial Authorized Purchaser intends to offer the units of the initial Creation Basket(s) publicly. The effective date will be the date on which the SEC declares the registration statement relating to this prospectus effective and is expected to be the date of the sale of the initial Creation Basket(s). However, the proceeds are not expected to be invested until the order for the first Creation Basket has settled and cash is received from the initial Authorized Purchaser. The units are expected to begin trading on the day following the purchase of the initial Creation Basket(s) by the initial Authorized Purchaser.

### Use of Proceeds:

The General Partner will initially apply all of US12OF's assets toward trading in Futures Contracts and investing in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents. The General Partner expects to deposit substantially all of US12OF's net

assets with the futures commission merchant, UBS Securities LLC, or other custodian to be used to meet its current or potential margin or collateral requirements in connection with its investment in Futures Contracts. US12OF will use only Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents to satisfy these requirements. The General Partner expects that all entities that will hold or trade US12OF's assets will be based in the United States and will be subject to United States regulations. The General Partner believes that 5% to 10% of US12OF's assets will normally be committed as margin for Futures Contracts. However, from time to time, the percentage of assets committed as margin may be substantially more, or less, than such range. The remaining portion of US12OF's assets will be held in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents by its custodian, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ( Custodian ) or posted as collateral to support US12OF's investments in Crude Oil Interests. All interest income earned on these investments will be retained for US12OF's benefit.

American Stock Exchange Symbol:

USL

Creation and Redemption:

Authorized Purchasers will pay a \$1,000 fee for each order to create or redeem one or more Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets. Authorized Purchasers will not be required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of units. The per unit price of units offered in Creation Baskets on any day after the effective date will be the per-unit NAV of US12OF calculated shortly after the close of the New York Stock Exchange on that day divided by the number of issued and outstanding units.

Withdrawal:

As discussed in the LP Agreement, if the General Partner gives at least fifteen (15) days' written notice to a limited partner, then the General Partner may for any reason, in its sole discretion, require any such limited partner to withdraw entirely from the partnership or to withdraw a portion of its partner capital account. If the General Partner does not give at least fifteen (15) days' written notice to a limited partner, then it may only require withdrawal of all or any portion of the capital account of any limited partner in the following circumstances:

(i)

the unitholder made a misrepresentation to the General Partner in connection with its purchase of units; or

(ii)

the limited partner's ownership of units would result in the violation of any law or regulation applicable to the partnership or a partner.

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Registration Clearance and Settlement:

Individual certificates will not be issued for the units. Instead, units will be represented by one or more global certificates, which will be deposited by the Custodian with the Depository Trust Company ( DTC ) and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. The global certificates evidence all of the units outstanding at any time. Unitholders are limited to (1) participants in DTC such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies ( DTC Participants ), (2) those who maintain, either directly or indirectly, a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant (Indirect Participants), and (3) those banks, brokers, dealers, trust companies and others who hold interests in the units through DTC Participants or Indirect Participants, in each case who satisfy the requirements for transfers of units. DTC Participants acting on behalf of investors holding units through such participants' accounts in DTC will follow the delivery practice applicable to securities eligible for DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Units will be credited to DTC Participants' securities accounts following confirmation of receipt of payment.

The administrator, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. ( Administrator ) has been appointed registrar and transfer agent for the purpose of registering and transferring units. The General Partner will recognize transfer of units only if such transfer is done in accordance with the LP Agreement, including the delivery of a transfer application.

Net Asset Value:



The NAV is calculated by taking the current market value of US12OF's total assets and subtracting any liabilities. Under US12OF's current operational procedures, the Administrator calculates the NAV of US12OF's units as of the earlier of 4:00 p.m. New York time or the close of the New York Stock Exchange each day. The American Stock Exchange currently calculates an approximate net asset value every 15 seconds throughout each day US12OF's units are traded on the American Stock Exchange for as long as the New York Mercantile Exchange's main pricing mechanism is open.

**Fund Expenses:**

US12OF will pay the General Partner a management fee of 0.60% of NAV on its average net assets. Brokerage fees for Treasuries, Futures Contracts, and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments are estimated to be 0.016% and will be paid to unaffiliated brokers. US12OF also pays any licensing fees for the use of intellectual property. Registration fees paid to the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), formerly the National Association of Securities Dealers, or other regulatory agency in connection with the initial offer and sale of the units and the legal, printing, accounting and other expenses associated with such registration will be paid by the General Partner, but the fees and expenses associated with subsequent SEC registrations of units will be borne by US12OF. The license fee paid to the New York Mercantile Exchange is 0.04% of NAV for the first \$1,000,000 of assets and 0.02% of NAV after the first \$1,000,000 of assets. The foregoing assumes that the assets of US12OF are aggregated with those of USOF, USNG and other funds formed or to be formed by the General Partner. US12OF also is responsible for the fees and expenses, which may include directors and officers liability insurance, of the independent directors of the General Partner in connection with their activities with respect to US12OF. These director fees and expenses may be shared with other funds managed by the General Partner. These fees and expenses are currently estimated to be \$276,000 for 2007, though this amount may change in future years. The General Partner, and not US12OF, is responsible for payment of the fees of US12OF's Marketing Agent, Administrator and Custodian. US12OF and/or the General Partner

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may be required to indemnify the Marketing Agent, Administrator or Custodian under certain circumstances. US12OF also pays the fees and expenses associated with its tax accounting and reporting requirements with the exception of certain initial implementation services fees and base services fees which will be paid by the General Partner.

**Termination Events:**

US12OF shall continue in effect from the date of its formation in perpetuity, unless sooner terminated upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events: the death, adjudication of incompetence, bankruptcy, dissolution, withdrawal, or removal of a General Partner who is the sole remaining General Partner, unless a majority in interest of limited partners within ninety (90) days after such event elects to continue the partnership and appoints a successor general partner; or the affirmative vote of a majority in interest of the limited partners subject to certain conditions. Upon termination of the partnership, the affairs of the partnership shall be wound up and all of its debts and liabilities discharged or otherwise provided for in the order of priority as provided by law. The fair market value of the remaining assets of the partnership shall then be determined by the General Partner. Thereupon, the assets of the partnership shall be distributed pro rata to the partners in accordance with their units.

**Authorized Purchasers:**

We expect the initial Authorized Purchaser to be Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. We expect subsequent Authorized Purchasers to purchase or redeem Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets, respectively, from or to US12OF. Authorized Purchasers must be (1) registered broker-dealers or other securities market participants, such as banks and other financial institutions, that are not required to register as broker-dealers to engage in securities transactions, and (2) DTC Participants. To become an Authorized Purchaser, a person must enter into an Authorized Purchaser Agreement with the General Partner.

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## **What Are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12OF?**

*You should consider carefully the risks described below before making an investment decision. You should also refer to the other information included in this Prospectus, including US12OF's financial statements and the related notes.*

### **Risks Associated With Investing Directly or Indirectly in Crude Oil**

**Investing in Crude Oil Interests subjects US12OF to the risks of the crude oil industry and this could result in large fluctuations in the price of US12OF's units.**

US12OF is subject to the risks and hazards of the crude oil industry because it invests in oil interests. The risks and hazards that are inherent in the oil industry may cause the price of oil to widely fluctuate. If US12OF's units accurately track the percentage changes in the Benchmark Futures Contracts or the spot price of light, sweet crude oil, then the price of its units may also fluctuate.

The risks of crude oil drilling and production activities include the following:

no commercially productive crude oil or natural gas reservoirs will be found;  
crude oil and natural gas drilling and production activities may be shortened, delayed or canceled;  
the ability of an oil producer to develop, produce and market reserves may be limited by:

title problems,  
political conflicts, including war,  
weather conditions,  
compliance with governmental requirements,  
refinery capacity, and

mechanical difficulties or shortages or delays in the delivery of drilling rigs and other equipment;  
decisions of the cartel of oil producing countries (e.g., OPEC, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries), to produce more or less oil;  
increases in oil production due to price rises may make it more economical to extract oil from additional sources and may later temper further oil price increases; and  
economic activity of users, as certain economies' oil consumption increases (e.g., China, India) and as economies contract (in a recession or depression), oil demand and prices fall.

The crude oil industry experiences numerous operating risks. These operating risks include the risk of fire, explosions, blow-outs, pipe failure, abnormally pressured formations and environmental hazards. Environmental hazards include oil spills, natural gas leaks, ruptures and discharges of toxic gases.

Crude oil operations also are subject to various U.S. federal, state and local regulations that materially affect operations. Matters regulated include discharge permits for drilling operations, drilling and abandonment bonds, reports concerning operations, the spacing of wells and pooling of properties and taxation. At various times, regulatory agencies have imposed price controls and limitations on production. In order to conserve supplies of crude oil and natural gas, these agencies have restricted the rates of flow of crude oil and natural gas wells below actual production capacity. Federal, state, and local laws regulate production, handling, storage, transportation and disposal

of crude oil and natural gas, by-products from crude oil and natural gas and other substances and materials produced or used in connection with crude oil and natural gas operations.

**The price of US12OF s units may be influenced by factors such as the supply and demand for crude oil and the supply and demand for US12OF s units. This may cause the units to trade at a price that is above or below US12OF s NAV per unit. Accordingly, changes in the price of units may substantially vary from changes in the price of crude oil. If this variation occurs, then you may not be able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.**

While it is expected that the trading prices of the units will fluctuate in accordance with the changes in US12OF s NAV, the prices of units may also be influenced by other factors, including the supply and demand

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for crude oil and the units. There is no guarantee that the units will not trade at appreciable discounts from, and/or premiums to, US12OF s NAV. This could cause the changes in the price of the units to substantially vary from the changes in the price of crude oil. This may be harmful to you because if changes in the price of units vary substantially from changes in the Benchmark Futures Contract or the spot price of crude oil, then you may not be able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge the risk of losses in your crude oil-related transactions or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.

**Changes in US12OF s NAV may not correlate with changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. If this were to occur, you may not be able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.**

The General Partner will endeavor to invest US12OF s assets as fully as possible in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments so that changes in percentage terms in the NAV will closely correlate with changes in percentage terms in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. However, changes in US12OF s NAV may not correlate with changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts for several reasons as set forth below:

US12OF (i) may not be able to buy/sell the exact amount of Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments to have a perfect correlation with NAV; (ii) may not always be able to buy and sell Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments at the market price; (iii) may not experience a perfect correlation between the Benchmark Futures Contract and the underlying investments in Futures Contracts, Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents, and (iv) is required to pay fees, including brokerage fees and the management fee, which will have an effect on the correlation.

Supply and demand for crude oil may cause the changes in the market price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts to vary from changes in US12OF s NAV if US12OF has fully invested in Futures Contracts that do not reflect such supply and demand and it is unable to replace such contracts with Futures Contracts that do reflect such supply and demand.

US12OF plans to buy only as many Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that it can to get the changes in percentage terms of the NAV as close as possible to the changes in percentage terms in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. The remainder of its assets will be invested in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents

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and will be used to satisfy initial margin and additional margin requirements, if any, and to otherwise support its investments in Crude Oil Interests. Investments in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents, both directly and as margin, will provide rates of return that will vary from changes in the value of the price of crude oil and the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract.

In addition, because US12OF will incur certain expenses in connection with its investment activities, and will hold most of its assets in more liquid short-term securities for margin and other liquidity purposes and for redemptions that may be necessary on an ongoing basis, the General Partner will not be able to fully invest US12OF's assets in Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and there cannot be perfect correlation between changes in US12OF's NAV and changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts.

As US12OF grows, there may be more or less correlation. For example, if US12OF only has enough money to buy three Benchmark Futures Contracts and it needs to buy four contracts to track the price of crude oil then the correlation will be lower, but if it buys 20,000 Benchmark Futures Contracts and it needs to buy 20,001 contracts then the correlation will be higher. At certain asset levels, US12OF may be limited in its ability to purchase the Benchmark Futures Contracts or other Futures Contracts due to accountability levels imposed by the relevant exchanges. To the extent that US12OF invests in these other Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, the correlation with the Benchmark Futures Contracts may be lower. If US12OF is required to invest in other Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that are less correlated with the Benchmark Futures Contracts, US12OF would likely invest in over-the-counter contracts to increase the level of correlation of US12OF's assets. Over-the-counter contracts entail certain risks described below under Over-the-Counter Contract Risk.

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US12OF anticipates that it will invest in equal amounts of each of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. Certain months of these futures contracts may have less liquidity and availability than other months of these future contracts. The inability to purchase and hold the Benchmark Futures Contracts in equal amounts may cause less correlation between the units' NAV and the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts.

US12OF may not be able to buy the exact number of Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments to have a perfect correlation with the Benchmark Futures Contracts if the purchase price of Futures Contracts required to be fully invested in such contracts is higher than the proceeds received for the sale of a Creation Basket on the day the basket was sold. In such case, US12OF could not invest the entire proceeds from the purchase of the Creation Basket in such futures contracts (for example, assume US12OF receives \$4,000,000 for the sale of a Creation Basket and assume that the average of the prices of the Futures Contracts for crude oil that reflects the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts is \$65.94, then US12OF could only invest in Futures Contracts with an aggregate value of \$3,956,700), US12OF would be required to invest a percentage of the proceeds in Treasuries to be deposited as margin with the futures commission merchant through which the contract was purchased. The remainder of the purchase price for the Creation Basket would remain invested in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents as determined by the General Partner from time to time based on factors such as potential calls for margin or anticipated redemptions. If the trading market for Futures Contracts is suspended or closed, US12OF may not be able to purchase these investments at the last reported price for such investments.

US12OF may make use of mini contracts as a way of investing a dollar amount in contracts that may more closely match the dollar amount of net assets of the fund. However, even the use of mini contracts does not completely eliminate the risk that US12OF will not be able to buy or sell the exact number of Futures Contracts necessary. In addition there is a risk that because of the size and relative liquidity of such contracts when compared to standard size Futures Contracts such as the Benchmark Futures Contracts, the price of a smaller contract for a particular month may not equate to the Benchmark Futures Contract for the same month, which could cause the change in the US12OF's per unit price and NAV to vary from changes in the average price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts.

If changes in US12OF's NAV do not correlate with changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, then investing in US12OF may not be an effective way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or indirectly invest in crude oil.

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**The Benchmark Futures Contracts may not correlate with the price of crude oil and this could cause the changes in the price of units to substantially vary from changes in the price of crude oil. If this were to occur, then you may not be able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.**

When using the Benchmark Futures Contracts as a strategy to track the price of crude oil, at best the correlation between changes in prices of such Crude Oil Interests and the delivery price of crude oil can be only approximate. The degree of imperfection of correlation depends upon circumstances such as variations in the speculative crude oil market, supply of and demand for such Crude Oil Interests and technical influences in futures trading. If there is a weak correlation between the Crude Oil Interests and the price of crude oil, then the price of units may not accurately track the price of crude oil and you may not be able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge the risk of losses in your crude oil-related transactions or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.

**US12OF may experience a loss if it is required to sell Treasuries at a price lower than the price at which they were acquired.**

The value of Treasuries generally moves inversely with movements in interest rates. If US12OF is required to sell Treasuries at a price lower than the price at which they were acquired, US12OF will experience a loss. This loss may adversely impact the price of the units and may decrease the correlation between the price of the units, the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, and the delivery price of crude oil.

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**Certain of US12OF's investments could be illiquid which could cause large losses to investors at any time or from time to time.**

At any given time, US12OF may own 12 different monthly crude oil contracts which have differing expiration schedules. The amount of liquidity in the crude oil futures market for each of those months will vary. In some cases certain of those months may have relatively small amounts of open interest and daily trading volume. As a result, US12OF may not always be able to liquidate its positions in its investments at the desired price. It is difficult to execute a trade at a specific price when there is a relatively small volume of buy and sell orders in a market. A market disruption, such as a foreign government taking political actions that disrupt the market in its currency, its crude oil production or exports, or in another major export, can also make it difficult to liquidate a position. Alternatively, limits imposed by futures exchanges or other regulatory organizations, such as accountability levels, position limits and price fluctuation limits, may contribute to a lack of liquidity with respect to some Crude Oil Interests.

Unexpected market illiquidity may cause major losses to investors at any time or from time to time. In addition, US12OF does not intend at this time to establish a credit facility, which would provide an additional source of liquidity and instead will rely only on the Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents that it holds. The anticipated large value of the positions in Futures Contracts that the General Partner will acquire or enter into for US12OF increases the risk of illiquidity. Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that US12OF invests in, such as negotiated over-the-counter contracts, may have a greater likelihood of being illiquid since they are contracts between two parties that take into account not only market risk, but also the relative credit, tax, and settlement risks under such contracts. Such contracts also have limited transferability that results from such risks and from the contract's express limitations.

The Benchmark Futures Contracts may not correlate with the price of crude oil and this could cause the changes in

Because both Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments may be illiquid, US12OF's Crude Oil Interests may be more difficult to liquidate at favorable prices in periods of illiquid markets and losses may be incurred during the period in which positions are being liquidated.

**If the nature of hedgors and speculators in futures markets has shifted such that crude oil purchasers are the predominant hedgors in the market, US12OF might have to reinvest at higher futures prices or choose Other Crude Oil-Related Investments.**

The changing nature of the hedgors and speculators in the crude oil market will influence whether futures prices are above or below the expected future spot price. In order to induce speculators to take the corresponding long side of the same futures contract, crude oil producers must generally be willing to sell futures contracts at prices that are below expected future spot prices. Conversely, if the predominant hedgors in the futures market are the purchasers of the crude oil who purchase futures contracts to hedge against a rise in prices, then speculators will only take the short side of the futures contract if the futures price is greater than the expected future spot price of crude oil. This can have significant implications for US12OF when it is time to reinvest the proceeds from a maturing Futures Contract into a new Futures Contract.

**While US12OF does not intend to take physical delivery of crude oil under Futures Contracts, physical delivery under such contracts impacts the value of the contracts.**

While it is not the current intention of US12OF to take physical delivery of crude oil under its Futures Contracts, futures contracts are not required to be cash-settled and it is possible to take delivery under these contracts. Storage costs associated with purchasing crude oil could result in costs and other liabilities that could impact the value of Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. Storage costs include the time value of money invested in crude oil as a physical commodity plus the actual costs of storing the crude oil less any benefits from ownership of crude oil that are not obtained by the holder of a futures contract. In general, Futures Contracts have a one-month delay for contract delivery and the back month (the back month is any future delivery month other than the spot month) includes storage costs. To the extent that these storage costs change for crude oil while US12OF holds Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, the value of the Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, and therefore US12OF's NAV, may change as well. Because it holds Futures Contracts that will mature up to 13 months later than the spot or current month, US12OF's NAV will be impacted more from the changes in storage costs than would the NAV of a fund that holds more current futures contracts.

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**The price relationship between the near month contract and the other monthly contracts that compose the Benchmark Futures Contracts will vary and may impact both the total return over time of US12OF's NAV, as well as the degree to which its total return tracks other crude oil price indices' total returns.**

The Benchmark Futures Contracts consist of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months, except during the last two weeks of the current month when the near month contract is sold and replaced by the futures contract for the thirteenth month following the current month. In the event of a crude oil futures market where near month contracts trade at a higher price than the price of contracts that expire later in time, a

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situation described as backwardation in the futures market, then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the benchmark contract would tend to rise as it approaches expiration. As a result the total return of the Benchmark Futures Contract would tend to track higher. Conversely, in the event of a crude oil futures market where near month contracts trade at a lower price than the price of contracts that expire later in time, a situation described as contango in the futures market, then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the benchmark contract would tend to decline as it approaches expiration. As a result the total return of the Benchmark Futures Contract would tend to track lower. When compared to total return of other price indices, such as the spot price of crude oil, the impact of backwardation and contango may lead the total return of US12OF's NAV to vary significantly. In the event of a prolonged period of contango, and absent the impact of rising or falling crude oil prices, this could have a significant negative impact on US12OF's NAV and total return. Furthermore, a portfolio that consists of twelve different monthly contracts, ranging in a strip from the first month to the twelfth month, will be impacted differently by contango and backwardation than a portfolio that consists of just the first month contract.

**Because US12OF's portfolio will typically hold as many as 12 different crude oil futures contracts at all times, it may be more expensive for US12OF to buy or sell futures contracts for its portfolio.**

Because US12OF will typically hold as many as 12 different futures contracts at any one time, the cost of trading a large number of different contracts could be greater than the cost of trading the same dollar amount using just one contract. In addition, the bid/ask spread for buying these different contracts could also on average be greater than the bid/ask spread for buying a single futures contract month. This could make it more expensive for US12OF to invest compared to investing in a single monthly contract. Wider bid/ask spreads and/or higher commission or brokerage costs would negatively impact an investor's investment returns in US12OF.

**Because US12OF's portfolio will typically hold as many as 12 different crude oil futures contracts at all times, firms that make a market in the units will also need to hold multiple contracts when hedging their inventories of units and when creating or redeeming baskets. This could lead to the units of US12OF trading at wider bid/ask spreads in the secondary market than an exchange traded security holding crude oil futures that uses a fewer number of futures contracts at any given time.**

Brokerage firms or other market participants that make a secondary market in the units of US12OF may do so by simultaneously hedging their positions by being long, or short, the same Futures Contracts that US12OF holds in its portfolio. The cost to brokerage firms or other market participants in putting on and taken off these hedges is one of the factors that determine the size of the bid/ask spread they quote on a security such as US12OF. Because US12OF will typically hold as many as 12 different futures contracts at any one time, the brokerage firms or other market participants will also find themselves having to trade a number of different contracts as well. The cost of trading a large number of different contracts may be greater than the cost of trading the same dollar amount using just one contract. As a result, the bid/ask spread for US12OF may be wider than the bid/ask spread for an exchange traded security investing in a fewer number of futures contracts at any given time. The wider bid/ask spread may negatively impact an investor's investment returns in US12OF.

**Regulation of the commodity interests and energy markets is extensive and constantly changing; future regulatory developments are impossible to predict but may significantly and adversely affect US12OF.**

The regulation of commodity interest transactions in the United States is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to ongoing modification by governmental and judicial action. In addition, various national governments have expressed concern regarding the disruptive effects of speculative trading in the energy markets and the need to regulate the derivatives markets in general. The effect of any future regulatory change on US12OF is impossible to predict, but could be substantial and adverse.

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**If you are investing in US12OF for purposes of hedging, you might be subject to several risks including the possibility of losing the benefit of favorable market movement.**

While US12OF does not intend to engage in hedging strategies, participants in the crude oil or in other industries may use US12OF as a vehicle to hedge the risk of losses in their crude oil-related transactions. There are several risks in connection with using US12OF as a hedging device. While hedging can provide protection against an adverse movement in market prices, it can also preclude a hedgor's opportunity to benefit from a favorable market movement. In a hedging transaction, the hedgor may be concerned that the hedged item will increase in price, but must recognize the risk that the price may instead decline and if this happens he will have lost his opportunity to profit from the change in price because the hedging transaction will result in a loss rather than a gain. Thus, the hedgor foregoes the opportunity to profit from favorable price movements.

In addition, if the hedge is not a perfect one, the hedgor can lose on the hedging transaction and not realize an offsetting gain in the value of the underlying item being hedged.

When using futures contracts as a hedging technique, at best, the correlation between changes in prices of futures contracts and of the items being hedged can be only approximate. The degree of imperfection of correlation depends upon circumstances such as: variations in speculative markets, demand for futures and for crude oil products, technical influences in futures trading, and differences between anticipated energy costs being hedged and the instruments underlying the standard futures contracts available for trading. Even a well-conceived hedge may be unsuccessful to some degree because of unexpected market behavior as well as the expenses associated with creating the hedge.

In addition, using an investment in US12OF as a hedge for changes in energy costs (*e.g.*, investing in crude oil, heating oil, gasoline, natural gas or other fuels, or electricity) may not correlate because changes in the spot price of crude oil may vary from changes in energy costs because the spot price may not be at the same rate as changes in the price of other energy products, and, in any case, the price of crude oil does not reflect the refining, transportation, and other costs that may impact the hedgor's energy costs.

**An investment in US12OF may provide you little or no diversification benefits. Thus, in a declining market, US12OF may have no gains to offset your losses from other investments, and you may suffer losses on your investment in US12OF at the same time you incur losses with respect to other asset classes.**

Historically, Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments have generally been non-correlated to the performance of other asset classes such as stocks and bonds. Non-correlation means that there is a low statistically valid relationship between the performance of futures and other commodity interest transactions, on the one hand, and stocks or bonds, on the other hand. However, there can be no assurance that such non-correlation will continue during

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future periods. If, contrary to historic patterns, US12OF's performance were to move in the same general direction as the financial markets, you will obtain little or no diversification benefits from an investment in the units. In such a case, US12OF may have no gains to offset your losses from other investments, and you may suffer losses on your investment in US12OF at the same time you incur losses with respect to other investments.

Variables such as drought, floods, weather, embargoes, tariffs and other political events may have a larger impact on crude oil prices and crude oil-linked instruments, including Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, than on traditional securities. These additional variables may create additional investment risks that subject US12OF's investments to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities.

Non-correlation should not be confused with negative correlation, where the performance of two asset classes would be opposite of each other. There is no historic evidence that the spot price of crude oil and prices of other financial assets, such as stocks and bonds, are negatively correlated. In the absence of negative correlation, US12OF cannot be expected to be automatically profitable during unfavorable periods for the stock market, or vice versa.

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## **US12OF's Operating Risks**

### **US12OF is not a registered investment company so you do not have the protections of the Investment Company Act of 1940.**

US12OF is not an investment company subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940. Accordingly, you do not have the protections afforded by that statute which, for example, requires investment companies to have a majority of disinterested directors and regulates the relationship between the investment company and its investment manager.

### **US12OF has no operating history so there is no performance history to serve as a basis for you to evaluate an investment in US12OF.**

US12OF is new and has no operating history. Therefore, you do not have the benefit of reviewing the past performance of US12OF as a basis for you to evaluate an investment in US12OF. The General Partner's current experience involves managing the United States Oil Fund, LP (USOF), an exchange traded security that invests primarily in Futures Contracts for crude oil, Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents. However, USOF has a different Benchmark Futures Contract than US12OF. USOF's Benchmark Futures Contract consists of a single contract which is the contract nearest to expiration (unless that contract is within two weeks of expiration in which case it is the next nearest month to expiration). The use of a single contract as its benchmark means that the General Partner's experience with USOF may not be directly applicable to US12OF.

The General Partner's current experience also involves managing the United States Natural Gas Fund, LP (USNG), an exchange traded security that invests primarily in Futures Contracts for natural gas, Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents. However, there are significant differences between the natural gas futures market and that of crude oil futures. The General Partner's results with USNG may not be representative of results that may be experienced with a fund investing in crude oil futures.

An investment in US12OF may provide you little or no diversification benefits. Thus, in a declining market, US12OF

## **The General Partner is leanly staffed and relies heavily on key personnel to manage trading activities.**

In managing and directing the day-to-day activities and affairs of US12OF, the General Partner relies heavily on Mr. Nicholas Gerber, Mr. John Love, and Mr. John Hyland (all discussed in greater detail below). If Mr. Gerber, Mr. Love, or Mr. Hyland were to leave or be unable to carry out their present responsibilities, it may have an adverse effect on the management of US12OF. Furthermore, Mr. Gerber, Mr. Hyland, and Mr. Love currently are involved in the management of USOF and USNG. Mr. Gerber and Mr. Love are also employed by Ameristock Corporation, a registered investment adviser that manages a public mutual fund. It is estimated that Mr. Gerber will spend approximately 50% of his time on US12OF, USNG, and USOF matters. Mr. Love will spend approximately 80% of his time on US12OF, USNG and USOF matters and Mr. Hyland will spend approximately 75% of his time on US12OF, USNG, and USOF matters. To the extent that the General Partner establishes additional funds, even greater demands will be placed on Mr. Gerber, Mr. Love and Mr. Hyland, as well as the other officers of the General Partner, including Mr. Mah, the Chief Financial Officer, and its Board of Directors.

## **Accountability levels, position limits, and daily price fluctuation limits set by the exchanges have the potential to cause a tracking error, which could cause the price of units to substantially vary from the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts and prevent you from being able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.**

U.S. designated contract markets such as the New York Mercantile Exchange have established accountability levels and position limits on the maximum net long or net short futures contracts in commodity interests that any person or group of persons under common trading control (other than as a hedge, which an investment in US12OF is not) may hold, own or control. For example, the current accountability level for investments at any one time in crude oil Futures Contracts (including investments in the Benchmark Futures Contracts) is 20,000. While this is not a fixed ceiling, it is a threshold above which the New York Mercantile Exchange may exercise greater scrutiny and control over an investor, including limiting an investor to holding no more than 20,000 crude oil Futures Contracts. With regard to position limits, the New York Mercantile Exchange limits an investor from holding more than 3,000 net futures in the last 3 days of trading in the near month contract to expire.

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In addition to accountability levels and position limits, the New York Mercantile Exchange also sets daily price fluctuation limits on the Benchmark Futures Contracts. The daily price fluctuation limit establishes the maximum amount that the price of futures contract may vary either up or down from the previous day's settlement price. Once the daily price fluctuation limit has been reached in a particular Futures Contract, no trades may be made at a price beyond that limit.

In addition to accountability levels and position limits, the New York Mercantile Exchange also limits the amount of price fluctuation for Futures Contracts. For example, the New York Mercantile Exchange imposes a \$10.00 per barrel (\$10,000 per contract) price fluctuation limit for crude oil Futures Contracts. This limit is initially based off of the previous trading day's settlement price. If any crude oil Futures Contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes it begins at the point where the limit was imposed and the limit is reset to be \$10.00 per barrel in either direction of that point. If another halt were triggered, the market

would continue to be expanded by \$10.00 barrel in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There is no maximum price fluctuation limit during any one trading session.

All of these limits may potentially cause a tracking error between the price of the units and the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. This may in turn prevent you from being able to effectively use US12OF as a way to hedge against crude oil-related losses or as a way to indirectly invest in crude oil.

US12OF is not limiting the size of the offering and is committed to utilizing substantially all of its proceeds to purchase Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. If US12OF encounters accountability levels, position limits, or price fluctuation limits for crude oil contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange, it may then, if permitted under applicable regulatory requirements, purchase Futures Contracts on the ICE Futures (formerly, the International Petroleum Exchange) or other exchanges that trade listed crude oil futures. The Futures Contracts available on the ICE Futures are comparable to the contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange, but they may have different underlying commodities, sizes, deliveries, and prices.

### **There are technical and fundamental risks inherent in the trading system the General Partner intends to employ.**

The General Partner's trading system is quantitative in nature and it is possible that the General Partner might make a mathematical error. In addition, it is also possible that a computer or software program may malfunction and cause an error in computation.

### **US12OF and the General Partner may have conflicts of interest, which may permit them to favor their own interests to your detriment.**

US12OF and the General Partner may have inherent conflicts to the extent the General Partner attempts to maintain US12OF's asset size in order to preserve its fee income and this may not always be consistent with US12OF's objective of having the value of its unit's NAV tracking changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts. The General Partner's officers, directors and employees do not devote their time exclusively to US12OF. These persons are directors, officers or employees of other entities that may compete with US12OF for their services. They could have a conflict between their responsibilities to US12OF and to those other entities.

In addition, the General Partner's principals, officers, directors or employees may trade futures and related contracts for their own account. A conflict of interest may exist if their trades are in the same markets and at the same time as US12OF trades using the clearing broker to be used by US12OF. A potential conflict also may occur if the General Partner's principals, officers, directors or employees trade their accounts more aggressively or take positions in their accounts which are opposite, or ahead of, the positions taken by US12OF.

The General Partner has sole current authority to manage the investments and operations of US12OF, and this may allow it to act in a way that furthers its own interests which may create a conflict with your best interests. Limited partners have limited voting control, which will limit the ability to influence matters such as amendment of the LP Agreement, change in US12OF's basic investment policy, dissolution of this fund, or the sale or distribution of US12OF's assets.

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The General Partner serves as the general partner of both USOF and USNG, as well as US12OF, and of other funds

that have yet to offer securities to the public or begin operations. The General Partner may have a conflict to the extent that its trading decisions for US12OF may be influenced by the effect they would have on the other funds it manages. These trading decisions may be influenced since the General Partner also serves as the general partner for all of the funds, and is required to meet all of the funds' investment objectives as well as US12OF's. If the General Partner believes that a trading decision it made on behalf of US12OF might (i) impede its other funds from reaching their investment objectives, or (ii) improve the likelihood of meeting its other funds' objectives, then the General Partner may choose to change its trading decision for US12OF, which could either impede or improve the opportunity for US12OF from meeting its investment objective. In addition, the General Partner is required to indemnify the officers and directors of its other funds if the need for indemnification arises. This potential indemnification will cause the General Partner's assets to decrease. If the General Partner's other sources of income are not sufficient to compensate for the indemnification, then the General Partner may terminate and you could lose your investment.

**Unitholders may only vote on the removal of the General Partner and limited partners have only limited voting rights. Unitholders and limited partners will not participate in the management of US12OF and do not control the General Partner so they will not have influence over basic matters that affect US12OF.**

Unitholders that have not applied to become limited partners have no voting rights, other than to remove the General Partner. Limited partners will have limited voting rights with respect to US12OF's affairs. Unitholders may remove the General Partner only if 66 2/3% of the unitholders elect to do so. Unitholders and limited partners will not be permitted to participate in the management or control of US12OF or the conduct of its business. Unitholders and limited partners must therefore rely upon the duties and judgment of the General Partner to manage US12OF's affairs.

**The General Partner may manage a large amount of assets and this could affect US12OF's ability to trade profitably.**

Increases in assets under management may affect trading decisions. In general, the General Partner does not intend to limit the amount of assets of US12OF that it may manage. The more assets the General Partner manages, the more difficult it may be for it to trade profitably because of the difficulty of trading larger positions without adversely affecting prices and performance and of managing risk associated with larger positions.

**US12OF could terminate at any time and cause the liquidation and potential loss of your investment and could upset the overall maturity and timing of your investment portfolio.**

US12OF may terminate at any time, regardless of whether US12OF has incurred losses, subject to the terms of the LP Agreement. In particular, unforeseen circumstances, including the death, adjudication of incompetence, bankruptcy, dissolution, or removal of the General Partner could cause US12OF to terminate unless a majority interest of the limited partners within 90 days of the event elects to continue the partnership and appoints a successor general partner. However, no level of losses will require the General Partner to terminate US12OF. US12OF's termination would cause the liquidation and potential loss of your investment. Termination could also negatively affect the overall maturity and timing of your investment portfolio.

**Limited partners may not have limited liability in certain circumstances, including potentially having liability for the return of wrongful distributions.**

Under Delaware law, a limited partner might be held liable for our obligations as if it were a General Partner if the limited partner participates in the control of the partnership's business and the persons who transact business with the

US12OF and the General Partner may have conflicts of interest, which may permit them to favor their own interests

partnership think the limited partner is the General Partner.

A limited partner will not be liable for assessments in addition to its initial capital investment in any of our capital securities representing limited partnership interests. However, a limited partner may be required to repay to us any amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to it under some circumstances. Under Delaware law, we may not make a distribution to limited partners if the distribution causes our liabilities (other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and nonrecourse liabilities) to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that a limited partner who receives such a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution violated the law will be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years from the date of the distribution.

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**With adequate notice, a limited partner may be required to withdraw from the partnership for any reason.**

If the General Partner gives at least fifteen (15) days written notice to a limited partner, then the General Partner may for any reason, in its sole discretion, require any such limited partner to withdraw entirely from the partnership or to withdraw a portion of its partner capital account. The General Partner may require withdrawal even in situations where the limited partner has complied completely with the provisions of the LP Agreement.

**US12OF s existing units are, and any units US12OF issues in the future will be, subject to restrictions on transfer. Failure to satisfy these requirements will preclude you from being able to have all the rights of a limited partner.**

No transfer of any unit or interest therein may be made if such transfer would (a) violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the SEC, any state securities commission, the CFTC or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer, or (b) cause US12OF to be taxable as a corporation or affect US12OF s existence or qualification as a limited partnership. In addition, investors may only become limited partners if they transfer their units to purchasers that meet certain conditions outlined in the LP Agreement, which provides that each record holder or limited partner or unitholder applying to become a limited partner (each a record holder) may be required by the General Partner to furnish certain information, including that holder s nationality, citizenship or other related status. A transferee who is not a U.S. resident may not be eligible to become a record holder or a limited partner if its ownership would subject US12OF to the risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its assets under any federal, state or local law or regulation. All purchasers of US12OF s units, who wish to become limited partners or record holders, and receive cash distributions, if any, or have certain other rights, must deliver an executed transfer application in which the purchaser or transferee must certify that, among other things, he, she or it agrees to be bound by US12OF s LP Agreement and is eligible to purchase US12OF s securities. Any transfer of units will not be recorded by the transfer agent or recognized by us unless a completed transfer application is delivered to the General Partner or the Administrator. A person purchasing US12OF s existing units, who does not execute a transfer application and certify that the purchaser is eligible to purchase those securities acquires no rights in those securities other than the right to resell those securities. Whether or not a transfer application is received or the consent of the General Partner obtained, our units will be securities and will be transferable according to the laws governing transfers of securities. See Transfer of Units.

Limited partners may not have limited liability in certain circumstances, including potentially having liability for the re

## **US12OF does not expect to make cash distributions.**

The General Partner intends to re-invest any realized gains in Crude Oil Interests rather than distributing cash to limited partners. Therefore, unlike mutual funds, commodity pools or other investment pools that actively manage their investments in an attempt to realize income and gains from their investing activities and distribute such income and gains to their investors, US12OF generally does not expect to distribute cash to limited partners. You should not invest in US12OF if you will need cash distributions from US12OF to pay taxes on your share of income and gains of US12OF, if any, or for any other reason. Although US12OF does not intend to make cash distributions, the income earned from its investments held directly or posted as margin may reach levels that merit distribution, e.g., at levels where such income is not necessary to support its underlying investments in Crude Oil Interests and investors adversely react to being taxed on such income without receiving distributions that could be used to pay such tax. If this income becomes significant then cash distributions may be made.

## **There is a risk that US12OF will not earn trading gains sufficient to compensate for the fees and expenses that it must pay and as such US12OF may not earn any profit.**

US12OF pays brokerage charges of approximately 0.016% (including futures commission merchant fees of \$4.00 per buy or sell), any licensing fees for the use of intellectual property, registration fees with the SEC, FINRA, or other regulatory agency in connection with offers and sales of the units subsequent to the initial offering of the units including the legal, printing, accounting and other expenses associated therewith. US12OF also pays the fees and expenses, including directors and officers liability insurance, of the independent directors, management fees of 0.60% of NAV on its average net assets, tax accounting and reporting costs and over-the-counter spreads and extraordinary expenses (*i.e.* expenses not in the ordinary course of business, including the indemnification of any person against liabilities and obligations to the extent permitted

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by law and required under the LP Agreement and under agreements entered into by the General Partner on US12OF's behalf and the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation and the incurring of legal expenses and the settlement of claims and litigation) that can not be quantified.

These fees and expenses must be paid in all cases regardless of whether US12OF's activities are profitable. Accordingly, US12OF must earn trading gains sufficient to compensate for these fees and expenses before it can earn any profit.

**US12OF, to date, has depended upon the General Partner to pay all its expenses. If this offering of units does not raise sufficient funds to pay US12OF's future expenses, the General Partner no longer pays such expenses and no other source of funding of expenses is found, US12OF will terminate and investors may lose all or part of their investment.**

To date, all of US12OF's expenses have been funded by the General Partner. If the General Partner and US12OF are unsuccessful in raising sufficient funds to cover its expenses or in locating any other source of funding, US12OF will terminate and investors may lose all or part of their investment.

**US12OF may incur higher fees and expenses upon renewing existing or entering into new contractual relationships.**

The clearing arrangements between the clearing brokers and US12OF generally are terminable by the clearing brokers once the clearing broker has given US12OF notice. Upon termination, the General Partner may be required to renegotiate or make other arrangements for obtaining similar services if US12OF intends to continue trading in Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments at its present level of capacity. The services of any clearing broker may not be available, or even if available, these services may not be available on the terms as favorable as those of the expired or terminated clearing arrangements.

**US12OF may miss certain trading opportunities because it will not receive the benefit of the expertise of independent trading advisors.**

The General Partner does not employ trading advisors for US12OF; however, it reserves the right to employ them in the future. The only advisor to US12OF is the General Partner. A lack of independent trading advisors may be disadvantageous to US12OF because it will not receive the benefit of a trading advisor's expertise.

**An unanticipated number of redemption requests during a short period of time could have an adverse effect on the NAV of US12OF.**

If a substantial number of requests for redemption of Redemption Baskets are received by US12OF during a relatively short period of time, US12OF may not be able to satisfy the requests from US12OF's assets not committed to trading. As a consequence, it could be necessary to liquidate positions in US12OF's trading positions before the time that the trading strategies would otherwise dictate liquidation.

**The failure or bankruptcy of a clearing broker could result in a substantial loss of US12OF's assets.**

Under CFTC regulations, a clearing broker maintains customers' assets in a bulk segregated account. If a clearing broker fails to do so, or is unable to satisfy a substantial deficit in a customer account, its other customers may be subject to risk of a substantial loss of their funds in the event of that clearing broker's bankruptcy. In that event, the clearing broker's customers, such as US12OF, are entitled to recover, even in respect of property specifically traceable to them, only a proportional share of all property available for distribution to all of that clearing broker's customers. US12OF also may be subject to the risk of the failure of, or delay in performance by, any exchanges and markets and their clearing organizations, if any, on which commodity interest contracts are traded.

From time to time, the clearing brokers may be subject to legal or regulatory proceedings in the ordinary course of their business. A clearing broker's involvement in costly or time-consuming legal proceedings may divert financial resources or personnel away from the clearing broker's trading operations, which could impair the clearing broker's ability to successfully execute and clear US12OF's trades.

**Third parties may infringe upon or otherwise violate intellectual property rights or assert that the General Partner has infringed or otherwise violated their intellectual property rights, which may result in significant costs and diverted attention.**

Third parties may utilize US12OF's intellectual property or technology, including the use of its business methods,

US12OF may incur higher fees and expenses upon renewing existing or entering into new contractual relationships.

trademarks and trading program software, without permission. The General Partner has a patent

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pending for US12OF's business method and it is registering its trademarks. US12OF does not currently have any proprietary software. However, if it obtains proprietary software in the future, then any unauthorized use of US12OF's proprietary software and other technology could also adversely affect its competitive advantage. US12OF may have difficulty monitoring unauthorized uses of its patents, trademarks, proprietary software and other technology. Also, third parties may independently develop business methods, trademarks or proprietary software and other technology similar to that of the General Partner or claim that the General Partner has violated their intellectual property rights, including their copyrights, trademark rights, trade names, trade secrets and patent rights. As a result, the General Partner may have to litigate in the future to protect its trade secrets, determine the validity and scope of other parties' proprietary rights, defend itself against claims that it has infringed or otherwise violated other parties' rights, or defend itself against claims that its rights are invalid. Any litigation of this type, even if the General Partner is successful and regardless of the merits, may result in significant costs, divert its resources from US12OF, or require it to change its proprietary software and other technology or enter into royalty or licensing agreements. See **Legal Risks** below.

**The success of US12OF depends on the ability of the General Partner to accurately implement trading systems, and any failure to do so could subject US12OF to losses on such transactions.**

The General Partner anticipates using mathematical formulas built into a generally available spreadsheet program to decide whether it should buy or sell Crude Oil Interests each day. Specifically, the General Partner anticipates using the spreadsheet to make mathematical calculations and to monitor positions in Crude Oil Interests and Treasuries and correlations to the Benchmark Futures Contract. The General Partner must accurately process the spreadsheets' outputs and execute the transactions called for by the formulas. In addition, US12OF relies on the General Partner to properly operate and maintain its computer and communications systems. Execution of the formulas and operation of the systems are subject to human error. Any failure, inaccuracy or delay in implementing any of the formulas or systems and executing US12OF's transactions could impair its ability to achieve US12OF's investment objective. It could also result in decisions to undertake transactions based on inaccurate or incomplete information. This could cause substantial losses on transactions.

**US12OF may experience substantial losses on transactions if the computer or communications system fails.**

US12OF's trading activities, including its risk management, depend on the integrity and performance of the computer and communications systems supporting them. Extraordinary transaction volume, hardware or software failure, power or telecommunications failure, a natural disaster or other catastrophe could cause the computer systems to operate at an unacceptably slow speed or even fail. Any significant degradation or failure of the systems that the General Partner uses to gather and analyze information, enter orders, process data, monitor risk levels and otherwise engage in trading activities may result in substantial losses on transactions, liability to other parties, lost profit opportunities, damages to the General Partner's and US12OF's reputations, increased operational expenses and diversion of technical resources.

**If the computer and communications systems are not upgraded, US12OF's financial condition could be harmed.**



The development of complex computer and communications systems and new technologies may render the existing computer and communications systems supporting US12OF's trading activities obsolete. In addition, these computer and communications systems must be compatible with those of third parties, such as the systems of exchanges, clearing brokers and the executing brokers. As a result, if these third parties upgrade their systems, the General Partner will need to make corresponding upgrades to continue effectively its trading activities. US12OF's future success will depend on US12OF's ability to respond to changing technologies on a timely and cost-effective basis.

**US12OF depends on the reliable performance of the computer and communications systems of third parties, such as brokers and futures exchanges, and may experience substantial losses on transactions if they fail.**

US12OF depends on the proper and timely function of complex computer and communications systems maintained and operated by the futures exchanges, brokers and other data providers that the General Partner uses to conduct trading activities. Failure or inadequate performance of any of these systems could adversely

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affect the General Partner's ability to complete transactions, including its ability to close out positions, and result in lost profit opportunities and significant losses on commodity interest transactions. This could have a material adverse effect on revenues and materially reduce US12OF's available capital. For example, unavailability of price quotations from third parties may make it difficult or impossible for the General Partner to use its proprietary software that it relies upon to conduct its trading activities. Unavailability of records from brokerage firms may make it difficult or impossible for the General Partner to accurately determine which transactions have been executed or the details, including price and time, of any transaction executed. This unavailability of information also may make it difficult or impossible for the General Partner to reconcile its records of transactions with those of another party or to accomplish settlement of executed transactions.

**The occurrence of a terrorist attack, or the outbreak, continuation or expansion of war or other hostilities could disrupt US12OF's trading activity and materially affect US12OF's profitability.**

The operations of US12OF, the exchanges, brokers and counterparties with which US12OF does business, and the markets in which US12OF does business could be severely disrupted in the event of a major terrorist attack or the outbreak, continuation or expansion of war or other hostilities. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the war in Iraq, global anti-terrorism initiatives and political unrest in the Middle East and Southeast Asia continue to fuel this concern.

## **Risk of Leverage and Volatility**

**If the General Partner permits US12OF to become leveraged, you could lose all or substantially all of your investment if US12OF's trading positions suddenly turn unprofitable.**

Commodity pools' trading positions in futures contracts or other commodity interests are typically required to be secured by the deposit of margin funds that represent only a small percentage of a futures contract's (or other commodity interests') entire face value. This feature permits commodity pools to leverage their assets by purchasing or

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selling futures contracts (or other commodity interests) with an aggregate value in excess of the commodity pool's assets. While this leverage can increase the pool's profits, relatively small adverse movements in the price of the pool's futures contracts can cause significant losses to the pool. While the General Partner does not currently intend to leverage US12OF's assets, it is not prohibited from doing so under the LP Agreement or otherwise.

### **The price of crude oil is volatile which could cause large fluctuations in the price of units.**

Movements in the price of crude oil may be the result of factors outside of the General Partner's control and may not be anticipated by the General Partner. Among the factors that can cause volatility in the price of crude oil are:

- worldwide or regional demand for energy, which is affected by economic conditions;
- the domestic and foreign supply and inventories of oil and gas;
- weather conditions, including abnormally mild winter or summer weather, and abnormally harsh winter or summer weather;
- availability and adequacy of pipeline and other transportation facilities;
- domestic and foreign governmental regulations and taxes;
- political conditions in gas or oil producing regions;
- the ability of members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ( OPEC ) to agree upon and maintain oil prices and production levels;
- the price and availability of alternative fuels; and
- the impact of energy conservation efforts.

### **The impact of environmental and other governmental laws and regulations that may affect the price of crude oil.**

Environmental and other governmental laws and regulations have increased the costs to plan, design, drill, install, operate and abandon crude oil and oil wells. Other laws have prevented exploration and drilling

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of crude oil in certain environmentally sensitive federal lands and waters. Several environmental laws that have a direct or an indirect impact on the price of crude oil include, but are not limited to, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

### **The limited method for transporting and storing crude oil may cause the price of crude oil to increase.**

Crude oil is primarily transported and stored throughout the United States by way of pipeline and underground storage facilities. These systems may not be adequate to meet demand, especially in times of peak demand or in areas of the United States where gas service is already limited due to minimal pipeline and storage infrastructure. As a result of the limited method for transporting and storing crude oil, the price of crude oil may increase.

### **Over-the-Counter Contract Risk**

If the General Partner permits US12OF to become leveraged, you could lose all or substantially all of your investment.

## **Over-the-counter transactions are subject to little, if any, regulation.**

A portion of US12OF's assets may be used to trade over-the-counter crude oil interest contracts, such as forward contracts or swap or spot contracts. Over-the-counter contracts are typically traded on a principal-to-principal basis through dealer markets that are dominated by major money center and investment banks and other institutions and are essentially unregulated by the CFTC. You therefore do not receive the protection of CFTC regulation or the statutory scheme of the Commodity Exchange Act in connection with this trading activity by US12OF. The markets for over-the-counter contracts rely upon the integrity of market participants in lieu of the additional regulation imposed by the CFTC on participants in the futures markets. The lack of regulation in these markets could expose US12OF in certain circumstances to significant losses in the event of trading abuses or financial failure by participants.

## **US12OF will be subject to credit risk with respect to counterparties to over-the-counter contracts entered into by US12OF or held by special purpose or structured vehicles.**

US12OF also faces the risk of non-performance by the counterparties to the over-the-counter contracts. Unlike in futures contracts, the counterparty to these contracts is generally a single bank or other financial institution, rather than a clearing organization backed by a group of financial institutions. As a result, there will be greater counterparty credit risk in these transactions. A counterparty may not be able to meet its obligations to US12OF, in which case US12OF could suffer significant losses on these contracts.

If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations due to financial difficulties, US12OF may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding.

US12OF may obtain only limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

## **US12OF may be subject to liquidity risk with respect to its over-the-counter contracts.**

Over-the-counter contracts have terms that make them less marketable than Futures Contracts. Over-the-counter contracts are less marketable because they are not traded on an exchange, do not have uniform terms and conditions, and are entered into based upon the creditworthiness of the parties and the availability of credit support, such as collateral, and in general, they are not transferable without the consent of the counterparty. These conditions diminish the ability to realize the full value of such contracts.

## **Risk of Trading in International Markets**

### **Trading in international markets would expose US12OF to credit and regulatory risk.**

The General Partner expects to invest primarily in Futures Contracts, a significant portion of which will be on United States exchanges including the New York Mercantile Exchange. However, a portion of US12OF's trades may take place on markets and exchanges outside the United States. Some non-U.S. markets present risks because they are not subject to the same degree of regulation as their U.S. counterparts. None of the CFTC, NFA, or any domestic exchange regulates activities of any foreign boards of trade or exchanges, including the execution, delivery and clearing of transactions, nor has the power to compel enforcement of the rules of a foreign board of trade or exchange or of any applicable non-U.S. laws. Similarly, the rights of

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market participants, such as US12OF, in the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of a non-U.S. market or broker are also likely to be more limited than in the case of U.S. markets or brokers. As a result, in these markets, US12OF has less legal and regulatory protection than it does when it trades domestically.

In some of these non-U.S. markets, the performance on a contract is the responsibility of the counterparty and is not backed by an exchange or clearing corporation and therefore exposes US12OF to credit risk. Trading in non-U.S. markets also leaves US12OF susceptible to swings in the value of the local currency against the U.S. dollar.

Additionally, trading on non-U.S. exchanges is subject to the risks presented by exchange controls, expropriation, increased tax burdens and exposure to local economic declines and political instability. An adverse development with respect to any of these variables could reduce the profit or increase the loss earned on trades in the affected international markets.

### **International trading activities subject US12OF to foreign exchange risk.**

The price of any non-U.S. Futures Contract, option on any non-U.S. Futures Contract or other non-U.S. crude oil-related investment, and, therefore, the potential profit and loss on such Crude Oil Interests, may be affected by any variance in the foreign exchange rate between the time the order is placed and the time it is liquidated, offset or exercised. As a result, changes in the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar may cause losses to US12OF even if the contract traded is profitable.

### **US12OF's international trading could expose it to losses resulting from non-U.S. exchanges that are less developed or less reliable than United States exchanges.**

Some non-U.S. exchanges also may be in a more developmental stage so that prior price histories may not be indicative of current price dynamics. In addition, US12OF may not have the same access to certain positions on foreign trading exchanges as do local traders, and the historical market data on which General Partner bases its strategies may not be as reliable or accessible as it is for U.S. exchanges.

## **Tax Risk**

Please refer to [U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations](#) for information regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of units.

### **Your tax liability may exceed the amount of distributions, if any, on your units.**

Cash or property will be distributed at the sole discretion of the General Partner, and the General Partner currently does not intend to make cash or other distributions with respect to units. You will be required to pay U.S. federal income tax and, in some cases, state, local, or foreign income tax, on your allocable share of US12OF's taxable income, without regard to whether you receive distributions or the amount of any distributions. Therefore, your tax liability with respect to your units may exceed the amount of cash or value of property (if any) distributed.

### **Your allocable share of taxable income or loss may differ from your economic income or loss on your units.**

Due to the application of the assumptions and conventions applied by US12OF in making allocations for tax purposes and other factors, your allocable share of US12OF's income, gain, deduction or loss may be different than your economic profit or loss from your units for a taxable year. This difference could be temporary or permanent and, if permanent, could result in your being taxed on amounts in excess of your economic income.

**Items of income, gain, deduction, loss and credit with respect to units could be reallocated if the IRS does not accept the assumptions and conventions applied by US12OF in allocating those items, with potential adverse consequences for you.**

The U.S. tax rules pertaining to partnerships are complex and their application to large, publicly traded partnerships such as US12OF is in many respects uncertain. US12OF will apply certain assumptions and conventions in an attempt to comply with the intent of the applicable rules and to report taxable income, gains, deductions, losses and credits in a manner that properly reflects unitholders' economic gains and losses. These assumptions and conventions may not fully comply with all aspects of the Internal Revenue Code ( Code ) and applicable Treasury Regulations, however, and it is possible that the U.S. Internal Revenue

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Service will successfully challenge our allocation methods and require us to reallocate items of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit in a manner that adversely affects you. If this occurs, you may be required to file an amended tax return and to pay additional taxes plus deficiency interest.

**We could be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, which may substantially reduce the value of your units.**

US12OF has received an opinion of counsel that, under current U.S. federal income tax laws, US12OF will be treated as a partnership that is not taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, provided that (i) at least 90 percent of US12OF's annual gross income consists of qualifying income as defined in the Code, (ii) US12OF is organized and operated in accordance with its governing agreements and applicable law and (iii) US12OF does not elect to be taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. Although the General Partner anticipates that US12OF will satisfy the qualifying income requirement for all of its taxable years, that result cannot be assured.

US12OF has not requested and will not request any ruling from the IRS with respect to its classification as a partnership not taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS were to successfully assert that US12OF is taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes in any taxable year, rather than passing through its income, gains, losses and deductions proportionately to unitholders, US12OF would be subject to tax on its net income for the year at corporate tax rates. In addition, although the General Partner does not currently intend to make distributions with respect to units, any distributions would be taxable to unitholders as dividend income. Taxation of US12OF as a corporation could materially reduce the after-tax return on an investment in units and could substantially reduce the value of your units.

**PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBLE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF AN INVESTMENT IN UNITS; SUCH TAX CONSEQUENCES MAY**

Your allocable share of taxable income or loss may differ from your economic income or loss on your units<sup>37</sup>

## DIFFER IN RESPECT OF DIFFERENT INVESTORS.

### Legal Risks

#### Others may notify US12OF of intellectual property rights that could adversely impact US12OF.

*Goldman, Sachs & Co.*

Goldman, Sachs & Co. ( Goldman Sachs ) sent USOF a letter on March 17, 2006, providing USOF and the General Partner notice under 35 U.S.C. Section 154(d) of two pending United States patent applications, Publication Nos. 2004/0225593A1 and 2006/0036533A1. Both patent applications are generally directed to a method and system for creating and administering a publicly traded interest in a commodity pool. In particular, the Abstract of each patent application defines a means for creating and administering a publicly traded interest in a commodity pool that includes the steps of forming a commodity pool having a first position in a futures contract and a corresponding second position in a margin investment, and issuing equity interest of the commodity pool to third party investors. If patents were to be issued to Goldman Sachs based upon these patent applications as currently drafted, and USOF continued to operate as currently contemplated after the patents were issued, claims against USOF and the General Partner for infringement of the patents may be made by Goldman Sachs. US12OF and USOF are similarly structured and US12OF will be a commodity pool that is administered like USOF. As a result, a claim could also be made against US12OF. However, as these patent applications are pending and have not been substantively examined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it is uncertain at this time what subject matter will be covered by the claims of any patent issuing on one of these applications, should a patent issue at all.

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §154(d), Goldman Sachs may seek damages in the form of a reasonable royalty from the date the units are publicly offered for sale to the date one of their cited patent applications issues as a U.S. Patent if, and only if, the invention as claimed in the issued patent is substantially identical to the invention as claimed in the published patent application. To obtain a reasonable royalty under 35 U.S.C. §154(d), one of Goldman Sachs' patents must issue and then it must be proved that post-issuance acts or systems of USOF infringe a valid claim of the issued patent, and that the infringed claim is substantially identical to one of the claims in the corresponding published application. If at the time a Goldman Sachs patent issues, USOF does not infringe the claims of the issued patent based on its current

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design or through modifications made prior to issuance, or if any infringed issued claim is not substantially identical to a published claim, then Goldman Sachs will not be able to obtain a reasonable royalty under 35 U.S.C. §154(d). At this time neither of Goldman Sachs' patent applications have been substantively examined by an examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office nor are they currently being considered for examination on an expedited basis under a Petition to Make Special, and considering that both have been placed in Class 705 for examination, which has an average pendency of approximately 44-45 months to issuance (or abandonment) and an issuance rate of approximately 11% in 2004, it is likely that neither application will issue within the next two years. Nonetheless, USOF is currently reviewing the Goldman Sachs published patent applications, and is engaged in discussions with Goldman Sachs regarding their pending applications and US12OF's own pending patent application. At this time, due in part to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §154(d) and the fact that the Goldman Sachs patent applications are pending and have not been issued as U.S. Patents, we are unable to determine what the outcome from this matter will be. See Operating Risks. Third parties may infringe upon or otherwise violate intellectual property rights or assert that the

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General Partner has infringed or otherwise violated their intellectual property rights, which may result in significant costs and diverted attention.

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## THE OFFERING

### What is US12OF?

US12OF is a Delaware limited partnership organized on June 27, 2007. US12OF maintains its main business office at 1320 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 145, Alameda, California 94502. US12OF is a commodity pool. It operates pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement, which grants full management control to the General Partner.

**THIS POOL HAS NOT COMMENCED TRADING AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY PERFORMANCE HISTORY.**

### Who is the General Partner?

Our sole General Partner is Victoria Bay Asset Management, LLC, a single member limited liability company that was formed in the state of Delaware on May 10, 2005. It maintains its main business office at 1320 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 145, Alameda, California 94502. The General Partner is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wainwright Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( "Wainwright" ). Mr. Nicholas Gerber (discussed below) controls Wainwright by virtue of his ownership of Wainwright's shares. Wainwright is a holding company that also owns an insurance company organized under Bermuda law and a registered investment advisor firm named Ameristock Corporation. The General Partner is a member of the NFA and is registered with the CFTC as of December 1, 2005. The General Partner's registration as a CPO with the NFA was approved on December 1, 2005.

The General Partner is also currently the general partner of USOF and USNG, as well as other funds that have yet to offer securities to the public. USOF is a publicly traded limited partnership which seeks to have the changes in percentage terms of its unit's NAV track the changes in percentage terms in the spot price of light, sweet crude oil as traded in the United States. USOF invests in a mixture of listed crude oil futures contracts, other non-listed oil related investments, Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents. USOF began trading on the American Stock Exchange on April 10, 2006. As of September 30, 2007, USOF had total net assets of \$394,783,637 and had outstanding units of 6,300,000. USOF employs an investment strategy in its operations that is similar to the investment strategy of US12OF, except that its benchmark is a single futures month's contract, the near month contract for light, sweet crude oil.

The General Partner is also currently the general partner of USNG. USNG is a publicly traded limited partnership which seeks to have the changes in percentage terms of its unit's NAV track the changes in percentage terms in the futures price of natural gas for delivery to the Henry Hub, LA as traded in the United States. USNG invests in a mixture of listed natural gas futures contracts, other natural gas related investments, Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents. USNG began trading on the American Stock Exchange on April 18, 2007. As of September 30, 2007, USNG had total net assets of \$450,909,643 and had outstanding units of 11,800,000. USNG employs an investment strategy in its operations that is similar to the investment strategy of US12OF, except its benchmark is the near month contract for natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub. See "Prior Performance of the General Partner and Affiliates" on page 32.

In addition, the General Partner has filed registration statements for three additional funds, United States Heating Oil Fund, LP, United States Gasoline Fund, LP and United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP. None of these funds has offered securities to the public or commenced operations.

The General Partner is required to evaluate the credit risk for US12OF to the futures commission merchant, oversee the purchase and sale of US12OF's units by certain Authorized Purchasers, review daily positions and margin requirements of US12OF, and manage US12OF's investments. The General Partner also pays the fees of the Marketing Agent, the Administrator, and the Custodian and, in connection with the initial public offering of the units, registration fees paid to the SEC, FINRA, or any other regulatory agency, including the legal, printing, accounting and other expenses associated therewith.

Limited partners have no right to elect the General Partner on an annual or any other continuing basis. If the General Partner voluntarily withdraws, however, the holders of a majority of our outstanding limited partner interests (excluding for purposes of such determination interests owned by the withdrawing General Partner and its affiliates) may elect its successor. The General Partner may not be removed as general partner

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except upon approval by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding limited partner interests (excluding limited partner interests owned by the General Partner and its affiliates), subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the LP Agreement.

The business and affairs of our General Partner are managed by a board of directors, and will be comprised of four management directors who are also its executive officers (the Management Directors) and three independent directors who meet the independent director requirements established by the American Stock Exchange and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Management Directors have the authority to manage the General Partner pursuant to its Limited Liability Company Agreement. The General Partner has an audit committee which is made up of the three independent directors (Peter M. Robinson, Gordon L. Ellis, and Malcolm R. Fobes III). The audit committee is governed by an audit committee charter that is posted on US12OF's website. Gordon L. Ellis and Malcolm R. Fobes III meet the financial sophistication requirements of the American Stock Exchange and the audit committee charter. Through its Management Directors, the General Partner manages the day-to-day operations of US12OF.

**Nicholas Gerber** has been the President and CEO of the General Partner since June 9, 2005 and a Management Director of the General Partner since May 10, 2005. He maintains his main business office at 1320 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 145, Alameda, California 94502. Mr. Gerber will act as a portfolio manager for US12OF. He registered with NFA as a Principal of the General Partner in November 2005, and as an Associated Person of the General Partner in December 2005. Currently, Mr. Gerber manages USOF and USNG. Mr. Gerber also serves as Vice President/Chief Investment Officer of Lyon's Gate Reinsurance Company, Ltd. since June of 2003. Mr. Gerber has an extensive background in securities portfolio management and in developing investment funds that make use of indexing and futures contracts. He is also the founder of Ameristock Corporation, a California-based investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, that has been sponsoring and providing portfolio management services to mutual funds since 1995. Since 1995, Mr. Gerber has been the portfolio manager of the Ameristock Mutual Fund, Inc. a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, focused on large cap U.S. equities that currently has approximately \$520 million in assets. In these roles, Mr. Gerber has gained extensive experience in evaluating and retaining third-party service providers, including custodians, accountants, transfer agents, and distributors. Prior to managing Ameristock Mutual Fund Inc., Mr. Gerber served as a portfolio manager with Bank of America Capital Management. While there he was responsible for the daily stewardship of four funds with a combined value in excess of \$240 million. At Bank of America Capital Management, Mr. Gerber worked



extensively in the development and managing of mutual funds and institutional accounts that were designed to track assorted equity market indices such as the Standard & Poor's 500 and the Standard & Poor's Midcap 400. Before joining Bank of America, he was managing director and founder of the Marc Stevens Futures Index Fund, a fund that combined the use of commodity futures with equity stock index futures. The futures index fund was a commodity pool and Mr. Gerber was the CPO. It was ultimately purchased by Newport Commodities. Mr. Gerber's two decades of experience in institutional investment include a period of employment as a floor trader on the New York Futures Exchange. Mr. Gerber has passed the Series 3 examination for associated persons. He holds an MBA in finance from the University of San Francisco and a BA from Skidmore College. Mr. Gerber is 45 years old.

**Andrew F. Ngim** has been a Management Director of the General Partner since May 10, 2005 and Treasurer of the General Partner since June 9, 2005. As treasurer of the General Partner, Mr. Ngim is involved in the management of each of USOF, USNG and US12OF. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Berkeley in 1983. Mr. Ngim has been the Managing Director of Ameristock Corporation since 1999. He was the co-portfolio manager of the Ameristock Large Company Growth Fund from December 2000 to June 2002 and a Benefits Consultant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers from 1994 to 1999. Mr. Ngim is 47 years old.

**Howard Mah** has been a Management Director of the General Partner since May 10, 2005, Secretary of the General Partner since June 9, 2005, and Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner since May 23, 2006. In these roles, Mr. Mah is involved in the management of each of USOF, USNG and US12OF. Mr. Mah also serves as the General Partner's Chief Compliance Officer. He received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta, in 1986 and an MBA from the University of San Francisco in 1988. He has been the Compliance Officer of Ameristock Corporation since 2001; a tax & finance consultant in private practice since

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1995, Secretary of Ameristock Mutual Fund since 1995 and Ameristock Focused Value Fund from December 2000 to January 2005; Chief Compliance Officer of Ameristock Mutual Fund since 2004 and the Co-Portfolio Manager of the Ameristock Focused Value Fund from December 2000 to January 2005. Mr. Mah is 43 years old.

**Robert L. Nguyen** has been a Management Director of the General Partner since May 10, 2005. As a Management Director of the General Partner, Mr. Nguyen is involved in the management of each of USOF, USNG and US12OF. He received a Bachelor of Science from California State University Sacramento in 1981. Mr. Nguyen has been the Managing Principal of Ameristock Corporation since 2000. He was Co-Portfolio Manager of the Ameristock Large Company Growth Fund from December 2000 to June 2002 and Institutional Specialist with Charles Schwab & Company Inc. from 1995 to 1999. Mr. Nguyen is 48 years old.

**Peter M. Robinson** has been an Independent Director of the General Partner since September 30, 2005 and, as such, serves on the boards of USOF and USNG. Mr. Robinson has been employed as a Research Fellow with the Hoover Institution since 1993. Mr. Robinson graduated from Dartmouth College in 1979 and Oxford University in 1982. Mr. Robinson spent six years in the White House, serving from 1982 to 1983 as chief speechwriter to Vice President George Bush and from 1983 to 1988 as special assistant and speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan. After the White House, Mr. Robinson received an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Mr. Robinson then spent a year in New York City with Fox Television. He spent a second year in Washington, D.C., with the Securities and Exchange Commission, where he served as the director of the Office of Public Affairs, Policy Evaluation, and Research. Mr. Robinson has also written three books and has been published in the *New York Times*, *Red Herring*, and *Forbes ASAP* and he is the editor of *Can Congress Be Fixed?: Five Essays on Congressional Reform* (Hoover Institution Press, 1995). Mr. Robinson is 50 years old.

**Gordon L. Ellis** has been an Independent Director of the General Partner since September 30, 2005 and, as such, serves on the boards of USOF and USNG. Mr. Ellis has been Chairman of International Absorbents, Inc. since July 1988, President and Chief Executive Officer since November 1996 and a Class I Director of the company since July 1985. Mr. Ellis is also a director of Absorption Corp., International Absorbents, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiary. Mr. Ellis is a director/trustee of Polymer Solutions, Inc., a former publicly-held company that sold all of its assets effective as of February 3, 2004 and is currently winding down its operations and liquidating following such sale. Mr. Ellis is a professional engineer with an MBA in international finance. Mr. Ellis is 60 years old.

**Malcolm R. Fobes III** has been an Independent Director of the General Partner since September 30, 2005 and, as such, serves on the boards of USOF and USNG. Mr. Fobes is the founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Berkshire Capital Holdings, Inc., a California-based investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, that has been sponsoring and providing portfolio management services to mutual funds since 1997. Since 1997, Mr. Fobes has been the Chairman and President of The Berkshire Funds, a mutual fund investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Mr. Fobes also serves as portfolio manager of the Berkshire Focus Fund, a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which concentrates its investments in the electronic technology industry. From April 2000 to July 2006, Mr. Fobes also served as co-portfolio manager of The Wireless Fund, a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which concentrates its investments in companies engaged in the development, production, or distribution of wireless-related products or services. In these roles, Mr. Fobes has gained extensive experience in evaluating and retaining third-party service providers, including custodians, accountants, transfer agents, and distributors. Mr. Fobes was also contributing editor of *Start a Successful Mutual Fund: The Step-by-Step Reference Guide to Make It Happen* (JV Books, 1995). Prior to forming Berkshire Capital Holdings, Inc., Mr. Fobes was employed by various technology-related companies, including Adobe Systems, Inc., a leading provider of digital publishing and imaging software technologies. Mr. Fobes holds a B.S. degree in Finance and Economics from San Jose State University in California. Mr. Fobes is 43 years old.

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**John P. Love** will act as the Portfolio Operations Manager. Mr. Love became a portfolio manager for USOF in April 2006, and for USNG in April 2007. Mr. Love is employed by the General Partner in each of these capacities. Mr. Love served as the operations manager of Ameristock Corporation since 2002, where he was responsible for back office and marketing activities for the Ameristock Mutual Fund and Ameristock Focused Value Fund and for the firm in general. From 1993 to 2002, Mr. Love was a project manager and managing director for IT and interactive media development firms, providing leadership to project teams from pre-contract through deployment, while assisting with business and process development. As the managing director of Jamison/ Gold (Keane Interactive), he provided leadership to all departments including operations, production, technology, sales, marketing, administration, recruiting, and finance. Mr. Love holds a Series 3 license and is registered with the NFA as an Associated Person of the General Partner. He holds a BFA in cinema-television from the University of Southern California. Mr. Love is 36 years old.

**John T. Hyland, CFA** will act as a Portfolio Manager and as the Director of Portfolio Research. Mr. Hyland is employed by the General Partner in each of these capacities. He registered with NFA as an Associated Person of the General Partner in December 2005, and as a Principal of the General Partner in January 2006. In April 2006, Mr. Hyland became the Portfolio Manager and Director of Portfolio Research for USOF. As part of his responsibilities for USOF and USNG, Mr. Hyland handles day-to-day trading, helps set investment policies, and oversees USOF's activities with its futures commission brokers, custodian-administrator, and marketing agent. Mr. Hyland has an extensive background in portfolio management and research with both equity and fixed income securities, as well as in the development of new types of complex investment funds. In July 2001, Mr. Hyland founded Towerhouse Capital Management, LLC, a firm that provides portfolio management and new fund development expertise to non-U.S. institutional investors. Mr. Hyland has been, and remains, a Principal and Portfolio Manager for Towerhouse. From

July 2001 to January 2002, Mr. Hyland was the Director of Global Property Securities Research for Roulac International, where he worked on the development of a hedge fund focused on global real estate stocks. From 1996 through 2001, Mr. Hyland was the Director of Securities Research and Portfolio Manager for the capital markets division of CB Richard Ellis, a global commercial real estate services firm. His division provided portfolio management of equities as an advisor or sub-advisor for mutual funds and separate accounts focused on real estate investment trusts. In addition, his group conducted research in the area of structured commercial real estate debt (including Commercial Mortgage-Back Securities, or CMBS), and lead the creation of one of the earliest re-securitizations of multiple CMBS pool tranches into a Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) vehicle. In the ten years prior to working at CB Richard Ellis, Mr. Hyland had worked as a portfolio manager or financial representative for several other investment firms and mutual funds. Mr. Hyland received his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1994. From 1993 until 2003, Mr. Hyland was on the Board of Directors of the Security Analysts of San Francisco (SASF), a not-for-profit organization of investment management professionals. He served as the president of the SASF from 2001-2002. Mr. Hyland is a member of the CFA Institute (formerly AIMR). He is also a member of the National Association of Petroleum Investment Analysts (NAPIA), a not-for-profit organization of investment professionals focused on the oil industry. He serves as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as part of their dispute resolution program. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and received a BA in political science/international relations in 1982. Mr. Hyland is 47 years old.

The following are individual Principals, as that term is defined in CFTC Rule 3.1, for the General Partner: Melinda Gerber, the Gerber Family Trust, Howard Mah, Andrew Ngim, Robert Nguyen, Peter Robinson, Gordon Ellis, Malcolm Fobes, John Love, and John Hyland. These individuals are principals due to their positions, however, Nicholas Gerber and Melinda Gerber are also principals due to their controlling stake in Wainwright. None of the principals owns or has any other beneficial interest in US12OF. Nicholas Gerber and John Hyland make trading and investment decisions for US12OF. Nicholas Gerber, John Love, and John Hyland execute trades on behalf of US12OF. In addition, Nicholas Gerber, John Love, and John Hyland are registered with the CFTC as Associated Persons of the General Partner and are associate members of the NFA.

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Currently, the General Partner contributed \$20 and Wainwright contributed \$980 to US12OF for their limited partnership interests. However, following the commencement of the offering, neither the General Partner nor its affiliates will have any beneficial interest in the pool because US12OF will redeem out the General Partner's and Wainwright's initial limited partnership interests.

## **Compensation and Fees to the General Partner**

US12OF is contractually obligated to pay the General Partner a management fee based on daily net assets and paid monthly of 0.60% per annum on average net assets.

## **Prior Performance of the General Partner and Affiliates**

The General Partner is also currently the general partner of USOF and USNG. Each of the General Partner, USNG and USOF is located in California.

USOF is a publicly traded limited partnership which seeks to have the changes in its unit's NAV track the changes in the spot price of light, sweet crude oil as traded in the United States. USOF invests in a mixture of listed crude oil futures contracts, other non-listed oil related investments, Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents. USOF began trading

on the American Stock Exchange on April 10, 2006 and is a continuous offering. As of September 30, 2007, the total amount of money raised by USOF from Authorized Purchasers was \$4,618,093,000; the total number of Authorized Purchasers was 12; the number of baskets purchased by Authorized Purchasers was 851; and the aggregate amount of units purchased was 85,100,000.

USNG is a publicly traded limited partnership which seeks to have the changes in percentage terms of its unit's NAV track the changes in percentage terms in the futures price of natural gas for delivery to the Henry Hub, LA as traded in the United States. USNG invests in a mixture of listed natural gas futures contracts, other natural gas related investments, Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents. USNG began trading on the American Stock Exchange on April 18, 2007 and is a continuous offering. As of September 30, 2007, the total amount of money raised by USNG from Authorized Purchasers was \$798,947,000; the total number of Authorized Purchasers was 12; the number of baskets purchased by Authorized Purchasers was 206; and the aggregate amount of units purchased was 20,600,000.

Since the offering of USOF units to the public on April 10, 2006 to September 30, 2007, the simple average daily change in the Benchmark Oil Futures Contract was -0.017%, while the simple average daily change in the NAV of USOF over the same time period was -0.006%. The average daily difference was 0.011% (or 1.1 basis point, where 1 basis point equals 1/100 of 1%). As a percentage of the daily movement of the Benchmark Oil Futures Contract, the average error in daily tracking by the NAV was 3.17%, meaning that over this time period USOF's tracking error was within the plus or minus 10% range established as its benchmark tracking goal.

Since the offering of USNG units to the public on April 18, 2007 to September 30, 2007, the simple average daily change in the Benchmark Futures Contract was -0.205%, while the simple average daily change in the NAV of USNG over the same time period was -0.192%. The average daily difference was 0.013% (or 1.3 basis points, where 1 basis point equals 1/100 of 1%). As a percentage of the daily movement of the Benchmark Futures Contract, the average error in daily tracking by the NAV was 3.06%, meaning that over this time period USNG's tracking error was within the plus or minus 10% range established as its benchmark tracking goal.

There are significant differences between investing in USOF and USNG and investing directly in the futures market. The General Partner's results with USOF and USNG may not be representative of results that may be experienced with a fund directly investing in futures contracts or other managed funds investing in futures contracts. For more information on the performance of USOF and USNG, see the Performance Tables below.

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**Experience in Raising and Investing in Funds through  
September 30, 2007**

Dollar Amount Offered in USOF Offering*:	\$ 4,929,260,000
Dollar Amount Raised in USOF Offering:	\$ 4,618,093,000
Organizational Expenses in USOF Offering:	
SEC registration fee**:	\$ 525,709
FINRA registration fee**:	226,500

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AMEX listing fee**:	\$ 5,000
Auditor s fees and expenses**:	\$ 59,000
Legal fees and expenses**:	\$ 1,208,336
Printing expenses**:	\$ 240,000
Length of USOF offering:	Continuous

\* Reflects the offering price per unit set forth on the cover page of the registration statement registering such units filed with the SEC.

\*\* Through December 31, 2006, these expenses were paid for by an affiliate of the General Partner in connection with the initial public offering. Following December 31, 2006, USOF has recorded these expenses.

Dollar Amount Offered in USNG Offering*:	\$ 1,500,000,000
Dollar Amount Raised in USNG Offering:	\$ 798,947,000
Organizational Expenses in USNG Offering	
SEC registration fee**:	\$ 44,575
FINRA registration fee	75,500
AMEX listing fee**:	\$ 5,000
Auditor s fees and expenses**:	\$ 29,000
Legal fees and expenses**:	\$ 485,926
Printing expenses**:	\$ 40,323
Length of USOF offering:	Continuous

\* Reflects the offering price per unit set forth on the cover page of the registration statement registering such units filed with the SEC.

\*\* These expenses were paid for by the General Partner.

## Compensation to the General Partner and Other Compensation

### USOF:

*Expenses Paid by USOF through September 30, 2007 in dollar terms (unaudited):*

Expense	Amount in Dollar Terms
Amount Paid to General Partner in USOF Offering:	\$ 4,467,537
Amount Paid in Portfolio Brokerage Commissions in USOF offering:	\$ 1,429,762
Other Amounts Paid in USOF Offering:	\$ 1,103,287
Total Expenses Paid in USOF Offering:	\$ 7,000,586

*Expenses Paid by USOF through September 30, 2007 as a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets (unaudited):*

Expenses in USOF Offering:	Amount As a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets
General Partner:	0.50% annualized
Portfolio Brokerage Commissions:	0.16% annualized
Other Amounts Paid in USOF Offering	0.12% annualized

Expenses in USOF Offering:	Amount As a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets
Total Expense Ratio:	0.78% annualized
<b>USOF Performance:</b>	
Name of Commodity Pool:	USOF
Type of Commodity Pool:	Exchange traded security
Inception of Trading:	April 10, 2006
Aggregate Subscriptions (from inception through September 30, 2007):	\$4,618,093,000
Total Net Assets as of September 30, 2007:	\$394,783,637
Initial NAV Per Unit as of Inception:	\$67.39
NAV per Unit as of September 30, 2007:	\$62.66
Worst Monthly Percentage Draw-down:	September 2006 (11.71%)
Worst Peak-to-Valley Draw-down:	June 2006-January 2007 (30.60%)

### USNG:

*Expenses Paid by USNG through September 30, 2007 in dollar terms (unaudited):*

Expense	Amount in Dollar Terms
Amount Paid to General Partner in USNG Offering:	\$ 445,777
Amount Paid in Portfolio Brokerage Commissions in USNG offering:	\$ 158,534
Other Amounts Paid in USOF Offering:	\$ 97,051
Total Expenses Paid in USOF Offering:	\$ 700,962

*Expenses Paid by USNG through September 30, 2007 as a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets (unaudited):*

Expenses in USNG Offering:	Amount As a Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets
General Partner:	0.60% annualized
Portfolio Brokerage Commissions:	0.20% annualized
Other Amounts Paid in USNG Offering:	0.13% annualized
Total Expense Ratio:	0.94% annualized
<b>USNG Performance:</b>	
Name of Commodity Pool:	USNG
Type of Commodity Pool:	Exchange traded security
Inception of Trading:	April 18, 2007
Aggregate Subscriptions (from inception through September 30, 2007):	\$798,947,000
Total Net Assets as of September 30, 2007:	\$450,909,643
Initial NAV Per Unit as of Inception:	\$50.00
NAV per Unit as of September 30, 2007:	\$38.21
Worst Monthly Percentage Draw-down:	June 2007 (15.90%)
Worst Peak-to-Valley Draw-down:	April August 2007 (34.74%)

**COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DATA FOR USOF**  
**PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY**  
**INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS**

Month	Rates of Return For the Year 2006
April	3.47%
May	(2.91%)
June	3.16%
July	(0.50%)
August	(6.97%)
September	(11.71%)
October	(8.46%)
November	4.73%
December	(5.21%)
Annual Rate of Return (since inception through December 31, 2006)	(23.03%)

Month	Rates of Return For the Year 2007
January	(6.55%)
February	5.63%
March	4.61%
April	(4.26%)
May	(4.91%)
June	9.06%
July	10.55%
August	(4.93%)
September	12.11%
Annual Rate of Return (through September 30, 2007)	20.80%

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**COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DATA FOR USNG**  
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Month	Rates of Return For the Year 2007
April*	4.30%
May	(0.84%)

June	(15.90%)
July	(9.68%)
August	(13.37)%
September	12.28%
Annual Rate of Return (through September 30, 2007)	(23.58%)

\* Partial from April 17, 2007.

Draw-down: Losses experienced over a specified period. Draw-down is measured on the basis of monthly returns only and does not reflect intra-month figures.

Worst Monthly Percentage Draw-down: The largest single month loss sustained since inception of trading.

Worst Peak-to-Valley Draw-down: The largest percentage decline in the NAV per unit over the history of USOF and USNG. This need not be a continuous decline, but can be a series of positive and negative returns where the negative returns are larger than the positive returns. Worst Peak-to-Valley Draw-down represents the greatest percentage decline from any month-end NAV per unit that occurs without such month-end NAV per unit being equaled or exceeded as of a subsequent month-end. For example, if the NAV per unit declined by \$1 in each of January and February, increased by \$1 in March and declined again by \$2 in April, a peak-to-trough drawdown analysis conducted as of the end of April would consider that drawdown to be still continuing and to be \$3 in amount, whereas if the NAV per unit had increased by \$2 in March, the January-February drawdown would have ended as of the end of February at the \$2 level.

Nicholas Gerber, the president and CEO of the General Partner, ran the Marc Stevens Futures Index Fund over 10 years ago. This fund combined commodity futures with equity stock index futures. It was a very small private offering, which had under \$1 million in assets. The Marc Stevens Futures Index Fund was a commodity pool and Mr. Gerber was the CPO. Ameristock Corporation is an affiliate of the General Partner and it is a California-based registered investment advisor registered under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 that has been sponsoring and providing portfolio management services to mutual funds since 1995. Ameristock Corporation is the investment adviser to the Ameristock Mutual Fund, Inc., a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that focuses on large cap U.S. equities that has approximately \$520 million in assets.

## How Does US12OF Operate?

The net assets of US12OF will consist primarily of investments in futures contracts for crude oil, heating oil, gasoline, natural gas, and other petroleum-based fuels traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, ICE Futures or other U.S. and foreign exchanges (collectively, *Futures Contracts* ). US12OF may also invest in other crude oil-related investments such as cash-settled options on Futures Contracts, forward contracts for crude oil, and over-the-counter transactions that are based on the price of crude oil, heating oil, gasoline, natural gas and other petroleum-based fuels, Futures Contracts and indices based on the foregoing (collectively, *Other Crude Oil-Related Investments* ). For convenience and unless otherwise specified, *Futures Contracts* and *Other Crude Oil-Related Investments* collectively are referred to as *Crude Oil Interests* in this Prospectus.

US12OF will invest in *Crude Oil Interests* to the fullest extent possible without being leveraged or unable to satisfy its current or potential margin or collateral obligations with respect to its investments in *Futures Contracts* and *Other Crude Oil-Related Investments*. The primary focus of the General Partner, will be the



investment in Futures Contracts and the management of its investments in short-term obligations of the United States of two years or less ( Treasuries ), cash and/or cash equivalents for margining purposes and as collateral.

The investment objective of US12OF is to have the changes in percentage terms of the units' net asset value reflect the changes in percentage terms of the price of light, sweet crude oil delivered to Cushing, Oklahoma, as measured by the changes in the average of the prices of 12 Futures Contracts on crude oil traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (the Benchmark Futures Contracts ) consisting of the near month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven months for a total of 12 consecutive months' contracts, except when the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, in which case it will be measured by the futures contracts that are the next month contract to expire and the contracts for the following eleven consecutive months, less US12OF's expenses. When calculating the daily movement of the average price of the 12 contracts each contract month will be equally weighted.

It is not the intent of US12OF to be operated in a fashion such that its NAV will equal, in dollar terms, the dollar price of spot crude oil or any particular futures contract based on crude oil.

The General Partner believes that holding futures contracts whose expiration dates are spread out over a 12 month period of time will cause the total return of such a portfolio to vary compared to a portfolio that holds only a single month's contract (such as the near month contract). In particular, the General Partner believes that the total return of a portfolio holding contracts with a range of expiration months will be impacted differently by the price relationship between different contract months of the same commodity future compared to the total return of a portfolio consisting of the near month contract. For example, in cases in which the near month contract's price is higher than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as backwardation in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to rise as it approaches expiration. Conversely, in cases in which the near month contract's price is lower than the price of contracts that expire later in time (a situation known as contango in the futures markets), then absent the impact of the overall movement in crude oil prices the value of the near month contract would tend to decline as it approaches expiration. The total return of a portfolio that owned the near month contract and rolled forward each month by selling the near month contract as it approached expiration and purchasing the next month to expire would be positively impacted by a backwardation market, and negatively impacted by a contango market. Depending on the exact price relationship of the different month's prices, portfolio expenses, and the overall movement of crude oil prices, the impact of backwardation and contango could have a major impact on the total return of such a portfolio over time. The General Partner believes that based on historical evidence a portfolio that held futures contracts with a range of expiration dates spread out over a 12 month period of time would typically be impacted less by the positive effect of backwardation and the negative effect of contango compared to a portfolio that held contracts of a single near month. As a result, absent the impact of any other factors, a portfolio of 12 different monthly contracts would tend to have a lower total return than a near month only portfolio in a backwardation market and a higher total return in a contango market. However there can be no assurance that such historical relationships would provide the same or similar results in the future.

As a specific benchmark, the General Partner will endeavor to place US12OF's trades in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and otherwise manage US12OF's investments so that  $A$  will be within plus/minus 10 percent of  $B$ , where:

$A$  is the average daily change in US12OF's NAV for any period of 30 successive valuation days, i.e., any day as of which US12OF calculates its NAV, and

$B$  is the average daily change in the average of the prices of the Benchmark Futures Contracts over the same period.

An investment in the units will allow both retail and institutional investors to easily gain exposure to the crude oil market in a cost-effective manner. The units are also expected to provide additional means for diversifying an investor's investments or hedging exposure to changes in crude oil prices.

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The Benchmark Futures Contracts will be changed or rolled from the near month contract and the eleven following months to expire to the next month to expire and the eleven following months over a one day period.

The General Partner believes that market arbitrage opportunities will cause changes in US12OF's unit price on the American Stock Exchange to closely track changes in US12OF's NAV. The General Partner believes that changes in US12OF's NAV in percentage terms will closely track the changes in percentage terms in the Benchmark Futures Contract in, less US12OF's expenses.

These relationships are illustrated in the following diagram:

The General Partner will employ a neutral investment strategy intended to track changes in the price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts regardless of whether these prices go up or go down. US12OF's neutral investment strategy is designed to permit investors generally to purchase and sell US12OF's units for the purpose of investing indirectly in crude oil in a cost-effective manner, and/or to permit participants in the crude oil or other industries to hedge the risk of losses in their crude oil-related transactions. Accordingly, depending on the investment objective of an individual investor, the risks generally associated with investing in crude oil and/or the risks involved in hedging may exist. In addition, an investment in US12OF involves the risk that the changes in the price of US12OF's units will not accurately track the changes in the Benchmark Futures Contract.

US12OF's total portfolio composition will be disclosed each business day that the American Stock Exchange is open for trading, on US12OF's website at [www.unitedstates12monthoilfund.com](http://www.unitedstates12monthoilfund.com) and through the American Stock Exchange's website at <http://www.amex.com>. The website disclosure of portfolio holdings will be made daily and will include, as applicable, the name and value of each Crude Oil Interest, the specific types of Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and characteristics of such Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, Treasuries, and the amount of cash and cash equivalents held in US12OF's portfolio. US12OF's website is publicly accessible at no charge.

US12OF will create and redeem units only in blocks of 100,000 units called Creation Baskets and Redemption Baskets, respectively. Only Authorized Purchasers may purchase or redeem Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets. An Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. It is

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expected that baskets will be created when there is sufficient demand for units that the market price per unit is at a premium to the NAV per unit. Authorized Purchasers will then sell such units, which will be listed on the American Stock Exchange, to the public at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange, the NAV of US12OF at the time the Authorized Purchaser purchased the Creation Baskets and the NAV at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the Futures Contracts market and the market for Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. The prices of units offered by Authorized Purchasers are expected to fall between US12OF's NAV and the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange at the time of sale. Similarly, it is expected that baskets will be redeemed when the market price per unit is at a discount to the NAV per unit. Retail investors seeking to purchase or sell units on any day are expected to effect such transactions in the secondary market, on the American Stock Exchange, at the market price per unit, rather than in connection with the creation or redemption of baskets.

The minimum number of Creation Baskets that must be sold is one. All proceeds from the sale of Creation Baskets will be invested as quickly as possible in the investments described in this prospectus. There will be no escrow or similar holding of funds that has a time period or other conditions. Investments will be held through the Custodian or through accounts with US12OF's commodities futures brokers. There is no stated maximum time period for US12OF's operations and the fund will continue until all units are redeemed or the fund is liquidated pursuant to the terms of the LP Agreement.

There is no specified limit on the maximum amount of Creation Baskets that can be sold. At some point, accountability levels on certain of the Futures Contracts in which US12OF intends to invest may practically limit the maximum amount of Creation Baskets that will be sold if the General Partner determines that the other investment alternatives available to US12OF at that time will not enable it to meet its stated investment objective.

Units may also be purchased and sold in smaller increments than Creation Baskets on the American Stock Exchange. However, these transactions will be effected at bid and ask prices established by specialist firm(s). Like any listed security, units of US12OF can be purchased and sold at any time a secondary market is open.

In managing US12OF's assets the General Partner does not intend to use a technical trading system that issues buy and sell orders. The General Partner does intend to employ quantitative methodologies whereby each time one or more baskets are purchased or sold, the General Partner will purchase or sell Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments with an aggregate face amount that approximates the amount of Treasuries and /or cash received or paid upon the purchase or sale of the basket(s).

## What is US12OF's Investment Strategy?

In managing US12OF's assets the General Partner does not intend to use a technical trading system that issues buy and sell orders. The General Partner does intend to employ a quantitative methodology whereby each time a Creation Basket is sold, the General Partner will purchase Crude Oil Interests, such as the Benchmark Futures Contracts, that have an aggregate face amount that approximates the amount of Treasuries and/or cash received from the sale of the Creation Basket.

As an example, assume that a Creation Basket is sold by US12OF, and that US12OF's closing NAV per unit is \$50.00. In that case, US12OF would receive \$5,000,000 in proceeds from the sale of the Creation Basket (\$50 NAV per unit multiplied by 100,000 units, and ignoring the Creation Basket fee of \$1,000). If one were to assume further that the General Partner wants to invest the entire proceeds from the Creation Basket in the Benchmark Futures Contracts and that average the face amount of the Benchmark Futures Contracts is \$59,950, US12OF would be unable to buy the exact number of Benchmark Futures Contracts with an aggregate face amount equal to \$5,000,000. Instead, US12OF would be able to purchase Benchmark Futures Contracts only with an aggregate face amount of \$4,975,850. Assuming a margin requirement equal to 10% of the value of the Benchmark Futures Contract, US12OF would be required to deposit \$497,585 in Treasuries and cash with the futures commission merchant through which the Benchmark Futures Contracts were purchased. The remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the Creation Basket would remain invested in cash, cash equivalents, and Treasuries as determined by the General Partner from time to time based on factors such as potential calls for margin or anticipated redemptions.

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The specific Futures Contracts to be purchased will depend on various factors, including a judgment by the General Partner as to the appropriate diversification of US12OF's investments in futures contracts with respect to the month of expiration, and the prevailing price volatility of particular contracts. In addition, US12OF may make use of a mixture

of standard sized futures contracts as well as the smaller sized mini contracts. While the General Partner anticipates significant investments in New York Mercantile Exchange futures contracts, as US12OF reaches certain position limits on the New York Mercantile Exchange, or for other reasons, it will invest in Futures Contracts traded on other exchanges or invest in Other Crude Oil-Related Investments such as contracts in the over-the-counter market.

The General Partner does not anticipate letting its Futures Contracts expire and taking delivery of the underlying crude oil. Instead, the General Partner will close existing positions when it is determined appropriate to do so and reinvest the proceeds in new Futures Contracts. Positions may also be closed out to meet orders for Redemption Baskets.

By remaining invested as fully as possible in Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, the General Partner believes that the changes in percentage terms in US12OF's NAV will closely track the changes in percentage terms in the prices of the futures contracts in which US12OF invests. The General Partner believes that certain arbitrage opportunities will result in the price of the units traded on the American Stock Exchange closely tracking the NAV of US12OF.

## What are Futures Contracts?

Futures Contracts are agreements between two parties. One party agrees to buy crude oil from the other party at a later date at a price and quantity agreed upon when the contract is made. Futures Contracts are traded on futures exchanges. For example, crude oil futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange trade in units of 1,000 barrels (a mini contract is 500 barrels). The price of crude oil futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange are priced by floor brokers and other exchange members both through an open outcry of offers to purchase or sell the contracts and through an electronic, screen-based system that determines the price by matching electronically offers to purchase and sell.

Certain typical and significant characteristics of Futures Contracts are discussed below. Additional risks of investing in Futures Contracts are included in [What are the Risk Factors Involved with an Investment in US12OF?](#)

*Impact of Accountability levels, Position Limits and Price Fluctuation Limits.* Futures Contracts include typical and significant characteristics. Most significantly, the CFTC and U.S. designated contract markets such as the New York Mercantile Exchange have established accountability levels and position limits on the maximum net long or net short Futures Contracts in commodity interests that any person or group of persons under common trading control (other than as a hedge, which an investment in US12OF is not) may hold, own or control. The net position is the difference between an individual or firm's open long contracts and open short contracts in any one commodity. In addition, most U.S. futures exchanges, such as the New York Mercantile Exchange, limit the daily price fluctuation for Futures Contracts.

The accountability levels for the Benchmark Futures Contract and other Futures Contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange are not a fixed ceiling, but rather a threshold above which the New York Mercantile Exchange may exercise greater scrutiny and control over an investor's positions. The current accountability level for investments at any one time in crude oil Futures Contracts (including investments in the Benchmark Futures Contract) is 20,000 contracts. If US12OF exceeds this accountability level for investments in crude oil Futures Contracts, the New York Mercantile Exchange will monitor US12OF's exposure and ask for further information on US12OF's activities including the total size of all positions, investment and trading strategy, and the extent of US12OF's liquidity resources. If deemed necessary by the New York Mercantile Exchange, it could also order US12OF to reduce its position back to the accountability level.

If the New York Mercantile Exchange orders US12OF to reduce its position back to the accountability level, or to an accountability level that the New York Mercantile Exchange deems appropriate for US12OF, such an accountability level may impact the mix of investments in Crude Oil Interests made by US12OF. To illustrate, assume that the

Benchmark Futures Contract and the unit price of US12OF are each \$50, and that the New York Mercantile Exchange has determined that US12OF may not own more than 20,000 contracts in

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crude oil Futures Contracts. In such case, US12OF could invest up to \$1 billion of its daily net assets in the Benchmark Futures Contracts (i.e., \$50 per contract multiplied by 1,000 (a Benchmark Futures Contract is a contract for 1,000 barrels) multiplied by 20,000 contracts) before reaching the accountability level imposed by the New York Mercantile Exchange. Once the daily net assets of the portfolio exceed \$1 billion in the Benchmark Futures Contract, the portfolio may not be able to make any further investments in the Benchmark Futures Contract, depending on whether the New York Mercantile Exchange imposes limits. If the New York Mercantile Exchange does impose limits at the \$1 billion level (or another level), US12OF anticipates that it will invest the majority of its assets above that level in a mix of other Futures Contracts or Other Crude Oil-Related Investments.

In addition to accountability levels, the New York Mercantile Exchange imposes position limits on contracts held in the last few days of trading in the near month contract to expire. It is unlikely that US12OF will run up against such position limits because US12OF's investment strategy is to change or roll from the near month contract two weeks prior to expiration of the contract.

U.S. futures exchanges, including the New York Mercantile Exchange, also limit the amount of price fluctuation for Futures Contracts. For example, the New York Mercantile Exchange imposes a \$10.00 per barrel (\$10,000 per contract) price fluctuation limit for crude oil Futures Contracts. This limit is initially based off of the previous trading day's settlement price. If any crude oil Futures Contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes it begins at the point where the limit was imposed and the limit is reset to be \$10.00 per barrel in either direction of that point. If another halt were triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$10.00 per barrel in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There is no maximum price fluctuation limit during any one trading session.

Examples of the position and price limits imposed are as follows:

Futures Contract	Position Accountability Levels and Limits	Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation
New York Mercantile Exchange Light, Sweet Crude Oil	Any one month/all months: 20,000 net futures, but not to exceed 3,000 contracts in the last three days of trading in the spot month.	\$10.00 per barrel (\$10,000 per contract) for all months. If any contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes, the limit is expanded by \$10.00 per barrel in either direction. If another halt were triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$10.00 per barrel in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There will be no maximum price fluctuation limits during any one trading session.

ICE Brent Crude Futures	There are no position limits	There is no maximum daily price fluctuation limit.
ICE WTI Crude Oil Futures	There are no position limits	There is no maximum daily price fluctuation limit.

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Futures Contract	Position Accountability Levels and Limits	Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation
New York Mercantile Exchange Heating Oil	Any one month/all months: 7,000 net futures, but not to exceed 1,000 in the last three days of trading in the spot month.	\$0.25 per gallon (\$10,500 per contract) for all months. If any contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes, the limit is expanded by \$0.25 per gallon in either direction. If another halt were triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$0.25 per gallon in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There will be no maximum price fluctuation limits during any one trading session.
New York Mercantile Exchange Gasoline	Any one month/all months: 7,000 net futures, but not to exceed 1,000 in the last three days of trading in the spot month.	\$0.25 per gallon (\$10,500 per contract) for all months. If any contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes, the limit is expanded by \$0.25 per gallon in either direction. If another halt were triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$0.25 per gallon in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There will be no maximum price fluctuation limits during any one trading session.
New York Mercantile Exchange Natural Gas	Any one month/all months: 12,000 net futures, but not to exceed 1,000 in the last three days of trading in the spot month.	\$3.00 per mmBtu (\$30,000 per contract) for all months. If any contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes, the limit is expanded by \$3.00 per mmBtu in either direction. If another halt were

triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$3.00 per mmBtu in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There will be no maximum price fluctuation limits during any one trading session.

*Price Volatility.* Despite daily price limits, the price volatility of Futures Contracts generally has been historically greater than that for traditional securities such as stocks and bonds. Price volatility often is greater day-to-day as opposed to intra-day. Futures Contracts tend to be more volatile than stocks and bonds because

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price movements of crude oil are more currently and directly influenced by economic factors for which current data is available and are traded by crude oil futures traders throughout the day. These economic factors include changes in interest rates; governmental, agricultural, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies; weather and climate conditions; changing supply and demand relationships; changes in balances of payments and trade; U.S. and international rates of inflation; currency devaluations and revaluations; U.S. and international political and economic events; and changes in philosophies and emotions of market participants. Because US12OF invests a significant portion of its assets in Futures Contracts, the assets of US12OF, and therefore the prices of US12OF units, may be subject to greater volatility than traditional securities.

*Marking-to-Market Futures Positions.* Futures Contracts are marked to market at the end of each trading day and the margin required with respect to such contracts is adjusted accordingly. This process of marking-to-market is designed to prevent losses from accumulating in any futures account. Therefore, if US12OF's futures positions have declined in value, US12OF may be required to post variation margin to cover this decline. Alternatively, if US12OF futures positions have increased in value, this increase will be credited to US12OF's account.

## **What is the Crude Oil Market and the Petroleum-Based Fuel Market?**

*Light, Sweet Crude Oil.* Crude oil is the world's most actively traded commodity. The Futures Contracts for light, sweet crude oil that are traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange are the world's most liquid forum for crude oil trading, as well as the most liquid futures contracts on a physical commodity. Due to the liquidity and price transparency of oil Futures Contracts, they are used as a principal international pricing benchmark. The oil Futures Contracts for light, sweet crude oil trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange in units of 1,000 U.S. barrels (42,000 gallons) and, if not closed out before maturity, will result in delivery of oil to Cushing, Oklahoma, which is also accessible to the world market by two major interstate petroleum pipeline systems.

The price of crude oil is established by the supply and demand conditions in the global market overall, and more particularly, in the main refining centers of Singapore, Northwest Europe, and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Demand for petroleum products by consumers, as well as agricultural, manufacturing and transportation industries, determines demand for crude oil by refiners. Since the precursors of product demand are linked to economic activity, crude oil demand will tend to reflect economic conditions. However, other factors such as weather also influence product and crude oil demand.

The price of light, sweet crude oil has historically exhibited periods of significant volatility.

*Heating Oil.* Heating oil, also known as No. 2 fuel oil, accounts for 25% of the yield of a barrel of crude oil, the second largest cut from oil after gasoline. The heating oil futures contract, listed and traded on New York Mercantile Exchange, trades in units of 42,000 gallons (1,000 barrels) and is based on delivery in the New York harbor, the principal cash market center.

*Gasoline.* Gasoline is the largest single volume refined product sold in the U.S. and accounts for almost half of national oil consumption. The gasoline Futures Contract, listed and traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, trades in units of 42,000 gallons (1,000 barrels) and is based on delivery at petroleum products terminals in the New York harbor, the major East Coast trading center for imports and domestic shipments from refineries in the New York harbor area or from the Gulf Coast refining centers. The price of gasoline is volatile.

*Natural Gas.* Natural gas accounts for almost a quarter of U.S. energy consumption. The price of natural gas is established by the supply and demand conditions in the North American market, and more particularly, in the main refining center of the U.S. Gulf Coast. The natural gas market essentially constitutes an auction, where the highest bidder wins the supply. When markets are strong (i.e., when demand is high and/or supply is low), the bidder must be willing to pay a higher premium to capture the supply. When markets are weak (i.e., when demand is low and/or supply is high), a bidder may choose not to outbid competitors, waiting instead for later, possibly lower priced, supplies. Demand for natural gas by consumers, as well as agricultural, manufacturing and transportation industries, determines overall demand for natural gas. Since the

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precursors of product demand are linked to economic activity, natural gas demand will tend to reflect economic conditions. However, other factors such as weather significantly influence natural gas demand.

As illustrated by the following graph, there is a correlation among the price movements of crude oil futures contracts, natural gas futures contracts, and heating oil futures contracts. However, the degree of correlation varies both among the different commodities and also varies over time. As such the use of an energy related commodity to hedge a different energy commodity can only produce, at best, an imperfect hedge.

The chart below compares the daily settlement price of the front month light, sweet crude oil contract traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange versus the average daily settlement price of the front 12 months light, sweet crude oil contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange, over the past five calendar years. Although the price movements do show strong correlation, they are not perfectly correlated. In addition, the graph shows periods of time in which the front month contract's price is above that of the average of the front 12 months, as well as times during which the front month futures contract's price is below that of the average price of the front 12 month futures contracts. Commodity market conditions during which the price of the front month futures contract is higher than later contracts are generally referred to as a backwardation market. Commodity market conditions during which the price of the front month futures contract is lower than later contracts are generally referred to as a contango market.

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The following chart compares the theoretical results from investing \$100 into the front month light, sweet crude oil contract traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange and rolling it forward each month. It compares those results to



the theoretical results from investing \$100 into the average of the front 12 month light, sweet futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange and rolling those contracts forward each month. This example ignores the cost of commissions, taxes, or interest earned on collateral and cash (in addition, an investor may not actually invest only \$100 into either set of contracts). These theoretical examples presume that for the front month only example that the front month contract is sold at expiration and replaced with the second month contract. The example also assumes that for the front 12 month contracts that the front month contract is sold at expiration, the other 11 contracts are kept, and the contract that was the 13th contract and which is now the new 12 month contract is adding to the holdings, so that there are still 12 months in the ongoing theoretical calculation.

Absent the impact of other factors, the total return of owning the front month contract and rolling it forward each month during a backwardated market will generally produce a higher total return than owning the front 12 months and rolling it forward. This is because, absent any other factors, the futures contracts are tending to rise in price as they approach expiration. Conversely, absent the impact of other factors, the total return of owning the front month contract and rolling it forward each month during a contango market will generally produce a lower total return than owning the front 12 months and rolling it forward. This is because, absent any other factors, the futures contracts are tending to fall in price as they approach expiration.

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### **Why Does US12OF Purchase and Sell Futures Contracts?**

US12OF's investment objective is for the changes in percentage terms of the units' NAV to reflect the changes in percentage terms of the Benchmark Futures Contracts, less US12OF's expenses. US12OF expects to invest primarily in Futures Contracts. US12OF seeks to have its aggregate NAV approximate at all times the aggregate face amount of the Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments it holds.

Other than investing in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, US12OF will only invest in assets to support these investments in Crude Oil Interests. At any given time, most of US12OF's investments will be in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents that serve as segregated assets supporting US12OF's positions in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. For example, the purchase of a Futures Contract with a stated value of \$10 million would not require US12OF to pay \$10 million upon entering into the contract; rather, only a margin deposit, generally of 5% to 10% of the stated value of the Futures Contract, would be required. To secure its Futures Contract obligations, US12OF would deposit the required margin with the futures commission merchant and would separately hold, through its Custodian, Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents in an amount equal to the balance of the current market value of the contract, which at the contract's inception would be \$10 million minus the amount of the margin deposit, or \$9.5 million (assuming a 5% margin).

As a result of the foregoing, US12OF expects that 5% to 10% of its assets will be held as margin in segregated accounts with a futures commission merchant. In addition to the Treasuries it posts with the futures commission merchant for the Futures Contracts it owns, US12OF will hold through the Custodian, Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents that can be posted as margin or as collateral to support its over-the-counter contracts. US12OF intends to earn interest income from the Treasuries and/or cash equivalents that it will purchase, and on the cash it holds through the Custodian. It anticipates that the earned interest income will increase the NAV and limited partners' capital contribution accounts. US12OF plans to reinvest the earned interest income, hold it in cash, or use it to pay its expenses. If US12OF reinvests the earned interest income, it will make investments that are consistent with its investment objectives.

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## **What are the Trading Policies of US12OF?**

### **Liquidity**

US12OF will invest only in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments that are traded in sufficient volume to permit, in the opinion of the General Partner, ease of taking and liquidating positions in these financial interests. This can include both standard sized futures contracts as well as smaller sized mini contracts.

### **Spot Commodities**

While crude oil futures contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange can be physically settled, US12OF does not intend to take or make physical delivery. However, US12OF may from time to time trade in Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, including contracts based on the spot price of crude oil.

### **Leverage**

While US12OF expects its ratio of margin to total assets to generally range from 5% to 10%, the General Partner endeavors to have the value of US12OF's Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents, whether held by US12OF or posted as margin or collateral, at all times approximate the aggregate face value of US12OF's obligations under its Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments.

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### **Borrowings**

Borrowings will not be used by US12OF, unless US12OF is required to borrow money in the event of physical delivery, US12OF trades in cash commodities, or for short-term needs created by unexpected redemptions. US12OF expects to have the value of its Treasuries, cash and cash equivalents, whether held by US12OF or posted as margin or collateral, at all times approximate the aggregate face value of its obligations under US12OF's Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. US12OF does not plan to establish credit lines.

### **Over-the-Counter Derivatives (Including Spreads and Straddles)**

In addition to Futures Contracts, there are also a number of listed options on the Futures Contracts on the principal futures exchanges. These contracts offer investors and hedgors another set of financial vehicles to use in managing exposure to the crude oil market. Consequently, US12OF may purchase options on crude oil futures contracts on these exchanges in pursuing its investment objective.

In addition to the Futures Contracts and options on the Futures Contracts, there also exists an active non-exchange-traded market in derivatives tied to crude oil. These derivatives transactions (also known as over-the-counter contracts) are usually entered into between two parties. Unlike most of the exchange-traded Futures Contracts or exchange-traded options on the Futures Contracts, each party to such contract bears the credit risk that the other party may not be able to perform its obligations under its contract.

Some crude oil-based derivatives transactions contain fairly generic terms and conditions and are available from a wide range of participants. Other crude oil-based derivatives have highly customized terms and conditions and are not as widely available. Many of these over-the-counter contracts are cash-settled forwards for the future delivery of crude oil- or petroleum-based fuels that have terms similar to the Futures Contracts. Others take the form of swaps in which the two parties exchange cash flows based on pre-determined formulas tied to the crude oil spot price, forward crude oil price, the Benchmark Futures Contract price, or other crude oil futures contract price. For example, US12OF may enter into over-the-counter derivative contracts whose value will be tied to changes in the difference between the crude oil spot price, the Benchmark Futures Contract price, or some other futures contract price traded on New York Mercantile Exchange or ICE Futures and the price of other Futures Contracts that may be invested in by US12OF.

To protect itself from the credit risk that arises in connection with such contracts, US12OF will enter into agreements with each counterparty that provide for the netting of its overall exposure to its counterparty, such as the agreements published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. US12OF will also require that the counterparty be highly rated and/or provide collateral or other credit support to address US12OF's exposure to the counterparty.

The creditworthiness of each potential counterparty will be assessed by the General Partner. The General Partner will assess or review, as appropriate, the creditworthiness of each potential or existing counterparty to an over-the-counter contract pursuant to guidelines approved by the General Partner's Board of Directors. Furthermore, the General Partner on behalf of US12OF will only enter into over-the-counter contracts with (a) members of the Federal Reserve System or foreign banks with branches regulated by the Federal Reserve Board; (b) primary dealers in U.S. government securities; (c) broker-dealers; (d) commodities futures merchants; or (e) affiliates of the foregoing. Existing counterparties will also be reviewed periodically by the General Partner. US12OF anticipates that the use of Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, together with its investments in Futures Contracts, will produce price and total return results that closely track the investment objective of US12OF.

US12OF anticipates that the use of Other Crude Oil-Related Investments together with its investments in Futures Contracts will produce price and total return results that closely track the investment goals of US12OF.

US12OF may employ spreads or straddles in its trading to mitigate the differences in its investment portfolio and its goal of tracking the price of the Benchmark Futures Contract. US12OF would use a spread when it chooses to take simultaneous long and short positions in futures written on the same underlying asset, but with different delivery months. The effect of holding such combined positions is to adjust the sensitivity of US12OF to changes in the price relationship between futures contracts which will expire sooner and those that

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will expire later. US12OF would use such a spread if the General Partner felt that taking such long and short positions, when combined with the rest of its holdings, would more closely track the investment goals of US12OF, or if the General Partner felt it would lead to an overall lower cost of trading to achieve a given level of economic exposure to movements in crude oil prices. US12OF would enter into a straddle when it chooses to take an option position consisting of a long (or short) position in both a call option and put option. The economic effect of holding certain combinations of put options and call options can be very similar to that of owning the underlying futures contracts.

US12OF would make use of such a straddle approach if, in the opinion of the General Partner, the resulting

combination would more closely track the investment goals of US12OF or if it would lead to an overall lower cost of trading to achieve a given level of economic exposure to movements in crude oil prices.

## Pyramiding

US12OF will not employ the technique, commonly known as pyramiding, in which the speculator uses unrealized profits on existing positions as variation margin for the purchase or sale of additional positions in the same or another commodity interest.

## Who are the Service Providers?

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. is the registrar and transfer agent for the units. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. is also the Custodian for US12OF. In this capacity, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. will hold US12OF's Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents pursuant to a custodial agreement. In addition, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. will perform certain administrative and accounting services for US12OF and will prepare certain SEC and CFTC reports on behalf of US12OF. The General Partner will pay Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.'s fees.

US12OF also employs ALPS Distributors, Inc. as the Marketing Agent, which is further discussed under "What is US12OF's Plan of Distribution?" The General Partner will pay the Marketing Agent's fees.

US12OF and the futures commission merchant, UBS Securities LLC ( "UBS Securities" ) have entered into an Institutional Futures Client Account Agreement. This Agreement requires UBS Securities to provide services to US12OF in connection with the purchase and sale of Crude Oil Interests that may be purchased or sold by or through UBS Securities for US12OF's account. US12OF will pay the futures commission merchant fees.

UBS Securities is registered in the U.S. with FINRA as a broker-dealer and with the CFTC as a futures commission merchant. UBS Securities is a member of various U.S. futures and securities exchanges.

UBS Securities is not affiliated with us or our General Partner. Therefore, we do not believe that we have any conflicts of interest with them or their trading principals arising from their acting as our futures commission merchant.

UBS Securities was involved in the 2003 Global Research Analyst Settlement. This settlement is part of the global settlement that UBS Securities and nine other firms have reached with the SEC, FINRA, New York Stock Exchange and various state regulators. As part of the settlement, UBS Securities has agreed to pay \$80,000,000 divided among retrospective relief, for procurement of independent research and for investor education. UBS Securities has also undertaken to adopt enhanced policies and procedures reasonably designed to address potential conflicts of interest arising from research practices.

Further, UBS Securities, like most large, full service investment banks and broker-dealers, receives inquiries and is sometimes involved in investigations by the SEC, New York Stock Exchange and various other regulatory organizations and government agencies. UBS Securities fully cooperates with the authorities in all such requests. UBS Securities regularly reports to the SEC on Form B-D investigations that result in orders. These reports are publicly available.

UBS Securities will act only as clearing broker for US12OF and as such will be paid commissions for executing and clearing trades on behalf of US12OF. UBS Securities has not passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Prospectus. UBS Securities neither will act in any supervisory capacity with respect to the General Partner nor participate in the management of the General Partner or US12OF.

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Currently, the General Partner does not employ commodities trading advisors. If, in the future, the General Partner does employ commodities trading advisors, it will choose each advisor based on arms-length negotiations and will consider the advisor's experience, fees, and reputation.

Service Provider	Compensation Paid by the General Partner Minimum amount of \$125,000 annually* for its custody, fund accounting and fund administration services rendered to both funds, as well as a \$25,000 annual fee for its transfer agency services. In addition, an asset charge of (a) 0.06% for the first \$500 million of US12OF, USOF and USNG's combined assets, (b) 0.0465% for US12OF, USOF and USNG's combined assets greater than \$500 million but less than \$1 billion, and (c) 0.035% once US12OF, USOF and USNG's combined net assets exceed \$1 billion.**
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Custodian and Administrator	0.06% on assets up to \$3 billion; 0.04% on assets in excess of \$3 billion.**
ALPS Distributors, Inc., Marketing Agent	

The annual minimum amount will not apply if the asset charge for all accounts in the aggregate exceeds \$125,000.

\*The General Partner also will pay transaction charge fees to Brown Brothers, ranging from \$7.00 to \$15.00 per transaction for the funds.

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The General Partner pays this compensation.

Service Provider	Compensation Paid by US12OF Approximately 0.016% of assets (including futures commission merchant fees of approximately \$4.00 per buy or sell)**
Non-Affiliated Brokers	

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US12OF pays this compensation.

**New York Mercantile Exchange Licensing Fee\***

Assets	Management Fee
First \$1,000,000,000	0.04% of NAV
After the first \$1,000,000,000	0.02% of NAV

The foregoing assumes that the fee will be charged based upon the aggregation of the assets of US12OF with those of USOF and USNG. At present, only USOF and USNG pay this fee pursuant to an Agreement with the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Fees are calculated on a daily basis (accrued at 1/365 of the applicable percentage of NAV on that day) and paid on a monthly basis.

## Form of Units

*Registered Form.* Units are issued in registered form in accordance with the LP Agreement. The Administrator has been appointed registrar and transfer agent for the purpose of transferring units in certificated form. The Administrator will keep a record of all holders of the units in the registry ( Register ). The General Partner will recognize transfers of units in certificated form only if done in accordance with the LP Agreement. The beneficial interests in such units will be held in book-entry form through participants and/or accountholders in DTC.

*Book-Entry.* Individual certificates will not be issued for the units. Instead, units will be represented by one or more global certificates, which will be deposited by the Administrator with DTC and registered in the

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name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. The global certificates will evidence all of the units outstanding at any time. Unitholders are limited to (1) participants in DTC such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies (DTC Participants), (2) those who maintain, either directly or indirectly, a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant (Indirect Participants), and (3) those banks, brokers, dealers, trust companies and others who hold interests in the units through DTC Participants or Indirect Participants, in each case who satisfy the requirements for transfers of units. DTC participants acting on behalf of investors holding units through such participants' accounts in DTC will follow the delivery practice applicable to securities eligible for DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Units will be credited to DTC Participants' securities accounts following confirmation of receipt of payment.

*DTC.* DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York and is a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ( Exchange Act ). DTC holds securities for DTC Participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of transactions between DTC Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of DTC Participants.

## Transfer of Units

*Transfers of Units Only Through DTC.* The units are only transferable through the book-entry system of DTC.

Limited partners who are not DTC Participants may transfer their units through DTC by instructing the DTC Participant holding their units (or by instructing the Indirect Participant or other entity through which their units are held) to transfer the units. Transfers are made in accordance with standard securities industry practice.

Transfers of interests in units with DTC will be made in accordance with the usual rules and operating procedures of DTC and the nature of the transfer. DTC has established procedures to facilitate transfers among the participants and/or accountholders of DTC. Because DTC can only act on behalf of DTC Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person or entity having an interest in a global certificate to pledge such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interest, may be affected by the lack of a definitive security in respect of such interest.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a unitholder (including, without limitation, the presentation of a global certificate for exchange) only at the direction of one or more DTC Participants in whose account with DTC interests in global certificates are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the global certificate as to which such DTC Participant or Participants has or have given such direction.

*Transfer/Application Requirements.* All purchasers of US12OF's units, and potentially any purchasers of limited partner interests in the future, who wish to become limited partners or other record holders and receive cash distributions, if any, or have certain other rights, must deliver an executed transfer application in which the purchaser or transferee must certify that, among other things, he, she or it agrees to be bound by US12OF's LP Agreement and is eligible to purchase US12OF's securities. Each purchaser of units offered by this Prospectus must execute a transfer application and certification. The obligation to provide the form of transfer application will be imposed on the seller of units or, if a purchase of units is made through an exchange, the form may be obtained directly through US12OF.

Further, the General Partner may request each record holder to furnish certain information, including that holder's nationality, citizenship or other related status. A record holder is a unitholder that is, or has applied to be, a limited partner. An investor who is not a U.S. resident may not be eligible to become a record holder or one of the US12OF's limited partners if that investor's ownership would subject US12OF to the risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of US12OF's assets under any federal, state or local law or regulation. If the record holder fails to furnish the information or if the General Partner determines, on the basis of the information furnished by the holder in response to the request, that such holder is not qualified to become one of US12OF's limited partners, the General Partner may be substituted as a holder for the record holder, who will then be treated as a non-citizen assignee, and US12OF will have the right to redeem those securities held by the record holder.

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A transferee's broker, agent or nominee may complete, execute and deliver a transfer application and certification. US12OF may, at its discretion, treat the nominee holder of a unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

A person purchasing US12OF's existing units, who does not execute a transfer application and certify that the purchaser is eligible to purchase those securities acquires no rights in those securities other than the right to resell those securities. Whether or not a transfer application is received or the consent of the General Partner obtained, our units will be securities and will be transferable according to the laws governing transfers of securities.

Any transfer of units will not be recorded by the transfer agent or recognized by the General Partner unless a completed transfer application is delivered to the General Partner or the Administrator. When acquiring units, the transferee of such units that completes a transfer application will:

be an assignee until admitted as a substituted limited partner upon the consent and sole discretion of the General Partner and the recording of the assignment on the books and records of the partnership;

automatically request admission as a substituted limited partner;

agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of, and execute, our LP Agreement;

represent that such transferee has the capacity and authority to enter into our LP Agreement;

grant powers of attorney to our General Partner and any liquidator of us; and

make the consents and waivers contained in our LP Agreement.

An assignee will become a limited partner in respect of the transferred units upon the consent of our General Partner and the recordation of the name of the assignee on our books and records. Such consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of our General Partner.

If consent of the General Partner is withheld such transferee shall be an assignee. An assignee shall have an interest in the partnership equivalent to that of a limited partner with respect to allocations and distributions, including, without limitation, liquidating distributions, of the partnership. With respect to voting rights attributable to units that are held by assignees, the General Partner shall be deemed to be the limited partner with respect thereto and shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such units on any matter, vote such units at the written direction of the assignee who is

the record holder of such units. If no such written direction is received, such units will not be voted. An assignee shall have no other rights of a limited partner.

Until a unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

## **Withdrawal of Limited Partners**

As discussed in the LP Agreement, if the General Partner gives at least fifteen (15) days written notice to a limited partner, then the General Partner may for any reason, in its sole discretion, require any such limited partner to withdraw entirely from the partnership or to withdraw a portion of its partner capital account. If the General Partner does not give at least fifteen (15) days written notice to a limited partner, then it may only require withdrawal of all or any portion of the capital account of any limited partner in the following circumstances: (i) the unitholder made a misrepresentation to the General Partner in connection with its purchase of units; or (ii) the limited partner's ownership of units would result in the violation of any law or regulations applicable to the partnership or a partner. In these circumstances, the General Partner without notice may require the withdrawal at any time, or retroactively. The limited partner thus designated shall withdraw from the partnership or withdraw that portion of its partner capital account specified, as the case may be, as of the close of business on such date as determined by the General Partner. The limited partner thus designated shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the partnership or to have made a partial withdrawal from its partner capital account, as the case may be, without further action on the part of the limited partner and the provisions of the LP Agreement shall apply.

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## **What is the Plan of Distribution?**

### **Buying and Selling Units**

Most investors will buy and sell units of US12OF in secondary market transactions through brokers. Units will trade on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol USL. Units will be bought and sold throughout the trading day like other publicly traded securities. When buying or selling units through a broker, most investors will incur customary brokerage commissions and charges. Investors are encouraged to review the terms of their brokerage account for details on applicable charges.

### **Marketing Agent and Authorized Purchasers**

The offering of US12OF's units is a best efforts offering. US12OF will continuously offer Creation Baskets consisting of 100,000 units through the Marketing Agent, to Authorized Purchasers. Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. is the initial Authorized Purchaser. It is expected that on the effective date, the initial Authorized Purchaser will, subject to conditions, purchase one or more initial Creation Baskets of 100,000 units at a price per unit equal to \$50. It is expected that the proceeds from that purchase will be invested on that day and that US12OF's initial per unit net asset value will be established as of 4:00 p.m. New York City time that day. Authorized Purchasers will pay a \$1,000 fee for each order to create one or more Creation Baskets. The Marketing Agent will receive, for its services as marketing agent to US12OF, a marketing fee of .06% on assets up to the first \$3 billion, and .04% on assets in excess of \$3 billion, provided, however, that in no event may the aggregate compensation paid to the Marketing Agent and any affiliate of the General Partner for distribution-related services in connection with this offering of units exceed ten percent (10%) of the gross proceeds of this offering.



The initial Authorized Purchaser proposes to offer to the public these 100,000 units at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange, the NAV of US12OF at the time the Authorized Purchaser purchased the Creation Basket and the NAV of the units at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the Futures Contract market and the market for Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, and the offering prices are expected to fall between US12OF's NAV and the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange at the time of sale.

Units offered by the initial Authorized Purchaser at different times may have different offering prices. The initial Authorized Purchaser will not receive from US12OF, the General Partner or any of their affiliates any fee or other compensation in connection with the sale of the units. US12OF will not bear any expenses in connection with the offering or sales of the initial Creation Basket of units.

The offering of baskets is being made in compliance with Conduct Rule 2810 of FINRA. Accordingly, the initial Authorized Purchaser will not make any sales to any account over which it has discretionary authority without the prior written approval of a purchaser of units.

The per unit price of units offered in Creation Baskets on any subsequent day will be the total NAV of US12OF calculated shortly after the close of the American Stock Exchange on that day divided by the number of issued and outstanding units. An Authorized Purchaser is not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of units.

By executing an Authorized Purchaser Agreement, the Authorized Purchaser becomes part of the group of parties eligible to purchase baskets from, and put baskets for redemption to, US12OF. An Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create.

As of the date of this Prospectus, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. is the only Authorized Purchaser.

Because new units can be created and issued on an ongoing basis, at any point during the life of US12OF, a distribution, as such term is used in the 1933 Act, will be occurring. Authorized Purchasers, including the initial Authorized Purchaser, other broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some of their activities may result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner that would render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the prospectus-delivery and liability provisions of the 1933 Act. For example, the initial Authorized Purchaser will be a statutory underwriter with respect to its initial purchase of Creation Baskets. Authorized Purchasers will comply with the prospectus-delivery requirements in

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connection with the sale of units to customers. For example, an Authorized Purchaser, other broker-dealer firm or its client will be deemed a statutory underwriter if it purchases a basket from US12OF, breaks the basket down into the constituent units and sells the units to its customers; or if it chooses to couple the creation of a supply of new units with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for the units. Authorized Purchasers may also engage in secondary market transactions in units that would not be deemed underwriting. For example, an

Authorized Purchaser may act in the capacity of a broker or dealer with respect to units that were previously distributed by other Authorized Purchasers. A determination of whether a particular market participant is an underwriter must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case, and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that would lead to designation as an underwriter and subject them to the prospectus-delivery and liability provisions of the 1933 Act.

Dealers who are neither Authorized Purchasers nor underwriters but are nonetheless participating in a distribution (as contrasted to ordinary secondary trading transactions), and thus dealing with units that are part of an unsold allotment

within the meaning of Section 4(3)(C) of the 1933 Act, would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus-delivery exemption provided by Section 4(3) of the 1933 Act.

The General Partner may qualify the units in states selected by the General Partner and intends that sales be made through broker-dealers who are members of FINRA. Investors intending to create or redeem baskets through Authorized Purchasers in transactions not involving a broker-dealer registered in such investor's state of domicile or residence should consult their legal advisor regarding applicable broker-dealer or securities regulatory requirements under the state securities laws prior to such creation or redemption.

While the Authorized Purchasers may be indemnified by the General Partner, they will not be entitled to receive a discount or commission from US12OF for their purchases of Creation Baskets. The difference between the price paid by Authorized Purchasers as underwriters and the price paid to such Authorized Purchasers by investors will be deemed underwriting compensation.

## Calculating NAV

### US12OF's NAV is calculated by:

Taking the current market value of its total assets  
Subtracting any liabilities

The Administrator will calculate the NAV of US12OF once each trading day. The NAV for a particular trading day will be released after 4:15 p.m. New York time. It will calculate NAV as of the earlier of the close of the New York Stock Exchange or 4:00 p.m. New York time. Trading on the American Stock Exchange typically closes at 4:15 p.m. New York time. US12OF will use the New York Mercantile Exchange closing price (determined at the earlier of the close of that Exchange or 2:30 p.m. New York time) for the contracts held on the New York Mercantile Exchange, but will calculate or determine the value of all other US12OF investments as of the earlier of the close of the New York Stock Exchange or 4:00 p.m. New York time.

In addition, in order to provide updated information relating to US12OF for use by investors and market professionals, the American Stock Exchange will calculate and disseminate throughout the trading day an updated indicative fund value. The indicative fund value will be calculated by using the prior day's closing NAV per unit of US12OF as a base and updating that value throughout the trading day to reflect changes in the most recently reported trade price for the active Futures Contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The prices reported for the active Futures Contract month will be adjusted based on the prior day's spread differential between settlement values for that contract and the spot month contract. In the event that the spot month contract is also the active contract, the last sale price for the active contract will not be adjusted. The indicative fund value unit basis disseminated during American Stock Exchange trading hours should not be viewed as an actual real time update of the NAV, because NAV is calculated only once at the end of each trading day.

The indicative fund value will be disseminated on a per unit basis every 15 seconds during regular American Stock Exchange trading hours of 9:30 a.m. New York time to 4:15 p.m. New York time. The normal trading hours of the New York Mercantile Exchange are 10:00 a.m. New York time to 2:30 p.m. New

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York time. This means that there will be a gap in time at the beginning and the end of each day during which US12OF's units will be traded on the American Stock Exchange, but real-time New York Mercantile Exchange trading prices for futures contracts traded on such Exchange will not be available. As a result, during those gaps there will be

no update to the indicative fund value.

The American Stock Exchange will disseminate the indicative fund value through the facilities of CTA/CQ High Speed Lines. In addition, the indicative fund value will be published on the American Stock Exchange's website and will be available through on-line information services such as Bloomberg and Reuters.

Dissemination of the indicative fund value provides additional information that is not otherwise available to the public and is useful to investors and market professionals in connection with the trading of US12OF units on the American Stock Exchange. Investors and market professionals will be able throughout the trading day to compare the market price of US12OF and the indicative fund value. If the market price of US12OF units diverges significantly from the indicative fund value, market professionals will have an incentive to execute arbitrage trades. For example, if US12OF appears to be trading at a discount compared to the indicative fund value, a market professional could buy US12OF units on the American Stock Exchange and sell short futures contracts. Such arbitrage trades can tighten the tracking between the market price of US12OF and the indicative fund value and thus can be beneficial to all market participants.

In addition, other Futures Contracts, Other Crude Oil-Related Investments and Treasuries held by US12OF will be valued by the Administrator, using rates and points received from client-approved third party vendors (such as Reuters and WM Company) and advisor quotes. These investments will not be included in the indicative value. The indicative fund value is based on the prior day's NAV and moves up and down according to changes in the Benchmark Futures Contracts for crude oil traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

## **Creation and Redemption of Units**

US12OF will create and redeem units from time to time, but only in one or more Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets. The creation and redemption of baskets will only be made in exchange for delivery to US12OF or the distribution by US12OF of the amount of Treasuries and any cash represented by the baskets being created or redeemed, the amount of which will be based on the combined NAV of the number of units included in the baskets being created or redeemed determined as of 4:00 p.m. New York time on the day the order to create or redeem baskets is properly received.

Authorized Purchasers will be the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem baskets. Authorized Purchasers must be (1) registered broker-dealers or other securities market participants, such as banks and other financial institutions, that are not required to register as broker-dealers to engage in securities transactions as described below, and (2) DTC Participants. To become an Authorized Purchaser, a person must enter into an Authorized Purchaser Agreement with the General Partner. The Authorized Purchaser Agreement provides the procedures for the creation and redemption of baskets and for the delivery of the Treasuries and any cash required for such creations and redemptions. The Authorized Purchaser Agreement and the related procedures attached thereto may be amended by US12OF, without the consent of any limited partner or unitholder or Authorized Purchaser. Authorized Purchasers will pay a transaction fee of \$1,000 to US12OF for each order they place to create or redeem one or more baskets. Authorized Purchasers who make deposits with US12OF in exchange for baskets will receive no fees, commissions or other form of compensation or inducement of any kind from either US12OF or the General Partner, and no such person will have any obligation or responsibility to the General Partner or US12OF to effect any sale or resale of units.

Certain Authorized Purchasers are expected to have the facility to participate directly in the physical crude oil market and the crude oil futures market. In some cases, an Authorized Purchaser or its affiliates may from time to time acquire crude oil or sell crude oil and may profit in these instances. The General Partner believes that the size and operation of the crude oil market make it unlikely that an Authorized Purchaser's direct activities in the crude oil or securities markets will impact the price of crude oil, Futures Contracts, or the price of the units.

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Each Authorized Purchaser will be registered as a broker-dealer under the Exchange Act and is a member in good standing with FINRA, or will be exempt from being or otherwise will not be required to be licensed as a broker-dealer or a member of FINRA, and will be qualified to act as a broker or dealer in the states or other jurisdictions where the nature of its business so requires. Certain Authorized Purchasers may be regulated under federal and state banking laws and regulations. Each Authorized Purchaser will have its own set of rules and procedures, internal controls and information barriers as it determines is appropriate in light of its own regulatory regime.

Under the Authorized Purchaser Agreement, the General Partner has agreed to indemnify the Authorized Purchasers against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, and to contribute to the payments the Authorized Purchasers may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The following description of the procedures for the creation and redemption of baskets is only a summary and an investor should refer to the relevant provisions of the LP Agreement and the form of Authorized Purchaser Agreement for more detail, each of which is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this Prospectus is a part. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) for information about where you can obtain the registration statement.

### **Creation Procedures**

On any business day, an Authorized Purchaser may place an order with the Marketing Agent to create one or more baskets. For purposes of processing purchase and redemption orders, a business day means any day other than a day when any of the American Stock Exchange, the New York Mercantile Exchange, or the New York Stock Exchange is closed for regular trading. Purchase orders must be placed by 12:00 p.m. New York time or the close of regular trading on the New York Exchange, whichever is earlier; except in the case of the initial Authorized Purchaser's or any other Authorized Purchaser's initial order to purchase one or more Creation Baskets on the first day the baskets are to be offered and sold, when such orders shall be placed by 9:00 a.m. New York time on the day agreed to by the General Partner and the initial Authorized Purchaser. The day on which the Marketing Agent receives a valid purchase order is the purchase order date.

By placing a purchase order, an Authorized Purchaser agrees to deposit Treasuries with US12OF, or a combination of Treasuries and cash, as described below. Prior to the delivery of baskets for a purchase order, the Authorized Purchaser must also have wired to the Custodian the non-refundable transaction fee due for the purchase order. Authorized Purchasers may not withdraw a creation request.

The manner by which creations are made is dictated by the terms of the Authorized Purchaser Agreement. By placing a Purchase Order, an Authorized Purchaser agrees to (1) deposit Treasuries, cash, or a combination of Treasuries and cash with the Custodian of the Fund, and (2) enter into or arrange for a block trade, an exchange for physical or exchange for swap, or any other over-the-counter energy transaction (through itself or a designated acceptable broker) with the Fund for the purchase of a number and type of futures contracts at the closing settlement price for such contracts on the Purchase Order Date. If an Authorized Purchaser fails to consummate (1) and (2), the order shall be cancelled. The number and type of contracts specified shall be determined by the General Partner, in its sole discretion, to meet US12OF's investment objective and shall be purchased as a result of the Authorized Purchaser's purchase of Units.

## Determination of Required Deposits

The total deposit required to create each basket ( Creation Basket Deposit ) will be an amount of Treasuries and/or cash that is in the same proportion to the total assets of US12OF (net of estimated accrued but unpaid fees, expenses and other liabilities) on the date the order to purchase is accepted as the number of units to be created under the purchase order is in proportion to the total number of units outstanding on the date the order is received. The General Partner determines, directly in its sole discretion or in consultation with the Administrator, the requirements for Treasuries and the amount of cash, including the maximum permitted remaining maturity of a Treasury and proportions of Treasury and cash that may be included in deposits to create baskets. The Marketing Agent will publish such requirements at the beginning of each business day. The amount of cash deposit required will be the difference between the aggregate market value of the Treasuries required to be included in a Creation Basket Deposit as of 4:00 p.m. New York time on the date the order to purchase is properly received and the total required deposit.

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## Delivery of Required Deposits

An Authorized Purchaser who places a purchase order is responsible for transferring to US12OF's account with the Custodian the required amount of Treasuries and cash by 3:00 p.m. New York time on the third business day following the purchase order date. Upon receipt of the deposit amount, the Administrator will direct DTC to credit the number of baskets ordered to the Authorized Purchaser's DTC account on the third business day following the purchase order date. The expense and risk of delivery and ownership of Treasuries until such Treasuries have been received by the Custodian on behalf of US12OF shall be borne solely by the Authorized Purchaser.

Because orders to purchase baskets must be placed by 12:00 p.m., New York time (except in the case of the initial Authorized Purchaser's or any other Authorized Purchaser's initial order to purchase one or more Creation Baskets on the first day the baskets are to be offered and sold, when such orders shall be placed by 9:00 a.m. New York time on the day agreed to by the General Partner and the initial Authorized Purchaser), but the total payment required to create a basket during the continuous offering period will not be determined until 4:00 p.m., New York time, on the date the purchase order is received, Authorized Purchasers will not know the total amount of the payment required to create a basket at the time they submit an irrevocable purchase order for the basket. US12OF's NAV and the total amount of the payment required to create a basket could rise or fall substantially between the time an irrevocable purchase order is submitted and the time the amount of the purchase price in respect thereof is determined.

## Rejection of Purchase Orders

The General Partner acting by itself or through the Marketing Agent may reject a purchase order or a Creation Basket Deposit if:

it determines that the investment alternative available to US12OF at that time will not enable it to meet its investment objective;

it determines that the purchase order or the Creation Basket Deposit is not in proper form;

it believes that the purchase order or the Creation Basket Deposit would have adverse tax consequences to US12OF or its unitholders;

the acceptance or receipt of the Creation Basket Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel to the General Partner, be unlawful; or

circumstances outside the control of the General Partner, Marketing Agent or Custodian make it, for all practical purposes, not feasible to process creations of baskets.

None of the General Partner, Marketing Agent or Custodian will be liable for the rejection of any purchase order or Creation Basket Deposit.

## **Redemption Procedures**

The procedures by which an Authorized Purchaser can redeem one or more baskets mirror the procedures for the creation of baskets. On any business day, an Authorized Purchaser may place an order with the Marketing Agent to redeem one or more baskets. Redemption orders must be placed by 12:00 p.m. New York time or the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange, whichever is earlier. A redemption order so received will be effective on the date it is received in satisfactory form by the Marketing Agent. The redemption procedures allow Authorized Purchasers to redeem baskets and do not entitle an individual unitholder to redeem any units in an amount less than a Redemption Basket, or to redeem baskets other than through an Authorized Purchaser. By placing a redemption order, an Authorized Purchaser agrees to deliver the baskets to be redeemed through DTC's book-entry system to US12OF not later than 3:00 p.m. New York time on the third business day following the effective date of the redemption order. Prior to the delivery of the redemption distribution for a redemption order, the Authorized Purchaser must also have wired to US12OF's account at the Custodian the non-refundable transaction fee due for the redemption order. Authorized Purchasers may not withdraw a redemption request.

The manner by which redemptions are made is dictated by the terms of the Authorized Purchaser Agreement. By placing a Redemption Order, an Authorized Purchaser agrees to (1) deliver the Redemption Basket

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to be redeemed through DTC's book-entry system to the Fund's account with the Custodian not later than 3:00 PM New York time on the third Business Day following the effective date of the Redemption Order ( Redemption Distribution Date ), and (2) enter into or arrange for a block trade, an exchange for physical or exchange for swap, or any other over-the-counter energy transaction (through itself or a designated acceptable broker) with the Fund for the sale of a number and type of futures contracts at the closing settlement price for such contracts on the Redemption Order Date. If an Authorized Purchaser fails to consummate (1) and (2) above, the order shall be cancelled. The number and type of contracts specified shall be determined by the General Partner, in its sole discretion, to meet US12OF's investment objective and shall be sold as a result of the Authorized Purchaser's sale of Units. Prior to the delivery of the redemption distribution for a Redemption Order, the Authorized Purchaser must also have wired to US12OF's account at the Custodian the non-refundable transaction fee due for the Redemption Order.

## **Determination of Redemption Distribution**

The redemption distribution from US12OF will consist of a transfer to the redeeming Authorized Purchaser of an amount of Treasuries and cash that is in the same proportion to the total assets of US12OF (net of estimated accrued but unpaid fees, expenses and other liabilities) on the date the order to redeem is properly received as the number of units to be redeemed under the redemption order is in proportion to the total number of units outstanding on the date the order is received. The General Partner, directly or in consultation with the Administrator, determines the requirements for Treasuries and the amounts of cash, including the maximum permitted remaining maturity of a Treasury, and the proportions of Treasuries and cash that may be included in distributions to redeem baskets. The Marketing Agent will publish such requirements as of 4:00 p.m. New York time on the redemption order date.

## **Delivery of Redemption Distribution**

The redemption distribution due from US12OF will be delivered to the Authorized Purchaser by 3:00 p.m. New York time on the third business day following the redemption order date if, by 3:00 p.m. New York time on such third business day, US12OF's DTC account has been credited with the baskets to be redeemed. If US12OF's DTC account has not been credited with all of the baskets to be redeemed by such time, the redemption distribution will be delivered to the extent of whole baskets received. Any remainder of the redemption distribution will be delivered on the next business day to the extent of remaining whole baskets received if US12OF receives the fee applicable to the extension of the redemption distribution date which the General Partner may, from time to time, determine and the remaining baskets to be redeemed are credited to US12OF's DTC account by 3:00 p.m. New York time on such next business day. Any further outstanding amount of the redemption order shall be cancelled and the Authorized Purchaser will indemnify US12OF for any losses, if any, due to such cancellation including but not limited to the difference in the price of investments sold as a result of the redemption order and investments made to reflect that such order has been cancelled. Pursuant to information from the General Partner, the Custodian will also be authorized to deliver the redemption distribution notwithstanding that the baskets to be redeemed are not credited to US12OF's DTC account by 3:00 p.m. New York time on the third business day following the redemption order date if the Authorized Purchaser has collateralized its obligation to deliver the baskets through DTC's book entry-system on such terms as the General Partner may from time to time determine.

## **Suspension or Rejection of Redemption Orders**

The General Partner may, in its discretion, suspend the right of redemption, or postpone the redemption settlement date, (1) for any period during which the American Stock Exchange or the New York Mercantile Exchange is closed other than customary weekend or holiday closings, or trading on the American Stock Exchange or the New York Mercantile Exchange is suspended or restricted, (2) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which delivery, disposal or evaluation of Treasuries is not reasonably practicable, or (3) for such other period as the General Partner determines to be necessary for the protection of the limited partners. None of the General Partner, the Marketing Agent, the Administrator, or the Custodian will be liable to any person or in any way for any loss or damages that may result from any such suspension or postponement.

The General Partner will reject a redemption order if the order is not in proper form as described in the Authorized Purchaser Agreement or if the fulfillment of the order, in the opinion of its counsel, might be

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unlawful. The General Partner may also reject a redemption order if the number of units being redeemed would reduce the remaining outstanding units to 100,000 units (i.e., one basket) or less, unless the General Partner has reason to believe that the placer of the redemption order does in fact possess all the outstanding units and can deliver them.

## **Creation and Redemption Transaction Fee**

To compensate US12OF for its expenses in connection with the creation and redemption of baskets, an Authorized Purchaser is required to pay a transaction fee to US12OF of \$1,000 per order to create or redeem baskets. An order may include multiple baskets. The transaction fee may be reduced, increased or otherwise changed by the General Partner. The General Partner shall notify DTC of any change in the transaction fee and will not implement any increase in the fee for the redemption of baskets until 30 days after the date of the notice.

## **Tax Responsibility**

Authorized Purchasers are responsible for any transfer tax, sales or use tax, stamp tax, recording tax, value added tax or similar tax or governmental charge applicable to the creation or redemption of baskets, regardless of whether or not such tax or charge is imposed directly on the Authorized Purchaser, and agree to indemnify the General Partner and US12OF if they are required by law to pay any such tax, together with any applicable penalties, additions to tax or interest thereon.

## **Secondary Market Transactions**

As noted, US12OF will create and redeem units from time to time, but only in one or more Creation Baskets or Redemption Baskets. The creation and redemption of baskets will only be made in exchange for delivery to US12OF or the distribution by US12OF of the amount of Treasuries and cash represented by the baskets being created or redeemed, the amount of which will be based on the aggregate NAV of the number of units included in the baskets being created or redeemed determined on the day the order to create or redeem baskets is properly received.

As discussed above, Authorized Purchasers are the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem baskets. Authorized Purchasers must be registered broker-dealers or other securities market participants, such as banks and other financial institutions that are not required to register as broker-dealers to engage in securities transactions. An Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to create or redeem baskets, and an Authorized Purchaser is under no obligation to offer to the public units of any baskets it does create. Authorized Purchasers that do offer to the public units from the baskets they create will do so at per-unit offering prices that are expected to reflect, among other factors, the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange, the NAV of US12OF at the time the Authorized Purchaser purchased the Creation Baskets and the NAV at the time of the offer of the units to the public, the supply of and demand for units at the time of sale, and the liquidity of the Futures Contract market and the market for Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. The prices of units offered by Authorized Purchasers are expected to fall between US12OF's NAV and the trading price of the units on the American Stock Exchange at the time of sale. Units initially comprising the same basket but offered by Authorized Purchasers to the public at different times may have different offering prices. An order for one or more baskets may be placed by an Authorized Purchaser on behalf of multiple clients. Authorized Purchasers who make deposits with US12OF in exchange for baskets receive no fees, commissions or other form of compensation or inducement of any kind from either US12OF or the General Partner, and no such person has any obligation or responsibility to the General Partner or US12OF to effect any sale or resale of units. Units are expected to trade in the secondary market on the American Stock Exchange. Units may trade in the secondary market at prices that are lower or higher relative to their NAV per unit. The amount of the discount or premium in the trading price relative to the NAV per unit may be influenced by various factors, including the number of investors who seek to purchase or sell units in the secondary market and the liquidity of the Futures Contracts market and the market for Other Crude Oil-Related Investments. While the units trade on the American Stock Exchange until 4:15 p.m. New York time, liquidity in the market for Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments may be reduced after the close of the New York Mercantile Exchange at 2:30 p.m. New York time. As a result, during this time, trading spreads, and the resulting premium or discount, on the units may widen.

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## **Use of Proceeds**

The General Partner will initially invest all of US12OF's assets in Futures Contracts and other Crude Oil-Related Investments, Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents. The General Partner has sole authority to determine the



percentage of assets that will be:

held on deposit with the futures commission merchant or other custodian,  
used for other investments, and  
held in bank accounts to pay current obligations and as reserves.

The General Partner expects to deposit most of US12OF's net assets with the Custodian or other custodian. When US12OF purchases a Futures Contract and certain exchange traded Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, US12OF is also required to deposit with the futures commission merchant on behalf of the exchange a portion of the value of the contract or other interest as security to ensure payment for the obligation under Crude Oil Interests at maturity. This deposit is known as margin. US12OF will invest the remainder of its assets equal to the difference between the margin deposited and the face value of the Futures Contract in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents.

The General Partner expects that all entities that will hold or trade US12OF's assets will be based in the United States and will be subject to United States regulations.

The General Partner believes that 5% to 10% of US12OF's assets will normally be committed as margin for commodity futures contracts. However, from time to time, the percentage of assets committed as margin may be substantially more, or less, than such range. The General Partner intends to invest the balance of US12OF's assets not invested in Crude Oil Interests or held in margin as reserves to be available for changes in margin. All interest income will be used for US12OF's benefit.

The futures commission merchant, a government agency or a commodity exchange could increase margins applicable to US12OF to hold trading positions at any time. Moreover, margin is merely a security deposit and has no bearing on the profit or loss potential for any positions taken.

US12OF's assets will be held in segregation pursuant to the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations.

## **The Commodity Interest Markets**

### **General**

The Commodity Exchange Act or CEA governs the regulation of commodity interest transactions, markets and intermediaries. In December 2000, the CEA was amended by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, or CFMA, which substantially revised the regulatory framework governing certain commodity interest transactions and the markets on which they trade. The CEA, as amended by the CFMA, now provides for varying degrees of regulation of commodity interest transactions depending upon the variables of the transaction. In general, these variables include (1) the type of instrument being traded (e.g., contracts for future delivery, options, swaps or spot contracts), (2) the type of commodity underlying the instrument (distinctions are made between instruments based on agricultural commodities, energy and metals commodities and financial commodities), (3) the nature of the parties to the transaction (retail, eligible contract participant, or eligible commercial entity), (4) whether the transaction is entered into on a principal-to-principal or intermediated basis, (5) the type of market on which the transaction occurs, and (6) whether the transaction is subject to clearing through a clearing organization. Information regarding commodity interest transactions, markets and intermediaries, and their associated regulatory environment, is provided below.

### **Futures Contracts**

A futures contract such as a Futures Contract is a standardized contract traded on, or subject to the rules of, an exchange that calls for the future delivery of a specified quantity and type of a commodity at a specified time and place. Futures contracts are traded on a wide variety of commodities, including agricultural products, bonds, stock indices, interest rates, currencies, energy and metals. The size and terms of futures contracts on a particular

commodity are identical and are not subject to any negotiation, other than with respect to price and the number of contracts traded between the buyer and seller.

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The contractual obligations of a buyer or seller may generally be satisfied by taking or making physical delivery of the underlying of commodity or by making an offsetting sale or purchase of an identical futures contract on the same or linked exchange before the designated date of delivery. The difference between the price at which the futures contract is purchased or sold and the price paid for the offsetting sale or purchase, after allowance for brokerage commissions, constitutes the profit or loss to the trader. Some futures contracts, such as stock index contracts, settle in cash (reflecting the difference between the contract purchase/sale price and the contract settlement price) rather than by delivery of the underlying commodity.

In market terminology, a trader who purchases a futures contract is long in the market and a trader who sells a futures contract is short in the market. Before a trader closes out his long or short position by an offsetting sale or purchase, his outstanding contracts are known as open trades or open positions. The aggregate amount of open positions held by traders in a particular contract is referred to as the open interest in such contract.

## **Forward Contracts**

A forward contract is a contractual obligation to purchase or sell a specified quantity of a commodity at or before a specified date in the future at a specified price and, therefore, is economically similar to a futures contract. Unlike futures contracts, however, forward contracts are typically traded in the over-the-counter markets and are not standardized contracts. Forward contracts for a given commodity are generally available for various amounts and maturities and are subject to individual negotiation between the parties involved. Moreover, generally there is no direct means of offsetting or closing out a forward contract by taking an offsetting position as one would a futures contract on a U.S. exchange. If a trader desires to close out a forward contract position, he generally will establish an opposite position in the contract but will settle and recognize the profit or loss on both positions simultaneously on the delivery date. Thus, unlike in the futures contract market where a trader who has offset positions will recognize profit or loss immediately, in the forward market a trader with a position that has been offset at a profit will generally not receive such profit until the delivery date, and likewise a trader with a position that has been offset at a loss will generally not have to pay money until the delivery date. In recent years, however, the terms of forward contracts have become more standardized, and in some instances such contracts now provide a right of offset or cash settlement as an alternative to making or taking delivery of the underlying commodity.

The forward markets provide what has typically been a highly liquid market for foreign exchange trading, and in certain cases the prices quoted for foreign exchange forward contracts may be more favorable than the prices for foreign exchange futures contracts traded on U.S. exchanges. The forward markets are largely unregulated. Forward contracts are, in general, not cleared or guaranteed by a third party. Commercial banks participating in trading foreign exchange forward contracts often do not require margin deposits, but rely upon internal credit limitations and their judgments regarding the creditworthiness of their counterparties. In recent years, however, many over-the-counter market participants in foreign exchange trading have begun to require that their counterparties post margin.

Further, as the result of the CFMA, over-the-counter derivative instruments such as forward contracts and swap agreements (and options on forwards and physical commodities) may begin to be traded on lightly-regulated exchanges or electronic trading platforms that may, but are not required to, provide for clearing facilities. Exchanges and electronic trading platforms on which over-the-counter instruments may be traded and the regulation and criteria for that trading are more fully described below under Futures Exchanges and Clearing Organizations.

Nonetheless, absent a clearing facility, US12OF's trading in foreign exchange and other forward contracts is exposed to the creditworthiness of the counterparties on the other side of the trade.

## Options on Futures Contracts

Options on futures contracts are standardized contracts traded on an exchange. An option on futures contract gives the buyer of the option the right, but not the obligation, to take a position at a specified price (the striking, strike, or exercise price) in the underlying futures contract or underlying interest. The buyer of a call option acquires the right, but not the obligation, to purchase or take a long position in the underlying interest, and the buyer of a put option acquires the right, but not the obligation, to sell or take a short position in the underlying interest.

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The seller, or writer, of an option is obligated to take a position in the underlying interest at a specified price opposite to the option buyer if the option is exercised. Thus, the seller of a call option must stand ready to take a short position in the underlying interest at the strike price if the buyer should exercise the option. The seller of a put option, on the other hand, must stand ready to take a long position in the underlying interest at the strike price.

A call option is said to be in-the-money if the strike price is below current market levels and out-of-the-money if the strike price is above current market levels. Conversely, a put option is said to be in-the-money if the strike price is above the current market levels and out-of-the-money if the strike price is below current market levels.

Options have limited life spans, usually tied to the delivery or settlement date of the underlying interest. Some options, however, expire significantly in advance of such date. The purchase price of an option is referred to as its premium, which consists of its intrinsic value (which is related to the underlying market value) plus its time value. As an option nears its expiration date, the time value shrinks and the market and intrinsic values move into parity. An option that is out-of-the-money and not offset by the time it expires becomes worthless. On certain exchanges, in-the-money options are automatically exercised on their expiration date, but on others unexercised options simply become worthless after their expiration date.

Regardless of how much the market swings, the most an option buyer can lose is the option premium. The option buyer deposits his premium with his broker, and the money goes to the option seller. Option sellers, on the other hand, face risks similar to participants in the futures markets. For example, since the seller of a call option is assigned a short futures position if the option is exercised, his risk is the same as someone who initially sold a futures contract.

Because no one can predict exactly how the market will move, the option seller posts margin to demonstrate his ability to meet any potential contractual obligations.

## Options on Forward Contracts or Commodities

Options on forward contracts or commodities operate in a manner similar to options on futures contracts. An option on a forward contract or commodity gives the buyer of the option the right, but not the obligation, to take a position at a specified price in the underlying forward contract or commodity. However, similar to forward contracts, options on forward contracts or on commodities are individually negotiated contracts between counterparties and are typically traded in the over-the-counter market. Therefore, options on forward contracts and physical commodities possess many of the same characteristics of forward contracts with respect to offsetting positions and credit risk that are described above.

## Swap Contracts

Swap transactions generally involve contracts between two parties to exchange a stream of payments computed by reference to a notional amount and the price of the asset that is the subject of the swap. Swap contracts are principally traded off-exchange, although recently, as a result of regulatory changes enacted as part of the CFMA, certain swap contracts are now being traded in electronic trading facilities and cleared through clearing organizations.

Swaps are usually entered into on a net basis, that is, the two payment streams are netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the agreement, with the parties receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Swaps do not generally involve the delivery of underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to swaps is generally limited to the net amount of payments that the party is contractually obligated to make. In some swap transactions one or both parties may require collateral deposits from the counterparty to support that counterparty's obligation under the swap agreement. If the counterparty to such a swap defaults, the risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the party is contractually entitled to receive less to any collateral deposits it is holding.

## Block Trading

Block Trading refers to privately negotiated futures or option transactions executed apart from the public auction market. A block transaction may be executed either on or off the exchange trading floor but is still reported to and cleared by the exchange.

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## Exchange for Physical

An Exchange For Physical (EFP) is an off market transaction which involves the swapping (or exchanging) of an over-the-counter (OTC) position for a futures position. The OTC transaction must be for the same or similar quantity or amount of a specified commodity, or a substantially similar commodity or instrument. The OTC side of the EFP can include swaps, swap options, or other instruments traded in the OTC market.

In order that an EFP transaction can take place, the OTC side and futures components must be substantially similar in terms of either value and or quantity. The net result is that the OTC position (and the inherent counterparty credit exposure) is transferred from the OTC market to the futures market. EFPs can also work in reverse, where a futures position can be reversed and transferred to the OTC market.

## Exchange for Swap

A technique, analogous to an EFP transaction used by financial institutions to avoid taking physical delivery of commodities. A dealer takes the financial institution's futures positions into its own account and swaps the commodity return for a funding rate.

## Participants

The two broad classes of persons who trade commodities are hedgers and speculators. Hedgers include financial institutions that manage or deal in interest rate-sensitive instruments, foreign currencies or stock portfolios, and commercial market participants, such as farmers and manufacturers, that market or process commodities. Hedging is a

protective procedure designed to lock in profits that could otherwise be lost due to an adverse movement in the underlying commodity, for example, the adverse price movement between the time a merchandiser or processor enters into a contract to buy or sell a raw or processed commodity at a certain price and the time he must perform the contract. In such a case, at the time the hedgor contracts to physically sell the commodity at a future date he will simultaneously buy a futures or forward contract for the necessary equivalent quantity of the commodity. At the time for performance of the contract, the hedgor may accept delivery under his futures contract and sell the commodity quantity as required by his physical contract or he may buy the actual commodity, sell if under the physical contract and close out his position by making an offsetting sale of a futures contract.

The commodity interest markets enable the hedgor to shift the risk of price fluctuations. The usual objective of the hedgor is to protect the profit that he expects to earn from farming, merchandising, or processing operations rather than to profit from his trading. However, at times the impetus for a hedge transaction may result in part from speculative objectives.

Unlike the hedgor, the speculator generally expects neither to make nor take delivery of the underlying commodity. Instead, the speculator risks his capital with the hope of making profits from price fluctuations in the commodities. The speculator is, in effect, the risk bearer who assumes the risks that the hedgor seeks to avoid. Speculators rarely make or take delivery of the underlying commodity; rather they attempt to close out their positions prior to the delivery date. Because the speculator may take either a long or short position in commodities, it is possible for him to make profits or incur losses regardless of whether prices go up or down.

## **Futures Exchanges and Clearing Organizations**

Futures exchanges provide centralized market facilities in which multiple persons have the ability to execute or trade contracts by accepting bids and offers from multiple participants. Futures exchanges may provide for execution of trades at a physical location utilizing trading pits and/or may provide for trading to be done electronically through computerized matching of bids and offers pursuant to various algorithms. Members of a particular exchange and the trades executed on such exchange are subject to the rules of that exchange. Futures exchanges and clearing organizations are given reasonable latitude in promulgating rules and regulations to control and regulate their members. Examples of regulations by exchanges and clearing organizations include the establishment of initial margin levels, rules regarding trading practices, contract specifications, speculative position limits, daily price fluctuation limits, and execution and clearing fees.

Clearing organizations provide services designed to mutualize or transfer the credit risk arising from the trading of contracts on an exchange or other electronic trading facility. Once trades made between members of an exchange or electronic trading facility have been confirmed, the clearing organization becomes substituted

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for the clearing member acting on behalf of each buyer and each seller of contracts traded on the exchange or trading platform and in effect becomes the other party to the trade. Thereafter, each clearing member party to the trade looks only to the clearing organization for performance. The clearing organization generally establishes some sort of security or guarantee fund to which all clearing members of the exchange must contribute; this fund acts as an emergency buffer that is intended to enable the clearing organization to meet its obligations with regard to the other side of an insolvent clearing member's contracts. Furthermore, the clearing organization requires margin deposits and continuously marks positions to market to provide some assurance that its members will be able to fulfill their contractual obligations. Thus, a central function of the clearing organization is to ensure the integrity of trades, and members effecting transactions on an exchange need not concern themselves with the solvency of the party on the

opposite side of the trade; their only remaining concerns are the respective solvencies of their own customers, their clearing broker and the clearing organization. The clearing organizations do not deal with customers, but only with their member firms and the guarantee of performance for open positions provided by the clearing organization does not run to customers.

## U.S. Futures Exchanges

Futures exchanges in the United States are subject to varying degrees of regulation by the CFTC based on their designation as one of the following: a designated contract market, a derivatives transaction execution facility, an exempt board of trade or an electronic trading facility.

A designated contract market is the most highly regulated level of futures exchange. Designated contract markets may offer products to retail customers on an unrestricted basis. To be designated as a contract market, the exchange must demonstrate that it satisfies specified general criteria for designation, such as having the ability to prevent market manipulation, rules and procedures to ensure fair and equitable trading, position limits, dispute resolution procedures, minimization of conflicts of interest and protection of market participants. Among the principal designated contract markets in the United States are the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange. Each of the designated contract markets in the United States must provide for the clearance and settlement of transactions with a CFTC-registered derivatives clearing organization.

A derivatives transaction execution facility, or DTEF, is a new type of exchange that is subject to fewer regulatory requirements than a designated contract market but is subject to both commodity interest and participant limitations.

DTEFs limit access to eligible traders that qualify as either eligible contract participants or eligible commercial entities for futures and option contracts on commodities that have a nearly inexhaustible deliverable supply, are highly unlikely to be susceptible to the threat of manipulation, or have no cash market, security futures products, and futures and option contracts on commodities that the CFTC may determine, on a case-by-case basis, are highly unlikely to be susceptible to the threat of manipulation. In addition, certain commodity interests excluded or exempt from the CEA, such as swaps, etc. may be traded on a DTEF. There is no requirement that a DTEF use a clearing organization, except with respect to trading in security futures contracts, in which case the clearing organization must be a securities clearing agency. However, if futures contracts and options on futures contracts on a DTEF are cleared, then it must be through a CFTC-registered derivatives clearing organization, except that some excluded or exempt commodities traded on a DTEF may be cleared through a clearing organization other than one registered with the CFTC.

An exempt board of trade is also a newly designated form of exchange. An exempt board of trade is substantially unregulated, subject only to CFTC anti-fraud and anti-manipulation authority. An exempt board of trade is permitted to trade futures contracts and options on futures contracts provided that the underlying commodity is not a security or securities index and has an inexhaustible deliverable supply or no cash market. All traders on an exempt board of trade must qualify as eligible contract participants. Contracts deemed eligible to be traded on an exempt board of trade include contracts on interest rates, exchange rates, currencies, credit risks or measures, debt instruments, measures of inflation, or other macroeconomic indices or measures. There is no requirement that an exempt board of trade use a clearing organization. However, if contracts on an exempt board of trade are cleared, then it must be through a CFTC-registered derivatives clearing organization. A board of trade electing to operate as an exempt board of trade must file a written notification with the CFTC.

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An electronic trading facility is a new form of exchange that operates by means of an electronic or telecommunications network and maintains an automated audit trail of bids, offers, and the matching of orders or the

execution of transactions on the electronic trading facility. The CEA does not apply to, and the CFTC has no jurisdiction over, transactions on an electronic trading facility in certain excluded commodities that are entered into between principals that qualify as eligible contract participants, subject only to CFTC anti-fraud and anti-manipulation authority. In general, excluded commodities include interest rates, currencies, securities, securities indices or other financial, economic or commercial indices or measures.

The General Partner intends to monitor the development of and opportunities and risks presented by the new less-regulated exchanges and exempt boards and may, in the future, allocate a percentage of US12OF's assets to trading in products on these exchanges. Provided US12OF maintains assets exceeding \$5 million, US12OF would qualify as an eligible contract participant and thus would be able to trade on such exchanges.

## **Non-U.S. Futures Exchanges**

Non-U.S. futures exchanges differ in certain respects from their U.S. counterparts. Importantly, non-U.S. futures exchanges are not subject to regulation by the CFTC, but rather are regulated by their home country regulator. In contrast to U.S. designated contract markets, some non-U.S. exchanges are principals' markets, where trades remain the liability of the traders involved, and the exchange or an affiliated clearing organization, if any, does not become substituted for any party. Due to the absence of a clearing system, such exchanges are significantly more susceptible to disruptions. Further, participants in such markets must often satisfy themselves as to the individual creditworthiness of each entity with which they enter into a trade. Trading on non-U.S. exchanges is often in the currency of the exchange's home jurisdiction. Consequently, US12OF is subject to the additional risk of fluctuations in the exchange rate between such currencies and U.S. dollars and the possibility that exchange controls could be imposed in the future. Trading on non-U.S. exchanges may differ from trading on U.S. exchanges in a variety of ways and, accordingly, may subject US12OF to additional risks.

## **Accountability Levels and Position Limits**

The CFTC and U.S. designated contract markets have established accountability levels and position limits on the maximum net long or net short futures contracts in commodity interests that any person or group of persons under common trading control (other than a hedgor, which US12OF is not) may hold, own or control. Among the purposes of accountability levels and position limits is to prevent a corner or squeeze on a market or undue influence on prices by any single trader or group of traders. The position limits currently established by the CFTC apply to certain agricultural commodity interests, such as grains (oats, barley, and flaxseed), soybeans, corn, wheat, cotton, eggs, rye, and potatoes, but not to interests in energy products. In addition, U.S. exchanges may set accountability levels and position limits for all commodity interests traded on that exchange. For example, the current accountability level for investments at any one time in crude oil Futures Contracts (including investments in the Benchmark Futures Contract) on the New York Mercantile Exchange is 20,000 contracts. The New York Mercantile Exchange also imposes position limits on contracts held in the last few days of trading in the near month contract to expire. Certain exchanges or clearing organizations also set limits on the total net positions that may be held by a clearing broker. In general, no position limits are in effect in forward or other over-the-counter contract trading or in trading on non-U.S. futures exchanges, although the principals with which US12OF and the clearing brokers may trade in such markets may impose such limits as a matter of credit policy. For purposes of determining accountability levels and position limits, US12OF's commodity interest positions will not be attributable to investors in their own commodity interest trading.

## **Daily Price Limits**

Most U.S. futures exchanges (but generally not non-U.S. exchanges) limit the amount of fluctuation in some futures contract or options on futures contract prices during a single trading period by regulations. These regulations specify what are referred to as daily price fluctuation limits or more commonly, daily limits. The daily limits establish the maximum amount that the price of a futures or options on futures contract may vary either up or down from the

previous day's settlement price. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular futures or option on a futures contract, no trades may be made at a price beyond the limit. Positions in

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the futures or options contract may then be taken or liquidated, if at all, only at inordinate expense or if traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit during the period for trading on such day. Because the daily limit rule governs price movement only for a particular trading day, it does not limit losses and may in fact substantially increase losses because it may prevent the liquidation of unfavorable positions. Futures contract prices have occasionally moved the daily limit for several consecutive trading days, thus preventing prompt liquidation of positions and subjecting the trader to substantial losses for those days. The concept of daily price limits is not relevant to over-the-counter contracts, including forwards and swaps, and thus such limits are not imposed by banks and others who deal in those markets.

In contrast, the New York Mercantile Exchange does not impose daily limits but rather limits the amount of price fluctuation for Futures Contracts. For example, the New York Mercantile Exchange imposes a \$10.00 per barrel (\$10,000 per contract) price fluctuation limit for crude oil Futures Contracts. This limit is initially based off of the previous trading day's settlement price. If any crude oil Futures Contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes it begins at the point where the limit was imposed and the limit is reset to be \$10.00 per barrel in either direction of that point. If another halt were triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$10.00 per barrel in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There is no maximum price fluctuation limit during any one trading session.

## **Commodity Prices**

Commodity prices are volatile and, although ultimately determined by the interaction of supply and demand, are subject to many other influences, including the psychology of the marketplace and speculative assessments of future world and economic events. Political climate, interest rates, treaties, balance of payments, exchange controls and other governmental interventions as well as numerous other variables affect the commodity markets, and even with comparatively complete information it is impossible for any trader to predict reliably commodity prices.

## **Regulation**

Futures exchanges in the United States are subject to varying degrees of regulation under the CEA depending on whether such exchange is a designated contract market, DTEF, exempt board of trade or electronic trading facility. Derivatives clearing organizations are also subject to the CEA and CFTC regulation. The CFTC is the governmental agency charged with responsibility for regulation of futures exchanges and commodity interest trading conducted on those exchanges. The CFTC's function is to implement the CEA's objectives of preventing price manipulation and excessive speculation and promoting orderly and efficient commodity interest markets. In addition, the various exchanges and clearing organizations themselves exercise regulatory and supervisory authority over their member firms.

The CFTC possesses exclusive jurisdiction to regulate the activities of CPOs and commodity trading advisors and has adopted regulations with respect to the activities of those persons and/or entities. Under the CEA, a registered CPO, such as the General Partner, is required to make annual filings with the CFTC describing its organization, capital structure, management and controlling persons. In addition, the CEA authorizes the CFTC to require and review books and records of, and documents prepared by, registered CPOs. Pursuant to this authority, the CFTC requires CPOs to keep accurate, current and orderly records for each pool that they operate. The CFTC may suspend the



registration of a CPO (1) if the CFTC finds that the operator's trading practices tend to disrupt orderly market conditions, (2) if any controlling person of the operator is subject to an order of the CFTC denying such person trading privileges on any exchange, and (3) in certain other circumstances. Suspension, restriction or termination of the General Partner's registration as a CPO would prevent it, until that registration were to be reinstated, from managing US12OF, and might result in the termination of US12OF. US12OF itself is not required to be registered with the CFTC in any capacity.

The CEA gives the CFTC similar authority with respect to the activities of commodity trading advisors. If a trading advisor's commodity trading advisor registration were to be terminated, restricted or suspended, the trading advisor would be unable, until the registration were to be reinstated, to render trading advice to US12OF.

The CEA requires all futures commission merchants, such as US12OF's clearing brokers, to meet and maintain specified fitness and financial requirements, to segregate customer funds from proprietary funds and

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account separately for all customers' funds and positions, and to maintain specified books and records open to inspection by the staff of the CFTC. The CFTC has similar authority over introducing brokers, or persons who solicit or accept orders for commodity interest trades but who do not accept margin deposits for the execution of trades. The CEA authorizes the CFTC to regulate trading by futures commission merchants and by their officers and directors, permits the CFTC to require action by exchanges in the event of market emergencies, and establishes an administrative procedure under which customers may institute complaints for damages arising from alleged violations of the CEA. The CEA also gives the states powers to enforce its provisions and the regulations of the CFTC.

US12OF's investors are afforded prescribed rights for reparations under the CEA. Investors may also be able to maintain a private right of action for violations of the CEA. The CFTC has adopted rules implementing the reparation provisions of the CEA, which provide that any person may file a complaint for a reparations award with the CFTC for violation of the CEA against a floor broker or a futures commission merchant, introducing broker, commodity trading advisor, CPO, and their respective associated persons.

Pursuant to authority in the CEA, the NFA has been formed and registered with the CFTC as a registered futures association. At the present time, the NFA is the only self-regulatory organization for commodity interest professionals, other than futures exchanges. The CFTC has delegated to the NFA responsibility for the registration of commodity trading advisors, CPOs, futures commission merchants, introducing brokers, and their respective associated persons and floor brokers. The General Partner, each trading advisor, the selling agents and the clearing brokers are members of the NFA. As such, they are subject to NFA standards relating to fair trade practices, financial condition and consumer protection. US12OF itself is not required to become a member of the NFA. As the self-regulatory body of the commodity interest industry, the NFA promulgates rules governing the conduct of professionals and disciplines those professionals that do not comply with these rules. The NFA also arbitrates disputes between members and their customers and conducts registration and fitness screening of applicants for membership and audits of its existing members.

The regulations of the CFTC and the NFA prohibit any representation by a person registered with the CFTC or by any member of the NFA, that registration with the CFTC, or membership in the NFA, in any respect indicates that the CFTC or the NFA, as the case may be, has approved or endorsed that person or that person's trading program or objectives. The registrations and memberships of the parties described in this summary must not be considered as constituting any such approval or endorsement. Likewise, no futures exchange has given or will give any similar approval or endorsement.

The regulation of commodity interest trading in the United States and other countries is an evolving area of the law. The various statements made in this summary are subject to modification by legislative action and changes in the rules and regulations of the CFTC, the NFA, the futures exchanges, clearing organizations and other regulatory bodies.

The function of the CFTC is to implement the objectives of the CEA of preventing price manipulation and other disruptions to market integrity, avoiding systemic risk, preventing fraud and promoting innovation, competition and financial integrity of transactions. As mentioned above, this regulation, among other things, provides that the trading of commodity interest contracts generally must be upon exchanges designated as contract markets or DTEFs and that all trading on those exchanges must be done by or through exchange members. Under the CFMA, commodity interest trading in some commodities between sophisticated persons may be traded on a trading facility not regulated by the CFTC. As a general matter, trading in spot contracts, forward contracts, options on forward contracts or commodities, or swap contracts between eligible contract participants is not within the jurisdiction of the CFTC and may therefore be effectively unregulated. The trading advisors may engage in those transactions on behalf of US12OF in reliance on this exclusion from regulation.

In general, the CFTC does not regulate the interbank and forward foreign currency markets with respect to transactions in contracts between certain sophisticated counterparties such as US12OF or between certain regulated institutions and retail investors. Although U.S. banks are regulated in various ways by the Federal Reserve Board, the Comptroller of the Currency and other U.S. federal and state banking officials, banking authorities do not regulate the forward markets.

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While the U.S. government does not currently impose any restrictions on the movements of currencies, it could choose to do so. The imposition or relaxation of exchange controls in various jurisdictions could significantly affect the market for that and other jurisdictions' currencies. Trading in the interbank market also exposes US12OF to a risk of default since failure of a bank with which US12OF had entered into a forward contract would likely result in a default and thus possibly substantial losses to US12OF.

The CFTC is prohibited by statute from regulating trading on non-U.S. futures exchanges and markets. The CFTC, however, has adopted regulations relating to the marketing of non-U.S. futures contracts in the United States. These regulations permit certain contracts traded on non-U.S. exchanges to be offered and sold in the United States.

## **Commodity Margin**

Original or initial margin is the minimum amount of funds that must be deposited by a commodity interest trader with the trader's broker to initiate and maintain an open position in futures contracts. Maintenance margin is the amount (generally less than the original margin) to which a trader's account may decline before he must deliver additional margin. A margin deposit is like a cash performance bond. It helps assure the trader's performance of the futures contracts that he purchases or sells. Futures contracts are customarily bought and sold on initial margin that represents a very small percentage (ranging upward from less than 2%) of the aggregate purchase or sales price of the contract. Because of such low margin requirements, price fluctuations occurring in the futures markets may create profits and losses that, in relation to the amount invested, are greater than are customary in other forms of investment or speculation. As discussed below, adverse price changes in the futures contract may result in margin requirements that greatly exceed the initial margin. In addition, the amount of margin required in connection with a particular futures contract is set from time to time by the exchange on which the contract is traded and may be modified from time to time by the exchange during the term of the contract.

Brokerage firms, such as US12OF's clearing brokers, carrying accounts for traders in commodity interest contracts may not accept lower, and generally require higher, amounts of margin as a matter of policy to further protect themselves. The clearing brokers require US12OF to make margin deposits equal to exchange minimum levels for all commodity interest contracts. This requirement may be altered from time to time in the clearing brokers' discretion.

Trading in the over-the-counter markets where no clearing facility is provided generally does not require margin but generally does require the extension of credit between counterparties.

When a trader purchases an option, there is no margin requirement; however, the option premium must be paid in full. When a trader sells an option, on the other hand, he or she is required to deposit margin in an amount determined by the margin requirements established for the underlying interest and, in addition, an amount substantially equal to the current premium for the option. The margin requirements imposed on the selling of options, although adjusted to reflect the probability that out-of-the-money options will not be exercised, can in fact be higher than those imposed in dealing in the futures markets directly. Complicated margin requirements apply to spreads and conversions, which are complex trading strategies in which a trader acquires a mixture of options positions and positions in the underlying interest.

Margin requirements are computed each day by a trader's clearing broker. When the market value of a particular open commodity interest position changes to a point where the margin on deposit does not satisfy maintenance margin requirements, a margin call is made by the broker. If the margin call is not met within a reasonable time, the broker may close out the trader's position. With respect to US12OF's trading, US12OF (and not its investors personally) is subject to margin calls.

Finally, many major U.S. exchanges have passed certain cross margining arrangements involving procedures pursuant to which the futures and options positions held in an account would, in the case of some accounts, be aggregated and margin requirements would be assessed on a portfolio basis, measuring the total risk of the combined positions.

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## **Potential Advantages of Investment**

### **The Advantages of Non-Correlation**

Given that historically, the price of crude oil and of Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments has had very little correlation to the stock and bond markets, the General Partner believes that the performance of US12OF should also exhibit a substantial degree of non-correlation with the performance of traditional equity and debt portfolio components, in part because of the ease of selling commodity interests short. This feature of many commodity interest contracts—being able to be long or short a commodity interest position with similar ease—means that profit and loss from commodity interest trading is not dependent upon economic prosperity or stability.

However, non-correlation will not provide any diversification advantages unless the non-correlated assets are outperforming other portfolio assets, and it is entirely possible that US12OF may not outperform other sectors of an investor's portfolio, or may produce losses. Additionally, although adding US12OF's units to an investor's portfolio may provide diversification, US12OF is not a hedging mechanism vis-à-vis traditional debt and equity portfolio components and you should not assume that US12OF units will appreciate during periods of inflation or stock and bond market declines.

Non-correlated performance should not be confused with negatively correlated performance. Negative correlation occurs when the performance of two asset classes are in opposite direction to each other. Non-correlation means only that US12OF's performance will likely have little relation to the performance of equity and debt instruments, reflecting the General Partner's belief that certain factors that affect equity and debt prices may affect US12OF differently and that certain factors that affect equity and debt prices may not affect US12OF at all. US12OF's net asset value per unit may decline or increase more or less than equity and debt instruments during both rising and falling cash markets. The General Partner does not expect that US12OF's performance will be negatively correlated to general debt and equity markets.

## **Interest Income**

Unlike some alternative investment funds, US12OF does not borrow money in order to obtain leverage, so US12OF does not incur any interest expense. Rather, US12OF's margin deposits are maintained in Treasuries and interest is earned on 100% of US12OF's available assets, which include unrealized profits credited to US12OF's accounts.

# **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

Preparation of the financial statements and related disclosures in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the application of appropriate accounting rules and guidance, as well as the use of estimates. US12OF's application of these policies involves judgments and actual results may differ from the estimates used.

The General Partner has evaluated the nature and types of estimates that it will make in preparing US12OF's financial statements and related disclosures once US12OF commences trading operations and has determined that the valuation of its investments which are not traded on a U.S. or internationally recognized futures exchange (such as forward contracts and over-the-counter contracts) involves a critical accounting policy. While not currently applicable given the fact that US12OF is not currently involved in trading activities, the values which will be used by US12OF for its forward contracts will be provided by its commodity broker who will use market prices when available, while over-the-counter contracts will be valued based on the present value of estimated future cash flows that would be received from or paid to a third party in settlement of these derivative contracts prior to their delivery date and will be valued on a daily basis.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

US12OF does not anticipate making use of borrowings or other lines of credit to meet its obligations. It is anticipated that US12OF will meet its liquidity needs in the normal course of business from the proceeds of the sale of its investments or from the cash, cash equivalents and/or the Treasuries that it intends to hold at all

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times. US12OF's liquidity needs include: redeeming units, providing margin deposits for its existing futures contracts or the purchase of additional oil futures contracts, posting collateral for its over-the-counter contracts and payment of its expenses, summarized below under Contractual Obligations.

US12OF will generate cash primarily from (i) the sale of Creation Baskets and (ii) interest earned on cash, cash equivalents and its investments in Treasuries. US12OF has not begun trading activities. Once US12OF begins trading activities, it is anticipated that all of its net assets will be allocated to trading in Crude Oil Interests. Most of US12OF's assets will be held in Treasuries, cash and/or cash equivalents that could or will be used as margin for US12OF's trading in Crude Oil Interests. The percentage that Treasuries will bear to the total net assets will vary from period to period as the market values of the Crude Oil Interests change. The balance of the net assets will be held in US12OF's Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments trading account. Interest earned on US12OF's interest bearing-funds will be paid to US12OF.

US12OF's investment in Crude Oil Interests will be subject to periods of illiquidity because of market conditions, regulatory considerations and other reasons. For example, most commodity exchanges limit the fluctuations in Futures Contracts prices during a single day by regulations referred to as daily limits. During a single day, no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limit. Once the price of a Futures Contract has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the contracts can neither be taken or liquidated unless the traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. Such market conditions could prevent US12OF from promptly liquidating its positions in Futures Contracts.

To date, all of US12OF's expenses have been funded by the General Partner. If the General Partner and US12OF are unsuccessful in raising sufficient funds to cover its expenses or in locating any other source of funding, US12OF will terminate and investors may lose all or part of their investment.

## Market Risk

Trading in Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments such as forwards will involve US12OF entering into contractual commitments to purchase or sell crude oil at a specified date in the future. The gross or face amount of the contracts will significantly exceed US12OF's future cash requirements since US12OF intends to close out its open positions prior to settlement. As a result, US12OF should only be subject only to the risk of loss arising from the change in value of the contracts. US12OF considers the fair value of its derivative instruments to be the unrealized gain or loss on the contracts. The market risk associated with US12OF's commitments to purchase crude oil will be limited to the aggregate face amount of the contacts held. However, should US12OF enter into a contractual commitment to sell crude oil, it would be required to make delivery of the crude oil at the contract price, repurchase the contract at prevailing prices or settle in cash. Since there are no limits on the future price of crude oil, the market risk to US12OF could be unlimited.

US12OF's exposure to market risk will depend on a number of factors including the markets for crude oil, the volatility of interest rates and foreign exchange rates, the liquidity of the Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments markets and the relationships among the contracts held by US12OF. The limited experience that US12OF has had in utilizing its model to trade in Crude Oil Interests in a manner intended to track the changes in the spot price of crude oil, as well as drastic market occurrences, could ultimately lead to the loss of all or substantially all of an investor's capital.

## Credit Risk

When US12OF enters into Futures Contracts and Other Crude Oil-Related Investments, it will be exposed to the credit risk that its counterparty will not be able to meet its obligations. The counterparty for the Futures Contracts traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange and on most other foreign futures exchanges is the clearinghouse associated with the particular exchange. In general, clearinghouses are backed by their members who may be required to share in the financial burden resulting from the nonperformance of one of their members that should significantly reduce credit risk. Some foreign exchanges are not backed by their clearinghouse members but may be backed by a consortium of banks or other financial institutions. There can be no assurance that any counterparty, clearing house, or their financial

backers will satisfy their obligations to US12OF.

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