



**PROSPECTUS**

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T. Rowe Price  
**Institutional Large-Cap Growth  
Fund**

A fund seeking long-term capital appreciation through investments in stocks of large-cap growth companies.

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# SUMMARY

## Investment Objective

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation through investments in common stocks of growth companies.

## Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may also incur brokerage commissions and other charges when buying or selling shares of the fund, which are not reflected in the table.

### *Fees and Expenses of the Fund*

<i>Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</i>	
Management fees	0.55%
Other expenses	0.01
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.56</b>

**Example** This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<i>1 year</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>10 years</i>
\$57	\$179	\$313	\$701

**Portfolio Turnover** The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 36.1% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Investments, Risks, and Performance

**Principal Investment Strategies** In taking a growth approach to stock selection, the fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in the common stocks of large-cap companies. The fund defines a large-cap company as one whose market capitalization is larger than the median market capitalization of companies in the Russell 1000 Growth Index, a widely used benchmark of the largest U.S. growth stocks. As of December 31, 2017, the median market capitalization of companies in the Russell 1000 Growth Index was approximately \$11.8 billion. The market capitalizations of the companies in the

fund's portfolio and the Russell index change over time; the fund will not automatically sell or cease to purchase stock of a company it already owns just because the company's market capitalization falls below the median market capitalization of companies in the Russell index. The fund may at times invest significantly in certain sectors, such as the information technology sector.

We generally look for companies with an above-average rate of earnings and cash flow growth and a lucrative niche in the economy that gives them the ability to sustain earnings momentum even during times of slow economic growth. As growth investors, we believe that when a company increases its earnings faster than both inflation and the overall economy, the market will eventually reward it with a higher stock price.

The fund is "nondiversified," meaning it may invest a greater portion of its assets in a single issuer and own more of the issuer's voting securities than is permissible for a "diversified" fund.

In pursuing its investment objective, the fund has the discretion to deviate from its normal investment criteria. These situations might arise when the fund's adviser believes a security could increase in value for a variety of reasons, including an extraordinary corporate event, a new product introduction or innovation, a favorable competitive development, or a change in management.

While most assets will typically be invested in U.S. common stocks, the fund may invest in foreign stocks in keeping with the fund's objective.

The fund may sell securities for a variety of reasons, such as to secure gains, limit losses, or redeploy assets into more promising opportunities.

**Principal Risks** As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective. The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund are summarized as follows:

**Active management risks** The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform in comparison to other funds with a similar benchmark or similar objectives and investment strategies if the fund's overall investment selections or strategies fail to produce the intended results.

**Risks of stock investing** Stocks generally fluctuate in value more than bonds and may decline significantly over short time periods. There is a chance that stock prices overall will decline because stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising and falling prices. The value of a stock in which the fund invests may decline due to general weakness in the stock market or because of factors that affect a particular company or industry.

**Emerging markets risks** The risks of foreign investing are heightened for securities of issuers in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. In addition to all of the risks of investing in foreign developed markets, emerging markets are more susceptible to governmental interference, local taxes being imposed on foreign investments, restrictions on gaining access to sales proceeds, and less liquid and less efficient trading markets.

**Investment style risks** Different investment styles tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market conditions and investor sentiment. The fund's growth approach to investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that employ a different investment style. Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than certain other types of stocks, and their prices may fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock market. A stock with growth characteristics can have sharp price declines due to decreases in current or expected earnings and may lack dividends that can help cushion its share price in a declining market.

**Market capitalization risks** Investing primarily in issuers within the same market capitalization category carries the risk that the category may be out of favor due to current market conditions or investor sentiment. Securities issued by large-cap companies tend to be less volatile than securities issued by smaller companies. However, larger companies may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful smaller companies, especially during strong economic periods, and may be unable to respond as quickly to competitive challenges.

**Sector concentration risks** At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting business in a broadly related group of industries within an economic sector. Companies in the same economic sector may be similarly affected by economic or market events, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that economic sector than funds that invest more broadly. For example, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies in the information technology sector. Companies in the information technology sector can be adversely affected by, among other things, intense competition, earnings disappointments, and rapid obsolescence of products and services due to technological innovations or changing consumer preferences.

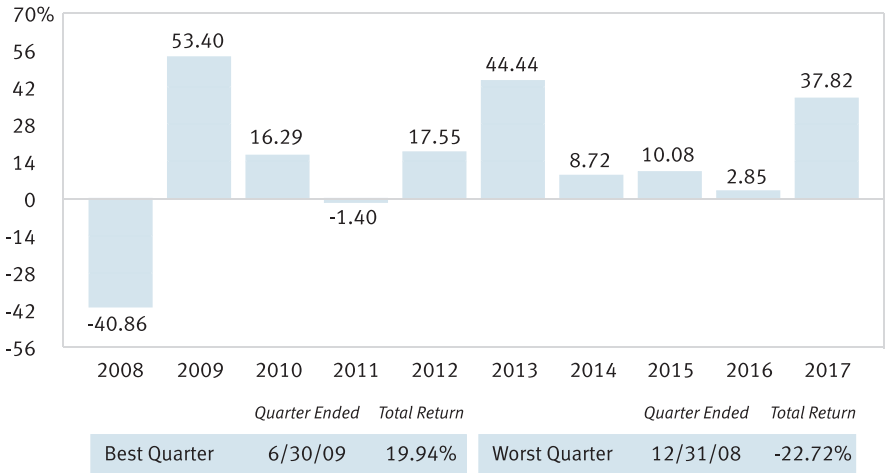
**Nondiversification risks** As a nondiversified fund, the fund has the ability to invest a larger percentage of its assets in the securities of a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, poor performance by a single issuer could adversely affect fund performance more than if the fund were invested in a larger number of issuers. The fund's share price can be expected to fluctuate more than that of a comparable diversified fund.

**Foreign investing risks** The fund’s investments in foreign securities may be adversely affected by local, political, social, and economic conditions overseas, greater volatility, reduced liquidity, or decreases in foreign currency values relative to the U.S. dollar.

**Performance** The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund’s performance information represents only past performance (before and after taxes) and is not necessarily an indication of future results.

The following bar chart illustrates how much returns can differ from year to year by showing calendar year returns and the best and worst calendar quarter returns during those years for the fund.

**Institutional Large-Cap Growth Fund**  
*Calendar Year Returns*



The following table shows the average annual total returns for the fund, and also compares the returns with the returns of a relevant broad-based market index, as well as with the returns of one or more comparative indexes that have investment characteristics similar to those of the fund.

In addition, the table shows hypothetical after-tax returns to demonstrate how taxes paid by a shareholder may influence returns. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as a 401(k) account or an IRA.

**Average Annual Total Returns**

	<i>Periods ended December 31, 2017</i>			<i>Inception date 10/31/2001</i>
	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	
<b>Institutional Large-Cap Growth Fund</b>				
<i>Returns before taxes</i>	37.82 %	19.63 %	11.60 %	
<i>Returns after taxes on distributions</i>	35.00	18.34	10.98	
<i>Returns after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares</i>	23.65	15.79	9.56	
Russell 1000 Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	30.21	17.33	10.00	
Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds Index	31.85	15.90	8.20	

Updated performance information is available through **troweprice.com**.

**Management**

**Investment Adviser** T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (T. Rowe Price)

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Managed Fund Since</b>	<b>Joined Investment Adviser</b>
Taymour R. Tamaddon	Chairman of Investment Advisory Committee	2017	2004

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares**

The fund generally requires a \$1,000,000 minimum initial investment and there is no minimum for additional purchases, although the initial investment minimum may be waived for certain types of accounts held through a retirement plan, financial advisor, or other financial intermediary.

For investors holding shares of the fund directly with T. Rowe Price, you may purchase, redeem, or exchange fund shares by mail or by telephone (1-800-638-8790).

If you hold shares through a financial intermediary or retirement plan, you must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares of the fund through your intermediary or retirement plan. You should check with your intermediary or retirement plan to determine the investment minimums that apply to your account.

**Tax Information**

Any dividends or capital gains are declared and paid annually, usually in December. Redemptions or exchanges of fund shares and distributions by the fund, whether or not you reinvest these amounts in additional fund shares, may be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you invest through a tax-deferred account (in which case you will be taxed upon withdrawal from such account).

## ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

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### How is the fund organized?

T. Rowe Price Institutional Equity Funds, Inc. (the “Corporation”) was incorporated in Maryland in 1996. Currently, the Corporation consists of six series, each representing a separate pool of assets with different investment objectives and investment policies. Each series is an “open-end management investment company,” or mutual fund. Mutual funds pool money received from shareholders and invest it to try to achieve specified objectives.

### What is meant by “shares”?

As with all mutual funds, investors purchase shares when they put money in the fund. These shares are part of the fund’s authorized capital stock, but share certificates are not issued.

Each share and fractional share entitles the shareholder to:

- Receive a proportional interest in income and capital gain distributions. For funds with multiple share classes, the income dividends for each share class will generally differ from those of other share classes to the extent that the expense ratios of the classes differ.
- Cast one vote per share on certain fund matters, including the election of the fund’s directors, changes in fundamental policies, or approval of material changes to the fund’s investment management agreement. Shareholders of each class have exclusive voting rights on matters affecting only that class.

### Does the fund have annual shareholder meetings?

The mutual funds that are sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (the “T. Rowe Price Funds”) are not required to hold regularly scheduled shareholder meetings. To avoid unnecessary costs to the funds’ shareholders, shareholder meetings are only held when certain matters, such as changes in fundamental policies or elections of directors, must be decided. In addition, shareholders representing at least 10% of all eligible votes may call a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the removal of any fund director. If a meeting is held and you cannot attend, you can vote by proxy. Before the meeting, the funds will send or make available to you proxy materials that explain the matters to be decided and include instructions on voting by mail, telephone, or the Internet.



## Who runs the fund?

### General Oversight

The fund is governed by a Board of Directors (the “Board”) that meets regularly to review the fund’s investments, performance, expenses, and other business affairs. The Board elects the fund’s officers. At least 75% of Board members are independent of T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (the “Firm”).

### Investment Adviser

T. Rowe Price is the fund’s investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund’s investments and management of the fund’s portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors, and sponsors and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. As of December 31, 2017, the Firm had approximately \$991 billion in assets under management and provided investment management services for more than 8 million individual and institutional investor accounts.

### Portfolio Management

T. Rowe Price has established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The committee chairman has day-to-day responsibility for managing the fund’s portfolio and works with the committee in developing and executing the fund’s investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Taymour R. Tamaddon, Chairman, Greg Dunham, David J. Eiswert, Henry M. Ellenbogen, Joseph B. Fath, Jason Nogueira, Larry J. Puglia, Jeffrey Rottinghaus, David L. Rowlett, Robert W. Sharps, Brian Solomon, and Joshua K. Spencer. The following information provides the year that the chairman (the “portfolio manager”) first joined the Firm and the chairman’s specific business experience during the past five years (although the chairman may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Mr. Tamaddon has been chairman of the committee since January 1, 2017. He joined the Firm in 2004 and his investment experience dates from 2003. He has served as a portfolio manager with the Firm throughout the past five years. The Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio manager’s compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager’s ownership of the fund’s shares.

### The Management Fee

The fund pays T. Rowe Price an annual investment management fee of 0.55% based on the fund’s average daily net assets. The fund calculates and accrues the fee daily.

The expenses shown in the fee table in Section 1 are generally based on a fund’s prior fiscal year. If fund assets decline significantly, the fund’s total annual fund operating expenses may become higher than the numbers shown in the fee table.

A discussion about the factors considered by the Board and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) appear in the fund's semiannual report to shareholders for the period ended June 30.

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## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND ITS PRINCIPAL RISKS**

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The market frequently rewards growth stocks with price increases when earnings expectations are met or exceeded. A successful implementation of our strategy could lead to long-term growth of capital. By investing in large companies, the fund could be less risky than one focusing on less established or smaller companies while still offering significant appreciation potential.

Thomas Rowe Price, Jr., pioneered the growth stock theory of investing around 80 years ago. It is based on the premise that inflation represents a more serious long-term threat to an investor's portfolio than stock market fluctuations or recessions. Mr. Price believed that when a company's earnings grow faster than both inflation and the economy in general, the market will eventually reward its long-term earnings growth with a higher stock price. However, investors should be aware that, during periods of adverse economic and market conditions, stock prices may fall despite favorable earnings trends.

*Growth investors look for companies with above-average earnings gains.*

The fund generally looks for companies with one or more of the following:

**An above-average growth rate** Superior growth in earnings and cash flow.

**Operations in "fertile fields"** The ability to sustain earnings momentum even during economic slowdowns by operating in industries or service sectors where earnings and dividends can outpace inflation and the overall economy.

**Durability of earnings growth** A lucrative niche in the economy that enables the company to expand even during times of slow growth. Ideally, profit margins should be widening due to economic factors rather than one-time events such as lower taxes.

As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee the fund will achieve its objective. The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money when you sell your shares of the fund.

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies include the following:

**Risks of stock investing** As with all stock funds, the fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the broad market, a particular industry, or specific holdings.

Stock markets can decline for many reasons, including adverse local, political, social, or economic developments in the U.S. or abroad; changes in investor psychology; or heavy selling at the same time by major institutional investors in the market, such as mutual funds, pension funds, and banks. The prospects for an industry or company may deteriorate because of a variety of factors, including disappointing earnings or changes in the competitive environment. In addition, the adviser's assessment of companies held by the fund may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance, even in rising markets. Also, the fund's overall investment approach could fall out of favor with the investing public, resulting in lagging performance versus other types of stock funds. Legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment strategies available to portfolio managers, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective.

**Information technology sector risks** The fund may invest significantly in the information technology sector. Information technology companies face intense competition, both domestically and internationally, which may have an adverse effect on their profit margins. Like other technology companies, information technology companies may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources, or personnel. The products of information technology companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments, frequent new product introduction, unpredictable changes in growth rates, and competition for the services of qualified personnel. Companies in the information technology sector are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights. The loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect the profitability of these companies.

**Growth Investing risks** Growth stocks can be volatile for several reasons. Since these companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their businesses, they may lack the dividends that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. Also, earnings disappointments often lead to sharply falling prices because investors buy growth stocks in anticipation of superior earnings growth.

**Nondiversification risks** Because the fund is nondiversified and thus can invest more of its assets in a smaller number of issuers, it may be more exposed to the risks associated with an individual issuer than a fund that invests more broadly across many issuers. For example, poor performance by a single large holding of the fund would adversely affect the fund's performance more than if the fund were invested in a larger number of issuers.

**Foreign investing risks** Investing in the securities of non-U.S. issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. Foreign securities tend to be more volatile and less liquid than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. In addition, foreign investments are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S.

**Emerging markets risks** The risks of foreign investing are heightened for securities of issuers in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. In addition to all of the risks of investing in foreign developed markets, emerging markets are more susceptible to governmental interference, local taxes being imposed on foreign investments, restrictions on gaining access to sales proceeds, and less liquid and less efficient trading markets.

Some of the principal tools the adviser uses to try to reduce overall risk include intensive research when evaluating a company's prospects and limiting exposure to any one industry or company. In addition, other risks associated with the additional investment strategies that may be employed by the fund include the following:

**Additional strategies and risks** While most assets will be invested in common stocks, the fund may employ other strategies that are not considered part of the fund's principal investment strategies. From time to time, the fund may invest in securities other than common stocks and use derivatives that are consistent with its investment program. For instance, the fund may invest, to a limited extent, in futures contracts. Any investments in futures would typically serve as an efficient means of gaining exposure to certain markets, or as a tool to manage cash flows into and out of the fund and maintain liquidity while being invested in the market. To the extent the fund invests in futures, it could be exposed to potential volatility and losses greater than direct investments in the contracts' underlying assets.

The use of futures or other derivatives, if any, exposes the fund to risks that are different from, and potentially greater than, investments in more traditional securities. Changes in the value of a derivative may not properly correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index and may not move in the direction anticipated by the portfolio manager. Derivatives can also be illiquid and difficult to value, the fund could be exposed to significant losses if a counterparty becomes insolvent or is unable to meet its obligations under the contract, and there is the possibility that limitations or trading restrictions may be imposed by an exchange or government regulation.

Recent regulations have changed the requirements related to the use of certain derivatives. Some of these new regulations have limited the availability of certain derivatives and made their use by funds more costly. It is expected that additional changes to the regulatory framework will occur, but the extent and impact of additional new regulations are not certain at this time.

**Healthcare sector risks** The fund may invest significantly in the healthcare sector. The profitability of healthcare companies may be adversely affected by extensive government regulations, restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure, an increased emphasis on outpatient services, a limited number of products, industry innovation,

changes in technologies and other market developments. A number of issuers in the healthcare sector have recently merged or otherwise experienced consolidation. The effects of this trend toward consolidation are unknown and may be far-reaching. Many healthcare companies are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of a company's patents may adversely affect that company's profitability. Many healthcare companies are subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. Healthcare companies are subject to competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting. Many new products in the healthcare sector may be subject to regulatory approvals. The process of obtaining such approvals may be long and costly, and such efforts ultimately may be unsuccessful. Companies in the healthcare sector may be thinly capitalized and may be susceptible to product obsolescence.

The Statement of Additional Information contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

## **INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

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This section provides a more detailed description of the various types of portfolio holdings and investment practices that may be used by the fund to execute its overall investment program. Some of these holdings are considered to be principal investment strategies of the fund and have already been described earlier in the prospectus. Any of the following holdings and investment practices that were not already described in Section 1 of the prospectus are not considered part of the fund's principal investment strategies, but they may be used by the fund to help achieve its investment objective. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the Statement of Additional Information.

Shareholder approval is required to substantively change the fund's investment objective. Shareholder approval is also required to change certain investment restrictions noted in the following section as "fundamental policies." Portfolio managers also follow certain "operating policies" that can be changed without shareholder approval. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change in the fund's policy requiring it to normally invest at least 80% of its net assets in common stocks of large-cap companies.

The fund's holdings in certain kinds of investments cannot exceed maximum percentages as set forth in this prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information. For instance, there are limitations regarding the fund's investments in certain types of derivatives. While these restrictions provide a useful level of detail about the fund's investments, investors should not view them as an accurate gauge of the potential risk of such investments. For example, in a given period, a 5% investment in derivatives could have a significantly greater impact on the fund's share

price than its weighting in the portfolio. The net effect of a particular investment depends on its volatility and the size of its overall return in relation to the performance of all of the fund's investments.

Certain investment restrictions, such as a required minimum or maximum investment in a particular type of security, are measured at the time the fund purchases a security. The status, market value, maturity, duration, credit quality, or other characteristics of the fund's securities may change after they are purchased, and this may cause the amount of the fund's assets invested in such securities to exceed the stated maximum restriction or fall below the stated minimum restriction. If any of these changes occur, it would not be considered a violation of the investment restriction and will not require the sale of an investment if it was proper at the time the investment was made (this exception does not apply to the fund's borrowing policy). However, certain changes will require holdings to be sold or purchased by the fund during the time it is above or below the stated percentage restriction in order for the fund to be in compliance with applicable restrictions.

Changes in the fund's holdings, the fund's performance, and the contribution of various investments to the fund's performance are discussed in the shareholder reports.

***Portfolio managers have considerable discretion in choosing investment strategies and selecting securities they believe will help achieve the fund's objective.***

### **Types of Portfolio Securities**

In seeking to meet its investment objective, the fund may invest in any type of security or instrument (including certain potentially high-risk derivatives described in this section) whose investment characteristics are consistent with its investment program. The following pages describe various types of the fund's holdings and investment management practices, some of which are also described as part of the fund's principal investment strategies.

### **Nondiversified Status**

The fund is a nondiversified mutual fund. This means that the fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in, and own a greater amount of the voting securities of, a single issuer than a diversified fund, which may subject the fund to greater risk with respect to its portfolio securities and greater volatility with respect to its share price.

The fund, however, intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" under the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, the fund must invest so that, at the end of each fiscal quarter, with respect to 50% of its total assets, no more than 5% of its total assets are invested in the securities of a single issuer and not more than 10% of the voting securities of any issuer are held by the fund. With respect to the remaining 50% of the fund's assets, no more than 25% may be invested in a single issuer.

The fund's investments are primarily in common stocks and, to a lesser degree, other types of securities, as follows:

## Common and Preferred Stocks

Stocks represent shares of ownership in a company. Generally, preferred stocks have a specified dividend rate and rank after bonds and before common stocks in their claim on income for dividend payments and on assets should the company be liquidated. After other claims are satisfied, common stockholders participate in company profits on a pro-rata basis, and profits may be paid out in dividends or reinvested in the company to help it grow. Increases and decreases in earnings are usually reflected in a company's stock price, so common stocks generally have the greatest appreciation and depreciation potential of all corporate securities. Unlike common stock, preferred stock does not ordinarily carry voting rights. While most preferred stocks pay a dividend, the fund may decide to purchase preferred stock where the issuer has suspended, or is in danger of suspending, payment of its dividend.

## Convertible Securities and Warrants

The fund may invest in debt instruments or preferred equity securities that are convertible into, or exchangeable for, equity securities at specified times in the future and according to a certain exchange ratio. Convertible bonds are typically callable by the issuer, which could in effect force conversion before the holder would otherwise choose. Traditionally, convertible securities have paid dividends or interest at rates higher than common stocks but lower than nonconvertible securities. They generally participate in the appreciation or depreciation of the underlying stock into which they are convertible, but to a lesser degree than common stock. Some convertible securities combine higher or lower current income with options and other features. Warrants are options to buy, directly from the issuer, a stated number of shares of common stock at a specified price anytime during the life of the warrants (generally, two or more years). Warrants have no voting rights, pay no dividends, and can be highly volatile. In some cases, the redemption value of a warrant could be zero.

## Foreign Securities

The fund may invest in foreign securities. Foreign securities could include non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside the U.S. and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the U.S. Investing in foreign securities involves special risks that can increase the potential for losses. These include exposure to potentially adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, or imposition of punitive taxes; the imposition of international trade and capital barriers and other protectionist or retaliatory measures; potentially lower liquidity and higher volatility; possible problems arising from accounting, disclosure, settlement, and regulatory practices and legal rights that differ from U.S. standards; and the potential for fluctuations in foreign exchange rates to decrease the investment's value (favorable changes can increase its value). These risks are heightened for the fund's investments in emerging

markets. The fund may purchase American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts, which are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer. American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts trade on established markets and are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their local markets and currencies. Such investments are subject to many of the same risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, investments in depositary receipts are deemed to be investments in the underlying securities. For example, a depositary receipt representing ownership of common stock will be treated as common stock.

*Operating policy* The fund's investments in foreign securities are limited to 10% of its total assets. Subject to the overall limit on the fund's investments in foreign securities, there is no limit on the amount of foreign investments that may be made in emerging markets.

### **Futures and Options**

Futures are often used to establish exposures or manage or hedge risk because they enable the investor to buy or sell an asset in the future at an agreed-upon price. Options may be used to generate additional income, to enhance returns, or as a defensive technique to protect against anticipated declines in the value of an asset. Call options give the investor the right to purchase (when the investor purchases the option), or the obligation to sell (when the investor "writes" or sells the option), an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Put options give the purchaser of the option the right to sell, or the seller (or "writer") of the option the obligation to buy, an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Futures and options contracts may be bought or sold for any number of reasons, including to manage exposure to changes in interest rates, bond prices, foreign currencies, and credit quality; as an efficient means of increasing or decreasing the fund's exposure to certain markets; in an effort to enhance income; to improve risk-adjusted returns; to protect the value of portfolio securities; and to serve as a cash management tool. Call or put options may be purchased or sold on securities, futures, financial indexes, and foreign currencies. The fund may choose to continue a futures contract by "rolling over" an expiring futures contract into an identical contract with a later maturity date. This could increase the fund's transaction costs and portfolio turnover rate.

Futures and options contracts may not always be successful investments or hedges; their prices can be highly volatile; using them could lower the fund's total return; the potential loss from the use of futures can exceed the fund's initial investment in such contracts; and the losses from certain options written by the fund could be unlimited.

*Operating policies* Initial margin deposits on futures and premiums on options used for non-hedging purposes will not exceed 5% of the fund's net asset value. The total market value of securities covering call or put options may not exceed 25% of the fund's total assets. No more than 5% of the fund's total assets will be committed to premiums when purchasing call or put options.



## Hybrid Instruments

Hybrid instruments (a type of potentially high-risk derivative) can combine the characteristics of securities, futures, and options. For example, the principal amount, redemption, or conversion terms of a security could be related to the market price of some commodity, currency, security, or securities index. Such instruments may or may not bear interest or pay dividends. Under certain conditions, the redemption value of a hybrid could be zero.

***Hybrids can have volatile prices and limited liquidity, and their use may not be successful.***

*Operating policy* The fund's investments in hybrid instruments are limited to 10% of its total assets.

## Currency Derivatives

A fund that invests in foreign securities may attempt to hedge its exposure to potentially unfavorable currency changes. The primary means of doing this is through the use of forward currency exchange contracts, which are contracts between two counterparties to exchange one currency for another on a future date at a specified exchange rate. However, futures, swaps, and options on foreign currencies may also be used. In certain circumstances, the fund may use currency derivatives to substitute a different currency for the currency in which the investment is denominated, a strategy known as proxy hedging. If the fund were to engage in any of these foreign currency transactions, it could serve to protect its foreign securities from adverse currency movements relative to the U.S. dollar, although the fund may also use currency derivatives in an effort to gain exposure to a currency expected to appreciate in value versus other currencies. As a result, the fund could be invested in a currency without holding any securities denominated in that currency. Such transactions involve, among other risks, the risk that anticipated currency movements will not occur, which could reduce the fund's total return. There are certain markets, including many emerging markets, where it is not possible to engage in effective foreign currency hedging.

## Investments in Other Investment Companies

The fund may invest in other investment companies, including open-end funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds.

The fund may purchase the securities of another investment company to temporarily gain exposure to a portion of the market while awaiting purchase of securities or as an efficient means of gaining exposure to a particular asset class. The fund might also purchase shares of another investment company to gain exposure to the securities in the investment company's portfolio at times when the fund may not be able to buy those securities directly. Any investment in another investment company would be consistent with the fund's objective and investment program.

The risks of owning another investment company are generally similar to the risks of investing directly in the securities in which that investment company invests. However, an investment company may not achieve its investment objective or execute its investment strategy effectively, which may adversely affect the fund's performance. In addition, because closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds trade on a secondary market, their shares may trade at a premium or discount to the actual net asset value of their portfolio securities, and their shares may have greater volatility if an active trading market does not exist.

As a shareholder of another investment company, the fund must pay its pro-rata share of that investment company's fees and expenses. The fund's investments in non-T. Rowe Price investment companies are subject to the limits that apply to investments in other funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or under any applicable exemptive order.

The fund may also invest in certain other T. Rowe Price Funds as a means of gaining efficient and cost-effective exposure to certain asset classes, provided the investment is consistent with the fund's investment program and policies.

Investments in other investment companies could allow the fund to obtain the benefits of a more diversified portfolio than might otherwise be available through direct investments in a particular asset class, and will subject the fund to the risks associated with the particular asset class or asset classes in which an underlying fund invests. Examples of asset classes in which other mutual funds (including T. Rowe Price Funds) focus their investments include high yield bonds, inflation-linked securities, floating rate loans, international bonds, emerging market bonds, stocks of companies involved in activities related to real assets, stocks of companies that focus on a particular industry or sector, and emerging market stocks. If the fund invests in another T. Rowe Price Fund, the management fee paid by the fund will be reduced to ensure that the fund does not incur duplicate management fees as a result of its investment.

### **Illiquid Securities**

Some of the fund's holdings may be considered illiquid because they are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale or because they cannot be sold in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the prices at which they are valued. The determination of liquidity involves a variety of factors. Illiquid securities may include private placements that are sold directly to a small number of investors, usually institutions. Unlike public offerings, such securities are not registered with the SEC. Although certain of these securities may be readily sold (for example, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933) and therefore deemed liquid, others may have resale restrictions and be considered illiquid. The sale of illiquid securities may involve substantial delays and additional costs, and the fund may only be able to sell such securities at prices substantially lower than what it believes they are worth.

*Operating policy* The fund may not purchase an illiquid security if it holds 15% or more of its net assets in illiquid securities.

## **Types of Investment Management Practices**

### **Reserve Position**

A certain portion of the fund's assets may be held in reserves. The fund's reserve positions will primarily consist of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund or short-term bond fund (which does not charge any management fees); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and foreign dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. In order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, the fund may assume a temporary defensive position that is inconsistent with its principal investment objective and/or strategies and may invest, without limitation, in reserves. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective. The reserve position provides flexibility in meeting redemptions, paying expenses, and managing cash flows into the fund and can serve as a short-term defense during periods of unusual market volatility. Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

### **Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets**

The fund may borrow from banks, other persons, and other T. Rowe Price Funds for temporary or emergency purposes, to facilitate redemption requests, or for other purposes consistent with the fund's policies as set forth in this prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information. Such borrowings may be collateralized with the fund's assets, subject to certain restrictions.

*Fundamental policy* Borrowings may not exceed 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

*Operating policy* The fund will not transfer portfolio securities as collateral except as necessary in connection with permissible borrowings or investments, and then such transfers may not exceed 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its total assets. The fund will not purchase additional securities when its borrowings exceed 5% of its total assets.

### **Meeting Redemption Requests**

We expect that the fund will hold cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests. The fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The fund reserves the right to pay all or part of redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash ("redemption in-kind"), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind are typically used to meet redemption requests that represent a large percentage of the fund's net assets in order to minimize the effect of large

redemptions on the fund and its remaining shareholders. In general, any in-kind redemptions will represent a pro-rata distribution of the fund's securities, subject to certain limited exceptions. Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above, and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The fund, along with other T. Rowe Price Funds, is a party to an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the funds meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs.

During periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions, when an increased portion of the fund's portfolio may be comprised of less-liquid investments, or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances, the fund may be more likely to pay redemption proceeds with cash obtained through interfund lending, through short-term borrowing arrangements (if available), or by redeeming a large redemption request in-kind.

### **Lending of Portfolio Securities**

The fund may lend its securities to broker-dealers, other institutions, or other persons to earn additional income. Risks include the potential insolvency of the broker-dealer or other borrower that could result in delays in recovering securities and capital losses. Additionally, losses could result from the reinvestment of collateral received on loaned securities in investments that decline in value, default, or do not perform as well as expected.

*Fundamental policy* The value of loaned securities may not exceed 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the fund's total assets.

### **Portfolio Turnover**

Turnover is an indication of frequency of trading. Each time the fund purchases or sells a security, it incurs a cost. This cost is reflected in the fund's net asset value but not in its operating expenses. The higher the turnover rate, the higher the transaction costs and the greater the impact on the fund's total return. Higher turnover can also increase the possibility of taxable capital gain distributions. The fund's portfolio turnover rates are shown in the Financial Highlights table.

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## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Financial Highlights table, which provides information about the fund's financial history, is based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The table is part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its annual report and are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information (available upon request). The total returns in the table represent the rate that an

investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions and no payment of any applicable account or redemption fees). The financial statements in the annual report were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

### Financial Highlights

	<i>Year ended December 31</i>				
	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$18.88	\$27.26	\$27.48	\$28.89	\$29.24
<b>Income From Investment Operations</b>					
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.08
Net gains or losses on securities (both realized and unrealized)	8.37	2.30	2.75	0.76	11.01
Total from investment operations	8.39	2.32	2.77	0.83	11.09
<b>Less Distributions</b>					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.07)	(0.09)
Distributions (from capital gains)	—	(2.08)	(1.35)	(0.41)	(3.33)
Returns of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	(0.01)	(2.10)	(1.36)	(0.48)	(3.42)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$27.26</b>	<b>\$27.48</b>	<b>\$28.89</b>	<b>\$29.24</b>	<b>\$36.91</b>
<b>Total return</b>	<b>44.44%</b>	<b>8.72%</b>	<b>10.08%</b>	<b>2.85%</b>	<b>37.82%</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$9,677	\$11,653	\$13,592	\$12,398	\$15,812
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%	0.56%
Ratio of net income to average net assets	0.07%	0.06%	0.06%	0.24%	0.24%
Portfolio turnover rate	42.4%	49.9%	39.5%	36.8%	36.1%

<sup>a</sup> Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.

## DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

The T. Rowe Price Funds' full portfolio holdings as of their fiscal year-ends are disclosed in their annual shareholder reports and their full portfolio holdings as of their fiscal mid-point are disclosed in their semiannual shareholder reports. The annual and semiannual shareholder reports are filed with the SEC and sent to the

funds' shareholders within 60 days of the period covered. The T. Rowe Price Funds also disclose their full portfolio holdings as of their first and third fiscal quarter-ends on Form N-Q. Form N-Q is filed with the SEC within 60 days of the period covered, but is not sent to the funds' shareholders. Under certain conditions, the shareholder reports and Form N-Q may include up to 5% of a fund's holdings under the caption "Miscellaneous Securities" without identifying the specific security or issuer.

Generally, a holding would not be individually identified if it is determined that its disclosure could be harmful to the fund or its shareholders. A holding will not be excluded for these purposes from a fund's SEC filings for more than one year. The money market funds also file detailed month-end portfolio holdings information on Form N-MFP with the SEC each month. Form N-MFP, as well as the shareholder reports and Form N-Q, are publicly available immediately upon filing with the SEC.

In addition, most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their calendar quarter-end full portfolio holdings on **troweprice.com** 15 calendar days after each quarter. At the discretion of the investment adviser, these holdings reports may exclude the issuer name and other information relating to a holding in order to protect the fund's interests and prevent harm to the fund or its shareholders. Private placements and other restricted securities may not be individually identified in the calendar quarter-end holdings on **troweprice.com**, but would be disclosed in any SEC filings. Money market funds also disclose on **troweprice.com** their month-end full portfolio holdings five business days after each month-end and historical information about the fund's investments for the previous six months, as of the last business day of the preceding month. This information includes, among other things, the percentage of the fund's investments in daily and weekly liquid assets, the fund's weighted average maturity and weighted average life, the fund's market-based net asset value, and the fund's net inflows and outflows. The calendar quarter-end portfolio holdings will remain on the website for one year and the month-end money market fund portfolio holdings will remain on the website for six months. In addition, most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their 10 largest holdings on **troweprice.com** on the seventh business day after each month-end. These holdings are listed in alphabetical order along with the aggregate percentage of the fund's total assets that these 10 holdings represent. Each monthly top 10 list will remain on the website for six months. A description of T. Rowe Price's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio information is available in the Statement of Additional Information.

The following policies and procedures apply to the Institutional Funds within the T. Rowe Price Funds.

## **INVESTING WITH T. ROWE PRICE**

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This section of the prospectus describes the policies and procedures that generally apply to investments in the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds (except for the T. Rowe Price Institutional Cash Reserves Fund). The T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds may be purchased directly from T. Rowe Price or through a financial intermediary, such as a bank, broker, retirement plan recordkeeper, or financial advisor.

## **AVAILABLE SHARE CLASSES**

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Most of the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds are available only in a single share class (referred to as the “Institutional Class”). However, the Institutional Floating Rate Fund is also offered in an F Class. Each class of a fund’s shares represents an interest in the same fund with the same investment program and investment policies. While the Institutional Class may be held directly with T. Rowe Price or through a financial intermediary, the F Class is designed to be purchased only through financial advisors and certain financial intermediaries and has a different cost structure due to a shareholder servicing arrangement that applies only to that class.

This section generally describes investing only in the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds, other than the T. Rowe Price Institutional Cash Reserves Fund, which has unique policies relating to its operation as an institutional money market fund. This section does not describe the policies that apply to other T. Rowe Price Funds. Policies for other T. Rowe Price Funds are described in their respective prospectuses, and all types of funds and available share classes for the T. Rowe Price Funds are described more fully in the funds’ Statement of Additional Information.

### **Institutional Class**

The Institutional Class may be purchased directly through T. Rowe Price or through a financial intermediary. The Institutional Class does not make any payments to financial intermediaries for distribution of the fund’s shares (commonly referred to as 12b-1 fee payments) and does not make any payments to financial intermediaries for administrative services they provide (commonly referred to as administrative fee payments). However, you may incur brokerage commissions and other charges when buying or selling I Class shares.

The Institutional Class is designed to be sold only to institutional investors, which include, but are not limited to: corporations, endowments and foundations, charitable trusts, investment companies and other pooled vehicles, defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans, broker-dealers, registered investment advisers, banks and bank trust programs, and Section 529 college savings plans. The Institutional Class generally requires a \$1 million initial investment minimum, although the minimum may be waived for retirement plans, financial intermediaries maintaining omnibus accounts, and certain other accounts.

### **F Class**

The F Class must be purchased through a financial intermediary. The F Class does not make any 12b-1 fee payments to financial intermediaries but may make administrative fee payments at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the class' average daily net assets.

The F Class is designed to be sold only through financial advisors and certain financial intermediaries, including brokers, banks, insurance companies, retirement plan recordkeepers, and other financial intermediaries. F Class shares are generally not available to financial intermediaries that would make the fund available to their customers through a mutual fund "supermarket" platform. There is a \$2,500 minimum initial investment requirement, but the minimum is waived for certain types of accounts.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENTS (F CLASS)**

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Certain financial intermediaries perform recordkeeping and administrative services for their clients that would otherwise be performed by the funds' transfer agent. The F Class may make administrative fee payments to retirement plan recordkeepers, broker-dealers, and other financial intermediaries (at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the class' average daily net assets) for transfer agency, recordkeeping, and other administrative services they provide on behalf of the funds. These administrative services may include maintaining account records for each customer; transmitting purchase and redemption orders; delivering shareholder confirmations, statements, and tax forms; and providing support to respond to customers' questions regarding their accounts. These separate administrative fee payments are reflected in the "Other expenses" line that appears in the fee table in Section 1 with respect to the fund's F Class.

Some broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries that are eligible to purchase F Class shares of T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds may also be eligible to purchase the Institutional Class. The Institutional Class shares require a much higher initial investment but have lower expenses than F Class shares because the Institutional Class does not participate in the administrative fee payment program. The payment



of the administrative fee by the F Class creates a potential conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary to purchase F Class shares instead of Institutional Class shares. If this happens, you will incur higher expenses than if your financial intermediary had purchased Institutional Class shares on your behalf (assuming your financial intermediary would qualify to purchase Institutional Class shares). You should ask your salesperson for more information regarding the eligibility of your financial intermediary to purchase Institutional Class shares.

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## **POLICIES FOR OPENING AN ACCOUNT**

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If you are opening an account through an employer-sponsored retirement plan or other financial intermediary, you should contact the retirement plan or financial intermediary for information regarding its policies on opening an account, including the policies relating to purchasing, exchanging, and redeeming shares, and the applicable initial and subsequent investment minimums.

### **Tax Identification Number**

Institutional investors must provide T. Rowe Price with a valid taxpayer identification number (and valid Social Security numbers for individuals opening the account on behalf of the institution) on a signed new account form or Form W-9. Otherwise, federal law requires the funds to withhold a percentage of dividends, capital gain distributions, and redemptions and may subject the investor to an Internal Revenue Service fine. If this information is not received within 60 days after the account is established, the account may be redeemed at the fund's then-current net asset value. Financial intermediaries opening an account in a fund must also enter into a separate agreement with the fund or its agent.

### **Important Information Required to Open a New Account**

Pursuant to federal law, all financial institutions must obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or entity that opens an account. This information is needed not only for the account owner and any other person who opens the account, but also for any person who has authority to act on behalf of the account. When you open an account for an entity, you will be required to provide the entity's name, U.S. street address (post office boxes are not acceptable), and taxpayer identification number, as well as your name, U.S. street address (post office boxes are not acceptable), date of birth, and Social Security number as the person opening the account on behalf of the entity. Corporate and other institutional accounts require documents showing the existence of the entity (such as articles of incorporation or partnership agreements) to open an account. Certain other fiduciary accounts (such as trusts or power of attorney arrangements) require documentation, which may include an original or certified copy of the trust agreement or power of attorney, to open an account.

T. Rowe Price will use this information to verify the identity of the entity and person opening the account. An account cannot be opened until all of this information is received. If the identity of the entity or person opening the account on behalf of the entity cannot be verified, T. Rowe Price is authorized to take any action permitted by law. (See “Rights Reserved by the Funds” later in this section.)

Call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790 for more information on these requirements.

The Institutional Funds are generally available only to institutional investors with a U.S. address. T. Rowe Price will generally not authorize the transfer of ownership of an account in an Institutional Fund for an institutional investor to an account for a noninstitutional investor. Shares held directly with T. Rowe Price by noninstitutional investors are subject to involuntary redemption at any time, which could result in a taxable gain to the investor.

### **Opening an Account**

Call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790 for an account number and wire transfer instructions. All initial purchases are typically made by bank wire, but checks or other forms of payment may be accepted in certain cases. In order to obtain an account number, you must supply the name, taxpayer identification number, and business street address for the account. Complete a new account form and mail it, along with proper documentation identifying your firm and any other necessary documentation, to one of the following addresses:

#### ***via U.S. Mail***

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services  
P.O. Box 17300  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1603

#### ***via private carriers/overnight services***

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services  
Mail Code: OM-4232  
4515 Painters Mill Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117-4842

*Note:* Although the purchase will be made, services may not be established and an Internal Revenue Service penalty withholding may occur until we receive a signed new account form.

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## **PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS**

### **How and When Shares Are Priced**

The trade date for your transaction request depends on the day and time that T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by T. Rowe Price or its agent (or by your financial intermediary if it has the authority to accept transaction orders on behalf of the fund). The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated at the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, each day that the NYSE is open for

business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, a fund's assets are valued and totaled, liabilities are subtracted, and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. If a market value for a portfolio holding is not available or normal valuation procedures are deemed to be inappropriate, the fund will make a good faith effort to assign a fair value to the holding by taking into account various factors and methodologies that have been approved by the fund's Board. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities. Amortized cost is used to price securities held by money market funds and certain short-term debt securities held by a fund.

The funds use various pricing services to provide closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. A fund cannot predict how often it will use closing prices and how often it will adjust those prices. As a means of evaluating its fair value process, the fund routinely compares closing market prices, the next day's opening prices in the same markets, and adjusted prices.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If a fund determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of the NYSE will affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, the fund will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, the fund reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

A fund may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign

exchanges which trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, a fund may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. The funds also evaluate a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

### **How the Trade Date Is Determined**

If you invest directly with T. Rowe Price and your request to purchase, sell, or exchange shares is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form by the close of the NYSE (normally 4 p.m. ET), your transaction will be priced at that business day's net asset value. If your request is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent in correct form after the close of the NYSE, your transaction will be priced at the next business day's net asset value unless the fund has an agreement with your financial intermediary for orders to be priced at the net asset value next computed after receipt by the financial intermediary.

The funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. When authorized financial intermediaries receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the authorized financial intermediary. The financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your financial intermediary by the close of the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value. Contact your financial intermediary for trade deadlines and the applicable policies for purchasing, selling, or exchanging your shares, as well as initial and subsequent investment minimums. The financial intermediary may charge a fee for its services.

*Note:* There may be times when you are unable to contact us or access your account due to extreme market activity or other circumstances. Should this occur, your order must still be placed and received in correct form by T. Rowe Price (or by the financial intermediary in accordance with its agreement with T. Rowe Price) prior to the time the NYSE closes to be priced at that business day's net asset value. The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or

closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

### **Transaction Confirmations**

T. Rowe Price sends immediate confirmations for most of your fund transactions. However, certain transactions, such as dividend reinvestments, do not receive an immediate transaction confirmation but are reported on your account statement. Please review transaction confirmations and account statements as soon as you receive them and promptly report any discrepancies to Financial Institution Services.

### **Purchasing Shares**

Purchases may be initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Financial Institution Services. All initial and subsequent investments are typically made by bank wire, although checks or other forms of payment may be accepted in certain cases. There is no assurance that the share price for a purchase will be the same day a wire was initiated.

The funds generally do not accept orders that request a particular day or price for a transaction or any other special conditions. However, when authorized by the fund, certain institutions, financial intermediaries, or retirement plans purchasing fund shares directly with T. Rowe Price may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The institution, financial intermediary, or retirement plan is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

**U.S. Dollars** All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars; checks must be drawn on U.S. banks and should be payable to the T. Rowe Price Funds.

**Nonpayment** Purchases of a fund may be canceled if payment is not received in a timely manner, and the shareholder may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase, exchange, or redemption due to nonpayment.

### **Investment Minimums**

The Institutional Class generally requires a \$1 million minimum initial investment and the F Class generally requires a \$2,500 minimum initial investment, although the minimums may be waived for financial intermediaries, retirement plans, and certain other institutional investors. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice (seven business days' notice for the Institutional Floating Rate Fund) for any purchase of \$5 million or more. There is generally no minimum required for additional purchases.

You should check with your financial advisor, retirement plan, or financial intermediary to determine what minimum applies to your initial and additional investments.

## Exchanging and Redeeming Shares

Certain T. Rowe Price Funds assess a fee on redemptions of shares (including exchanges out of a fund) that are not held for a specified period of time. Please refer to “Contingent Redemption Fee” later in this section.

**Exchanges** You can move money from one account to an existing, identically registered account or open a new identically registered account. An exchange from one fund to another will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service as a sale for tax purposes.

**Redemptions** Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Financial Institution Services. Please note that certain redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting a Financial Institution Services representative.

***If for some reason we cannot accept your request to exchange or redeem shares, we will attempt to contact you.***

If you request to redeem a specific dollar amount and the market value of your account is less than the amount of your request and we are unable to contact you, your redemption will not be processed and you will need to submit a new redemption request in correct form.

**Receiving Redemption Proceeds** Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the designated bank on file for the account. If a request is received in correct form by T. Rowe Price or its agent on a business day prior to the close of the NYSE, proceeds are usually sent on the next business day. Proceeds sent by bank wire are usually credited to an account the next business day after the sale. Redemption proceeds can be mailed to the account address by check if specifically requested. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on either the next business day or second business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the financial intermediary. You must contact your financial intermediary about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds.

**Large Redemptions** Large redemptions (for example, \$250,000 or more) can adversely affect a portfolio manager’s ability to implement a fund’s investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to redeem in kind. In general, any in-kind redemptions will represent a pro-rata distribution of a fund’s securities, subject to certain limited exceptions. The redeeming shareholder will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If you continue to hold the securities, you may be subject to any ownership restrictions

imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities.

### **Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds**

The T. Rowe Price Funds typically expect that it will take one to two days following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form to send redemption proceeds, regardless of the method the fund uses to make such payment (e.g., check, wire, or Automated Clearing House transfer). Checks are typically mailed on the business day after the redemption, proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to your financial institution the next business day after the redemption, and proceeds sent by Automated Clearing House are typically credited to your financial institution on the second business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions, or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances).

In addition, if shares are sold that were just purchased and paid for by check or Automated Clearing House transfer, the fund will process your redemption but will generally delay sending the proceeds for up to 10 calendar days to allow the check or Automated Clearing House transfer to clear. If, during the clearing period, we receive a check drawn against your newly purchased shares, it will be returned and marked "uncollected." (The 10-day hold does not apply to purchases paid for by bank wire or automatic purchases through payroll deduction.)

The Board of a retail or institutional money market fund may impose a redemption gate and elect to temporarily suspend redemptions for up to 10 business days in a 90-day period if the fund's weekly liquid assets fall below 30% of its total assets and the fund's Board determines that imposing a redemption gate is in the fund's best interests. In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of a retail or institutional money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

### **Contingent Redemption Fee**

Short-term trading can disrupt a fund's investment program and create additional costs for long-term shareholders. For these reasons, all share classes of the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds, listed in the following table, assess a fee on redemptions (including exchanges out of a fund), which reduces the proceeds from such redemptions by the amounts indicated:

<i><b>T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds With Redemption Fees</b></i>		
<i><b>Fund</b></i>	<i><b>Redemption fee</b></i>	<i><b>Holding period</b></i>
Institutional Africa & Middle East	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Credit Opportunities	2%	90 days or less

***T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds With Redemption Fees***

<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Redemption fee</i></b>	<b><i>Holding period</i></b>
Institutional Emerging Markets Bond	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Emerging Markets Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Floating Rate	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Frontier Markets Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Global Focused Growth Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Global Growth Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional Global Value Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional High Yield	2%	90 days or less
Institutional International Bond	2%	90 days or less
Institutional International Concentrated Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional International Core Equity	2%	90 days or less
Institutional International Growth Equity	2%	90 days or less

Redemption fees are paid to a fund (and not to T. Rowe Price) to deter short-term trading, offset costs, and help protect the fund's long-term shareholders. Subject to the exceptions described on the following pages, all persons holding shares of a T. Rowe Price Fund that imposes a redemption fee are subject to the fee, whether the person is holding shares directly with a T. Rowe Price Fund, through a retirement plan for which T. Rowe Price serves as recordkeeper; or indirectly through a financial intermediary (such as a broker, bank, or investment adviser), recordkeeper for retirement plan participants, or other third party.

**Computation of Holding Period** When an investor sells shares of a fund that assesses a redemption fee, T. Rowe Price will use the "first-in, first-out" method to determine the holding period for the shares sold. Under this method, the date of redemption or exchange will be compared with the earliest purchase date of shares held in the account. A redemption fee will be charged on shares sold on or before the end of the required holding period. The day after the date of your purchase is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the holding period. For example, if you redeem your shares on or before the 90th day from the date of purchase, you will be assessed the redemption fee. If you purchase shares through a financial intermediary, consult your financial intermediary to determine how the holding period will be applied.



**Transactions Not Subject to Redemption Fees** The T. Rowe Price Funds will not assess a redemption fee with respect to certain transactions. As of the date of this prospectus, the following transactions in T. Rowe Price Funds will not be subject to redemption fees:

- Shares redeemed through an automated, systematic withdrawal plan;
- Shares redeemed through or used to establish certain rebalancing, asset allocation, wrap, and advisory programs, as well as non-T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, if approved in writing by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;\*
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class of the same fund;\*
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees (e.g., for failure to meet account minimums);
- Shares purchased by rollover or changes of account registration within the same fund;\*
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that other shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Certain transactions in defined benefit and nonqualified plans, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares that are redeemed in-kind;
- Shares transferred to T. Rowe Price or a financial intermediary acting as a service provider when the age of the shares cannot be determined systematically;\* and
- Shares redeemed in retirement plans or other products that restrict trading to no more frequently than once per quarter or other approved time period, if approved in writing by T. Rowe Price.

\* Subsequent exchanges of these shares into funds that assess redemption fees will subject such shares to the fee.

**Redemption Fees on Shares Held in Retirement Plans** If shares are held in a retirement plan, redemption fees generally will be assessed on shares redeemed by exchange only if they were originally purchased by a participant-directed exchange. However, redemption fees may apply to transactions other than exchanges depending on how shares of the plan are held at T. Rowe Price or how the fees are applied by your plan's recordkeeper. To determine which of your transactions are subject to redemption fees, you should contact T. Rowe Price or your plan recordkeeper.

**Omnibus Accounts** If your shares are held through a financial intermediary in an omnibus account, T. Rowe Price relies on the financial intermediary to assess the redemption fee on underlying shareholder accounts. T. Rowe Price seeks to enter into

agreements with financial intermediaries establishing omnibus accounts that require the intermediary to assess the redemption fees. There are no assurances that T. Rowe Price will be successful in identifying all financial intermediaries or that the intermediaries will properly assess the fees.

Certain financial intermediaries may not apply the exemptions previously listed to the redemption fee policy; all redemptions by persons trading through such intermediaries may be subject to the fee. Certain financial intermediaries may exempt transactions not listed from redemption fees, if approved by T. Rowe Price. Persons redeeming shares through a financial intermediary should check with their respective intermediary to determine which transactions are subject to the fees.

## **GENERAL POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

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You may initiate transactions involving the Institutional Funds by telephone, by mail, or through the National Securities Clearing Corporation. The T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents use reasonable procedures to verify the identity of the person contacting T. Rowe Price and to ensure that the person is authorized to act on behalf of the account. If these procedures are followed, the funds and their agents are not liable for any losses that may occur from acting on unauthorized instructions. Please review the transaction confirmation carefully, and contact Financial Institution Services immediately about any transaction you believe to be unauthorized. Telephone conversations are recorded.

To place a transaction or make any inquiries regarding the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds, please call Financial Institution Services at 1-800-638-8790. To mail any information to T. Rowe Price regarding the T. Rowe Price Institutional Funds, please use the following addresses:

***via U.S. Mail***

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services  
P.O. Box 17300  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1603

***via private carriers/overnight services***

T. Rowe Price Financial Institution Services  
Mail Code: OM-4232  
4515 Painters Mill Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117-4842

*Note:* If sending a check for a purchase, your transaction will receive the share price for the business day that the check is received by T. Rowe Price or its agent prior to the close of the NYSE (normally 4 p.m. ET), which could differ from the day that the check is received at the post office box.

If you hold shares of a T. Rowe Price Institutional Fund through a retirement plan or financial intermediary, you must contact your retirement plan or financial intermediary with any inquiries.

### **Involuntary Redemptions and Share Class Conversions**

Shares held by any investors that no longer meet the definition of an institutional investor or fail to meet or maintain their account(s) at the investment minimum are subject to involuntary redemption at any time.

For all accounts in Institutional Funds (except for F Class accounts), to help keep operating expenses lower, we ask that you maintain an account balance of at least \$1 million. If your investment falls below \$1 million (even if due to market depreciation), we have the right to redeem your account at the then-current net asset value after giving you 60 days to increase your balance.

The redemption of your account could result in a taxable gain or loss.

For any F Class accounts that are no longer held through an eligible financial intermediary, we have the right to convert your account to the Institutional Class following notice to the financial intermediary or shareholder.

### **Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy**

Excessive transactions and short-term trading can be harmful to fund shareholders in various ways, such as disrupting a fund's portfolio management strategies, increasing a fund's trading and other costs, and negatively affecting its performance. Short-term traders in funds that invest in foreign securities may seek to take advantage of developments overseas that could lead to an anticipated difference between the price of the funds' shares and price movements in foreign markets. While there is no assurance that T. Rowe Price can prevent all excessive and short-term trading, the Boards of the T. Rowe Price Funds have adopted the following trading limits that are designed to deter such activity and protect the funds' shareholders. The funds may revise their trading limits and procedures at any time as the Boards deem necessary or appropriate to better detect short-term trading that may adversely affect the funds, to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, or to impose additional or alternative restrictions.

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (the "30-Day Purchase Block"). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

**General Exceptions** As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the funds' excessive and short-term trading policy:

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond and money market funds;

- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions in defined benefit and nonqualified plans, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy); and
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price.

Transactions in certain rebalancing, asset allocation, wrap programs, and other advisory programs, as well as non-T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, may also be exempt from the 30-Day Purchase Block, subject to prior written approval by T. Rowe Price.

In addition to restricting transactions in accordance with the 30-Day Purchase Block, T. Rowe Price may, in its discretion, reject (or instruct a financial intermediary to reject) any purchase or exchange into a fund from a person (which includes individuals and entities) whose trading activity could disrupt the management of the fund or dilute the value of the fund's shares, including trading by persons acting collectively (e.g., following the advice of a newsletter). Such persons may be barred, without prior notice, from further purchases of T. Rowe Price Funds for a period longer than 30 calendar days, or permanently.

**Financial Intermediary Accounts** If you invest in T. Rowe Price Funds through a financial intermediary, you should review the financial intermediary's materials carefully or consult with the financial intermediary directly to determine the trading policy that will apply to your trades in the funds as well as any other rules or conditions on transactions that may apply. If T. Rowe Price is unable to identify a transaction placed through a financial intermediary as exempt from the excessive trading policy, the 30-Day Purchase Block may apply.

Financial intermediaries may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts) on behalf of their customers. When financial intermediaries establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe

Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity of the underlying shareholders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the financial intermediary (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects such trading activity, T. Rowe Price may contact the financial intermediary to request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all underlying shareholders (including plan participants, if applicable) pursuant to a written agreement that T. Rowe Price has entered into with each financial intermediary. Any nonpublic personal information provided to the fund (for example, a shareholder's taxpayer identification number or transaction records) is subject to the fund's privacy policy. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy as previously described, it will instruct the financial intermediary to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying shareholder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. Each financial intermediary has agreed to execute such instructions pursuant to a written agreement. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its excessive trading policies for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the intermediaries' timely performance of their responsibilities.

T. Rowe Price may allow a financial intermediary or other third party to maintain restrictions on trading in the T. Rowe Price Funds that differ from the 30-Day Purchase Block. An alternative excessive trading policy would be acceptable to T. Rowe Price if it believes that the policy would provide sufficient protection to the T. Rowe Price Funds and their shareholders that is consistent with the excessive trading policy adopted by the funds' Boards.

**Retirement Plan Accounts** If shares are held in a retirement plan, generally the 30-Day Purchase Block applies only to shares redeemed by a participant-directed exchange to another fund. However, the 30-Day Purchase Block may apply to transactions other than exchanges depending on how shares of the plan are held at T. Rowe Price or the excessive trading policy applied by your plan's recordkeeper. An alternative excessive trading policy may apply to the T. Rowe Price Funds where a retirement plan has its own policy deemed acceptable to T. Rowe Price. You should contact T. Rowe Price or your plan recordkeeper to determine which of your transactions are subject to the funds' 30-Day Purchase Block or an alternative policy.

***There is no guarantee that T. Rowe Price will be able to identify or prevent all excessive or short-term trades or trading practices.***

## **Unclaimed Accounts and Uncashed Checks**

If your account has no activity for a certain period of time and/or mail sent to you from T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) is returned by the post office, T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) may be required to transfer your account and any assets related to uncashed checks to the appropriate state under its abandoned property laws. To avoid such action, it is important to keep your account address up to date and periodically contact T. Rowe Price at least once every two years.

## **Delivery of Shareholder Documents**

If two or more accounts own the same fund, share the same address, and T. Rowe Price reasonably believes that the two accounts are part of the same institution, we may economize on fund expenses by mailing only one shareholder report and prospectus for the fund. If you do not want your mailings to be “householded,” please call Financial Institution Services.

## **Signature Guarantees**

***A Medallion signature guarantee is designed to protect you and the T. Rowe Price Funds from fraud by verifying your signature.***

A signature guarantee may be required in certain situations, such as:

- Remitting redemption proceeds to any person, address, or bank account not on file or
- Changing the account registration or broker-dealer of record for an account.

Consult Financial Institution Services for specific requirements.

The signature guarantee must be obtained from a financial institution that is a participant in a Medallion signature guarantee program. You can obtain a Medallion signature guarantee from certain banks, savings institutions, broker-dealers, and other guarantors acceptable to T. Rowe Price. When obtaining a Medallion signature guarantee, please discuss with the guarantor the dollar amount of your proposed transaction. It is important that the level of coverage provided by the guarantor’s stamp covers the dollar amount of the transaction or it may be rejected. We cannot accept guarantees from notaries public or organizations that do not provide reimbursement in the case of fraud.

## **Fund Operations and Shareholder Services**

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services, Inc., provides recordkeeping, sub-transfer agency, and administrative services for certain types of retirement plans investing in the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. The F Class

may also pay financial intermediaries for performing shareholder and administrative services for underlying shareholders in omnibus accounts. All of the fees discussed above are included in a fund's financial statements and, except for funds that have an all-inclusive management fee, are also reflected in the "Other expenses" line that appears in a fund's fee table in Section 1.

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## INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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Each fund intends to qualify to be treated each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In order to qualify, a fund must satisfy certain income, diversification, and distribution requirements. A regulated investment company is not subject to U.S. federal income tax at the portfolio level on income and gains from investments that are distributed to shareholders. However, if a fund were to fail to qualify as a regulated investment company and was ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure, the result would be fund-level taxation and, consequently, a reduction in income available for distribution to the fund's shareholders.

***To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders.***

### **Dividends and Other Distributions**

Dividend and capital gain distributions are reinvested in additional fund shares in your account unless you select another option on your new account form. Reinvesting distributions results in compounding, which allows you to receive dividends and capital gain distributions on an increasing number of shares.

Distributions not reinvested are paid by check or transmitted electronically to your bank account. If the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver your check or if your check remains uncashed for six months, the fund reserves the right to reinvest your distribution check in your account at the net asset value on the day of the reinvestment and to reinvest all subsequent distributions in additional shares of the fund. Interest will not accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distributions or redemption checks.

The following table provides details on dividend payments:

<b><i>Dividend Payment Schedule</i></b>	
<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Dividends</i></b>
Bond funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shares normally begin to earn dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price.</li> <li>• Declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.</li> </ul>
Stock funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.</li> <li>• Declared and paid annually, if any, generally in December.</li> </ul>

Shares of bond funds will earn dividends through the date of redemption. Shares redeemed on a Friday or prior to a holiday will continue to earn dividends until the next business day. Generally, if you redeem all of your bond fund shares at any time during the month, you will also receive all dividends earned through the date of redemption in the same check. When you redeem only a portion of your bond fund shares, all dividends accrued on those shares will be reinvested, or paid in cash, on the next dividend payment date. The funds do not pay dividends in fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, \$0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (\$0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, \$0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (\$0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

If you purchase and redeem your shares through a financial intermediary, consult your financial intermediary to determine when your shares begin and stop accruing dividends as the information previously described may vary.

### **Capital Gain Payments**

A capital gain or loss is the difference between the purchase and sale price of a security. If a fund has net capital gains for the year (after subtracting any capital losses), they are usually declared and paid in December to shareholders of record on a specified date that month. If a second distribution is necessary, it is generally paid the following year. A fund may have to make additional capital gain distributions, if necessary, to comply with the applicable tax law.

### **Tax Information**

In most cases, you will be provided information for your tax filing needs no later than mid-February.

If you invest in the fund through a tax-deferred account, such as an IRA or employer-sponsored retirement plan, you will not be subject to tax on dividends and distributions from the fund or the sale of fund shares if those amounts remain in the tax-deferred account. You may receive a Form 1099-R or other Internal Revenue Service forms, as applicable, if any portion of the account is distributed to you.



If you invest in the fund through a taxable account, you generally will be subject to tax when:

- You sell fund shares, including an exchange from one fund to another.
- The fund makes dividend or capital gain distributions.

For individual shareholders, a portion of ordinary dividends representing “qualified dividend income” received by the fund may be subject to tax at the lower rates applicable to long-term capital gains rather than ordinary income. You may report it as “qualified dividend income” in computing your taxes, provided you have held the fund shares on which the dividend was paid for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date. Ordinary dividends that do not qualify for this lower rate are generally taxable at the investor’s marginal income tax rate. This includes the portion of ordinary dividends derived from interest, short-term capital gains, distributions from nonqualified foreign corporations, and dividends received by the fund from stocks that were on loan. Little, if any, of the ordinary dividends paid by the bond funds is expected to qualify for this lower rate.

For corporate shareholders, a portion of ordinary dividends may be eligible for the deduction for dividends received by corporations to the extent the fund’s income consists of dividends paid by U.S. corporations. Little, if any, of the ordinary dividends paid by the international stock or bond funds is expected to qualify for this deduction.

A 3.8% net investment income tax is imposed on net investment income, including interest, dividends, and capital gains of U.S. individuals with income exceeding \$200,000 (or \$250,000 if married filing jointly) and of estates and trusts.

If you hold your fund through a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary is responsible for providing you with any necessary tax forms. You should contact your financial intermediary for the tax information that will be sent to you and reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Taxes on Fund Redemptions**

When you sell shares in any fund, you may realize a gain or loss. An exchange from one fund to another in a taxable account is also a sale for tax purposes.

All or a portion of the loss realized from a sale or exchange of your fund shares may be disallowed under the “wash sale” rule if you purchase substantially identical shares within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date on which the shares are sold or exchanged. Shares of the same fund you acquire through dividend reinvestment are shares purchased for the purpose of the wash sale rule and may trigger a disallowance of the loss for shares sold or exchanged within the 61-day period of the dividend reinvestment. Any loss disallowed under the wash sale rule is added to the cost basis of the purchased shares.

T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) will make available to you Form 1099-B, if applicable, no later than mid-February, providing certain information for each sale you made in the fund during the prior year. Unless otherwise indicated on your Form 1099-B, this information will also be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. For mutual fund shares acquired prior to 2012 in most accounts established or opened by exchange in 1984 or later, our Form 1099-B will provide you with the gain or loss on the shares you sold during the year based on the average cost single category method. This information on average cost and gain or loss from sale is not reported to the Internal Revenue Service. For these mutual fund shares acquired prior to 2012, you may calculate the cost basis using other methods acceptable to the Internal Revenue Service, such as specific identification.

For mutual fund shares acquired after 2011, federal income tax regulations require us to report the cost basis information on Form 1099-B using a cost basis method selected by the shareholder in compliance with such regulations or, in the absence of such selected method, our default method if you acquire your shares directly from T. Rowe Price. Our default method is average cost. For any fund shares acquired through a financial intermediary after 2011, you should check with your financial intermediary regarding the applicable cost basis method. You should, however, note that the cost basis information reported to you may not always be the same as what you should report on your tax return because the rules applicable to the determination of cost basis on Form 1099-B may be different from the rules applicable to the determination of cost basis for reporting on your tax return. Therefore, you should save your transaction records to make sure the information reported on your tax return is accurate. T. Rowe Price and financial intermediaries are not required to issue a Form 1099-B to report sales of money market fund shares.

To help you maintain accurate records, T. Rowe Price will make available to you a confirmation promptly following each transaction you make (except for systematic purchases and systematic redemptions) and a year-end statement detailing all of your transactions in each fund account during the year. If you hold your fund through a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary is responsible for providing you with transaction confirmations and statements.

### **Taxes on Fund Distributions**

T. Rowe Price (or your financial intermediary) will make available to you, as applicable, generally no later than mid-February, a Form 1099-DIV, or other Internal Revenue Service forms, as required, indicating the tax status of any income dividends, dividends exempt from federal income taxes, and capital gain distributions made to you. This information will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Taxable distributions are generally taxable to you in the year in which they are paid. A dividend declared in October, November, or December and paid in the following January is generally treated as taxable to you as if you received the distribution in December. Dividends from tax-free funds are generally expected to be tax-exempt for federal income tax purposes. Your bond fund dividends for each

calendar year will include dividends accrued up to the first business day of the next calendar year. Ordinary dividends and capital gain dividends may also be subject to state and local taxes. You will be sent any additional information you need to determine your taxes on fund distributions, such as the portion of your dividends, if any, that may be exempt from state and local income taxes.

***Taxable distributions are subject to tax whether reinvested in additional shares or received in cash.***

The tax treatment of a capital gain distribution is determined by how long the fund held the portfolio securities, not how long you held the shares in the fund. Short-term (one year or less) capital gain distributions are taxable at the same rate as ordinary income, and gains on securities held more than one year are taxed at the lower rates applicable to long-term capital gains. If you realized a loss on the sale or exchange of fund shares that you held six months or less, your short-term capital loss must be reclassified as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any long-term capital gain distributions received during the period you held the shares. For funds investing in foreign instruments, distributions resulting from the sale of certain foreign currencies, currency contracts, and the foreign currency portion of gains on debt instruments are taxed as ordinary income. Net foreign currency losses may cause monthly or quarterly dividends to be reclassified as returns of capital.

A fund's distributions that have exceeded the fund's earnings and profits for the relevant tax year may be treated as a return of capital to its shareholders. A return of capital distribution is generally nontaxable but reduces the shareholder's cost basis in the fund, and any return of capital in excess of the cost basis will result in a capital gain.

The tax status of certain distributions may be recharacterized on year-end tax forms, such as your Form 1099-DIV. Distributions made by a fund may later be recharacterized for federal income tax purposes—for example, from taxable ordinary income dividends to returns of capital. A recharacterization of distributions may occur for a number of reasons, including the recharacterization of income received from underlying investments, such as real estate investment trusts (REITs), and distributions that exceed taxable income due to losses from foreign currency transactions or other investment transactions. Certain funds, including international bond funds and funds that invest in REITs, are more likely to recharacterize a portion of their distributions as a result of their investments.

If the fund qualifies and elects to pass through nonrefundable foreign income taxes paid to foreign governments during the year, your portion of such taxes will be reported to you as taxable income. However, you may be able to claim an offsetting credit or deduction on your tax return for those amounts. There can be no assurance that a fund will meet the requirements to pass through foreign income taxes paid.

If you are subject to backup withholding, we will have to withhold a 24% backup withholding tax on distributions and, in some cases, redemption payments. You may be subject to backup withholding if we are notified by the Internal Revenue Service to withhold, you have failed one or more tax certification requirements, or our records indicate that your tax identification number is missing or incorrect. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and is generally available to credit against your federal income tax liability with any excess refunded to you by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Tax Consequences of Hedging**

Entering into certain transactions involving options, futures, swaps, and forward currency exchange contracts may result in the application of the mark-to-market and straddle provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. These provisions could result in a fund being required to distribute gains on such transactions even though it did not close the contracts during the year or receive cash to pay such distributions. The fund may not be able to reduce its distributions for losses on such transactions to the extent of unrealized gains in offsetting positions.

### **Tax Consequences of Shareholder Turnover**

If the fund's portfolio transactions result in a net capital loss (i.e., an excess of capital losses over capital gains) for any year, the loss may be carried forward and used to offset future realized capital gains. However, its ability to carry forward such losses will be limited if the fund experiences an "ownership change" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code. An ownership change generally results when shareholders owning 5% or more of the fund increase their aggregate holdings by more than 50 percentage points over a three-year period.

Because Institutional Funds may have only a few large shareholders, an ownership change can occur in the normal course of shareholder purchases and redemptions. The fund undertakes no obligation to avoid or prevent an ownership change. Moreover, because of circumstances beyond the fund's control, there can be no assurance that the fund will not experience, or has not already experienced, an ownership change. An ownership change can reduce the fund's ability to offset capital gains with losses, which could increase the amount of taxable gains that could be distributed to shareholders.

### **Tax Effect of Buying Shares Before an Income Dividend or Capital Gain Distribution**

If you buy shares shortly before or on the record date—the date that establishes you as the person to receive the upcoming distribution—you may receive a portion of the money you just invested in the form of a taxable distribution. Therefore, you may wish to find out a fund's record date before investing. In addition, a fund's share price may, at any time, reflect undistributed capital gains or income and unrealized appreciation, which may result in future taxable distributions. Such distributions can occur even in a year when the fund has a negative return.

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The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies and practices, has been filed with the SEC. The Statement of Additional Information is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Further information about the fund's investments, including a review of market conditions and the manager's recent investment strategies and their impact on performance during the past fiscal year, is available in the annual and semiannual shareholder reports. These documents and updated performance information are available through [troweprice.com](http://troweprice.com). For inquiries about the fund and to obtain free copies of any of these documents, call 1-800-638-8790. If you invest in the fund through a financial intermediary, you should contact your financial intermediary for copies of these documents.

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