# Semiannual Report March 31, 2021

# **Provident Trust Strategy Fund**

(PROVX)

A NO-LOAD MUTUAL FUND

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## Provident Trust Strategy Fund Letter to Shareholders (Unaudited)

April 1, 2021

Dear Fellow Provident Trust Strategy Fund Shareholders,

Provident Trust Strategy Fund (PROVX) gained +21.01% for the first six months of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 vs. a +19.07% gain for the S&P 500 Index (S&P 500). During Provident Trust Company's 19.5-year tenure as investment adviser (beginning September 9, 2002), PROVX gained +600.74% cumulatively including an average 20.3% bond/money market position vs. +540.23% for the S&P 500. Six month outperformers were Alphabet, Inc., Cl A & Cl C, The Charles Schwab Corp., and PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., while Fastenal Co., Visa Inc., and Costco Wholesale Corp. underperformed. Our March 31 equity exposure was 86.0% including proceeds from the partial sale of Visa Inc.

We believe the following investment practices differentiate PROVX:

- PROVX is a flexible, concentrated, and active allocation fund seeking competitive investment results over full market cycles (includes a -20% S&P 500 decline and a 30% advance).
- Broad selection and allocation mandate: since 2002 PROVX's average market capitalization ranged from \$7b to \$454b and the fund's allocation to equities ranged from 29.8% to 97.1%.
- Active management, not index management: the percentage of the portfolio that is weighted differently than the S&P 500 is 88.8%.
- Research conviction: PROVX's 10-year annualized portfolio turnover was 11.3%.
- Concentration: The top 10 holdings represent approximately 78.8% of total net assets.
- Steady adherence to our growth at reasonable valuation (GARV) investment strategy.
- Manager commitment: Provident Trust Company employees own 15.3% of the Fund.

PROVX's flexible investment practices are difficult to categorize into a single style box.

The ten-year real return to March 2009 for the S&P 500 was -7% per year, the worst return for any decade in the past 140 years. At the 2009 bottom, Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Ben Bernanke and Secretary Treasury Henry Paulson pledged to do whatever it takes to maintain orderly markets and the free flow of credit, ushering in the era of **modern monetary theory**. Fed Chair Powell and Treasury Secretaries Mnuchin and Yellen responded to the Spring 2020 pandemic, economy lock down, and -30% S&P 500 decline by flooding the financial system with \$11t Treasury bond purchases and record Federal deficits, dwarfing the \$1.7t "bazooka" 2009 financial rescue package (source: Evercore ISI). The credit tsunami worked with the S&P 500 soaring +56% for the twelve months ended March 2021.

Economic and financial forecasts for 2021 are all over the map, as is our outlook for +4 - +10% GDP, 2% inflation, a 10-year Treasury yield range of 1 - 3%, and a +10 - +15% S&P 500 return (including one or more 10 - 15% intra year declines) based on record \$170 S&P 500 earnings valued at 25X+. For 2020, Refinitiv reports 2020 S&P 500 earnings declined -14% vs. Provident Trust Strategy Fund's +2% gain. PROVX is selling for 26X the 2021 consensus earnings estimate vs. 23X for the S&P 500. We expect forward portfolio performance will be research generated, not asset allocation driven.

Thank you for your interest in the Provident Trust Strategy Fund.

J. Scott Harkness, CFA

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President

The Fund's 1-year and annualized 5-year and 10-year returns through March 31, 2021 were: 50.40%, 16.45% and 12.73%, respectively. The S&P 500, the Fund's benchmark index, 1-year and annualized 5-year and 10-year returns through March 31, 2021 were: 56.35%, 16.29% and 13.91%, respectively.

The returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemptions of Fund shares. Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance since the above time period may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by visiting www.provfunds.com.

As per the Fund's January 31, 2021 Prospectus, the total annual Fund operating expenses as a percentage of the value of your investment, which incorporates indirect fees and expenses that the Fund incurs from investing in the shares of other mutual funds including money market funds, otherwise known as acquired fund fees and expenses or AFFE, was 0.97%. Provident Trust Company has contractually agreed to cap the ratio of expenses to average net assets (excluding AFFE) at 1.00% through January 31, 2022.

While the fund is no load, there are management fees and operating expenses that do apply. Such fees and expenses are described in the Fund's Prospectus.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The Fund is non-diversified, meaning it concentrates its assets in fewer individual holdings than a diversified fund. Therefore, the Fund is more exposed to individual stock volatility than a diversified fund. The Fund may invest in smaller and medium-sized companies, which involve additional risk such as more limited liquidity and greater volatility. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. The Fund may invest in money market funds. An investment in a money market fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the money market fund seeks to preserve the value of an investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund.

S&P 500 Index: An unmanaged index, consisting of 500 selected common stocks, commonly used to measure the performance of U.S. stocks. It is not possible to invest directly into an index.

GDP: Gross domestic product.

Evercore ISI: Equity research provider.

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security. For a complete list of Fund holdings, as of March 31, 2021, please refer to the Schedule of Investments in this report.

Opinions expressed are subject to change, are not guaranteed and should not be considered investment advice or recommendations to buy or sell any security. Current and future holdings are subject to risk.

You may obtain a hard copy of the prospectus and the most recent performance data by calling (855) 739-9950 (also available at www.provfunds.com). Please read the statutory and summary prospectus carefully to consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing or sending money. The prospectus contains this and more information. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

## Provident Trust Strategy Fund Expense Example (Unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Provident Trust Strategy Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. You do not incur transaction costs such as sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, reinvested dividends, or other distributions; redemption fees; and exchange fees because the Fund does not charge these fees. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund, and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

#### **Actual Expenses**

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

In addition to the costs highlighted and described below, the only Fund transaction costs you might currently incur would be wire fees (\$15 per wire), if you choose to have proceeds from a redemption wired to your bank account instead of receiving a check. Additionally, U.S. Bank charges an annual processing fee (\$15) if you maintain an IRA account with the Fund. To determine your total costs of investing in the Fund, you would need to add any applicable wire or IRA processing fees you've incurred during the period to the costs provided in the example below.

#### **Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

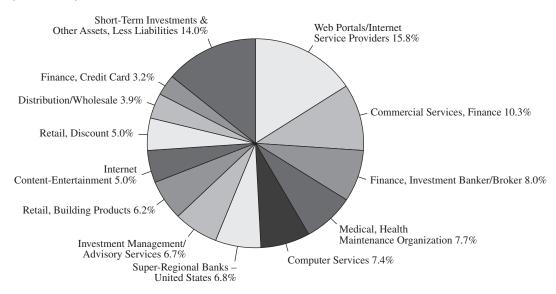
The second line of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses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

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only. The Fund does not charge any transactional fees, such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees or exchange fees. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds.

	Beginning	Ending	Expenses Paid
	Account Value 10/01/20	Account Value 3/31/21	During Period* 10/01/20 – 3/31/21
<b>Provident Trust Strategy Fund</b>			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,210.10	\$5.18
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.24	\$4.73

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio of 0.94%, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/365 (to reflect the one-half year period between October 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021).

Provident Trust Strategy Fund Industry Sectors Percentage of Net Assets March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)



<b>Schedule of Investments</b>
March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

Shares COMMON S	STOCKS – 86.0% (a)	Cost	Value
99,880	Commercial Services, Finance – 10.3% PayPal Holdings, Inc.*	\$ 4,174,057	\$ 24,254,859
62,760	Computer Services – 7.4% Accenture PLC, Cl A	1,824,144	17,337,450
184,400	<b>Distribution/Wholesale – 3.9</b> % Fastenal Co.	3,244,490	9,271,632
35,605	Finance, Credit Card – 3.2% Visa Inc.	566,339	7,538,647
289,180	Finance, Investment Banker/Broker – 8.0% The Charles Schwab Corp.	10,358,918	18,848,752
40,000	Internet Content-Entertainment – 5.0% Facebook, Inc.*	8,722,377	11,781,200
91,560	Investment Management/Advisory Services – 6.7% T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	7,362,226	15,711,696

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this schedule.

# Provident Trust Strategy Fund Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

Shares or Principal Amount COMMON S	STOCKS – 86.0% (a) (Continued)	Cost	<u>Value</u>
48,470	Medical, Health Maintenance Organization – 7.7% UnitedHealth Group Inc.	\$ 2,647,058	\$ 18,034,233
47,530	Retail, Building Products – 6.2% The Home Depot, Inc.	3,971,270	14,508,533
33,110	Retail, Discount – 5.0% Costco Wholesale Corp.	5,136,792	11,670,613
91,220	Super-Regional Banks – United States – 6.8% PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	5,992,731	16,000,900
	Web Portals/Internet Service Providers – 15.8% Alphabet, Inc., Cl A* Alphabet, Inc., Cl C*	2,346,650 2,332,746 4,679,396	18,562,680 18,617,670 37,180,350
	Total common stocks	58,679,798	202,138,865
SHORT-TEI	RM INVESTMENTS – 13.9% (a)		
12,658,535	Money Market Fund – 5.4% First American Treasury Obligations Fund, Cl X, 0.030%^	12,658,535	12,658,535
\$20,000,000	U.S. Treasury Securities – 8.5% U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.017%, due 06/10/21† Total short-term investments Total investments – 99.9% Other assets, less liabilities – 0.1% (a) TOTAL NET ASSETS – 100.0%	19,999,222 32,657,757 \$91,337,555	19,999,358 32,657,893 234,796,758 313,186 \$235,109,944
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<sup>(</sup>a) Percentages for the various classifications relate to total net assets.

PLC - Public Limited Company

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>^</sup> The rate quoted is the annualized 7-day yield as of March 31, 2021.

<sup>†</sup> The rate shown is the effective yield as of March 31, 2021.

# Provident Trust Strategy Fund Statement of Assets and Liabilities March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

ASSETS:	
Investments in securities, at value (cost \$91,337,555)	\$234,796,758
Receivables from shareholders for purchases	505,463
Dividends & interest receivable	499
Prepaid expenses	20,760
Total assets	235,323,480
LIABILITIES:	
Payable to shareholders for redemptions	18,517
Payable to adviser for management fees	123,828
Payable to administration and accounting services	27,591
Payable to transfer agent	23,214
Payable to directors	4,475
Other liabilities	15,911
Total liabilities	213,536
Net assets	\$235,109,944
NET ASSETS:	
Capital Stock, \$0.01 par value; 300,000,000	
shares authorized; 12,001,537 shares outstanding	\$ 90,324,434
Total distributable earnings	144,785,510
Net assets	\$235,109,944
CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE:	
Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share	
$($235,109,944 \div 12,001,537 \text{ shares outstanding})$	\$ 19.59

# **Provident Trust Strategy Fund**

# **Statement of Operations**

For the Six Month Period Ending March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)

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Interest       11,278         Total investment income       1,466,964         EXPENSES:       728,582         Management fees       728,582         Transfer agent fees       121,483         Administration and accounting services       84,651         Professional fees       54,931         Registration fees       19,102         Custodian fees       10,226         Directors fees       8,975
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Directors fees 8,975
Printing and postage expense 6,148
Other expenses 45,048
Net expenses1,079,146
NET INVESTMENT INCOME 387,818
NET REALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS 1,332,421
NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS 42,301,267
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS 43,633,688
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS \$44,021,506

# For the Six Month Period Ending March 31, 2021 (Unaudited) and For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	2021	2020
OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 387,818	\$ 480,298
Net realized gain on investments	1,332,421	21,656,095
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	42,301,267	4,984,812
Net increase in net assets from operations	44,021,506	27,121,205
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:		
Total distributions	(19,810,866)	(8,198,307)
FUND SHARE ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from shares issued		
(623,226 and 2,979,908 shares, respectively)	11,647,093	47,593,896
Proceeds from shares issued in distributions reinvested		
(1,043,957 and 469,255 shares, respectively)	18,843,419	7,756,780
Cost of shares redeemed		
(1,842,474 and 2,701,898 shares, respectively)	(34,601,011)	(43,051,388)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from Fund share activities	(4,110,499)	12,299,288
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)	20,100,141	31,222,186
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	215,009,803	183,787,617
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	\$235,109,944	\$215,009,803

# Provident Trust Strategy Fund Financial Highlights

(Selected data for each share of the Fund outstanding throughout each period)

	For the Six Month Period Ending		Voore	Ended Septen	abor 30	
	March 31, 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:		2020	2017	2010	2017	2010
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$17.66	\$16.08	\$16.47	\$13.71	\$11.08	\$11.25
Income from investment operations:	φ17.00	φ10.00	φ10.17	φ13.71	φ11.00	Ψ11.23
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.01
Net realized and unrealized gains						
on investments	3.54	2.27	0.32	2.96	2.84	0.69
Total from investment operations	3.57	2.31	0.41	2.99	2.86	0.70
Less distributions:						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Distributions from net realized gains	(1.59)	(0.64)	(0.75)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.86)
Total from distributions	(1.64)	(0.73)	(0.80)	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.87)
Net asset value, end of period	\$19.59	\$17.66	\$16.08	\$16.47	\$13.71	\$11.08
TOTAL RETURN	21.01%(2)	14.67%	3.17%	21.98%	26.19%	6.25%
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:						
Net assets, end of period (in 000's \$)	235,110	215,010	183,788	180,055	137,737	113,804
Ratio of expenses to average net assets:						
Before expense reimbursement/recoupment <sup>(3)</sup>	$0.94\%^{(4)}$	0.96%	0.96%	0.96%	1.02%	1.05%
After expense reimbursement/recoupment <sup>(3)</sup>	$0.94\%^{(4)}$	0.96%	0.98%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets:						
Before expense reimbursement/recoupment <sup>(3)</sup>	0.34% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.25%	0.59%	0.26%	0.11%	0.05%
After expense reimbursement/recoupment(3)	0.34% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.25%	0.57%	0.22%	0.13%	0.10%
Portfolio turnover rate	$0\%^{(2)}$	14%	6%	2%	7%	4%

(Unaudited)

<sup>(1)</sup> Net investment income per share was calculated using average shares outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(3)</sup> Expenses waived or reimbursed reflect reductions to total expenses, whereas expenses recouped reflect increases to total expenses, as discussed in notes to the financial statements. These reimbursed amounts decrease the net investment loss ratio or increase the net investment income ratio, and recouped amounts increase the net investment loss ratio or decrease the net investment income ratio, as applicable.

<sup>(4)</sup> Annualized.

## (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies of Provident Mutual Funds, Inc. (the "Company"), which is registered as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, Financial Services – Investment Companies. The Company consists of one non-diversified fund – Provident Trust Strategy Fund (the "Fund"). The Company was incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin on May 23, 1986.

The investment objective of the Fund is long-term growth of capital.

(a) Each equity security is valued at the last sale price reported by the principal security exchange on which the issue is traded. Securities that are traded on the Nasdaq Markets are valued at the Nasdaq Official Closing Price, or if no sale is reported, the latest bid price. Securities which are traded over-the-counter, bonds and short-term U.S. Treasury Bills are valued using an evaluated bid from a pricing service. Money market funds are valued at net asset value per share. Securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined by the Fund's investment adviser under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The fair value of a security may differ from the Fund's last quoted price and the Fund may not be able to sell a security at the estimated fair value. Market quotations may not be available, for example, if trading in particular securities has halted during the day and not resumed prior to the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. As of March 31, 2021, there were no securities that were internally fair valued.

In determining fair value, the Fund uses various valuation approaches. Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by generally requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities.

The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices for similar securities or in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The following table summarizes the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2021, based on the inputs used to value them:

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities
Level 1 — Common Stocks	\$202,138,865
Money Market Fund	12,658,535
Total Level 1	214,797,400
Level 2 — U.S. Treasury Securities	19,999,358
Level 3 —	
Total	\$234,796,758

See the Schedule of Investments for investments detailed by industry classification.

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- (b) The Fund may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis. Although the payment and interest terms of these securities are established at the time the purchaser enters into the agreement, these securities may be delivered and paid for at a future date, generally within 45 days. The Fund records purchases of when-issued securities and reflects the value of such securities in determining net asset value in the same manner as other portfolio securities. For the six month period ending March 31, 2021, there were no such securities.
- (c) Net realized gains and losses on sales of securities are computed on the identified cost basis. For financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are recorded on the trade date.
- (d) Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund records the amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts, respectively on securities purchased using the effective interest method in accordance with GAAP.
- (e) The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.
- (f) No provision has been made for federal income taxes since the Fund has elected to be taxed as a "regulated investment company" and intends to distribute substantially all net investment company taxable income and net capital gains to shareholders and otherwise comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies.
- (g) The Fund has reviewed all open tax years and major jurisdictions, which include Federal and the state of Wisconsin, and concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits on uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the six month period ending March 31, 2021, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties. Open tax years are those that are open for exam by taxing authorities and, as of March 31, 2021, open federal tax years include tax years ended September 30, 2017 through 2020. The Fund has no examinations in progress and is also not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.
- (h) GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified for financial and tax reporting. These differences are caused primarily by the utilization of earnings and profits distributed to shareholders on redemption of shares as part of the dividends paid deduction. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets, results of operations or net asset value per share.
- (i) In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued. Management has determined that there were no subsequent events that would need to be disclosed in the Fund's financial statement disclosures.

## (2) Investment Adviser and Management Agreement and Transactions with Related Parties

The Company, on behalf of the Fund, entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with Provident Trust Company ("PTC"), with whom certain officers and a director of the Fund are affiliated, to serve as the investment adviser. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays 0.75% on the first \$30,000,000 of average daily net assets, 0.65% on average daily net assets in excess of \$30,000,000 and less than \$100,000,000 and 0.60% on average daily net assets over \$100,000,000. The Fund is responsible for paying a share of the compensation, benefits and expenses of its Chief Compliance Officer. For administrative convenience, PTC initially makes these payments and is later reimbursed by the Fund.

Pursuant to an expense cap/reimbursement agreement between PTC and the Company, PTC has agreed to waive a portion of its management fee and/or assume expenses for the Fund to the extent necessary to ensure that the Fund's total operating expenses, excluding taxes, interest, brokerage commissions and other costs relating to portfolio securities

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transactions (including the costs, fees and expenses associated with the Fund's investments in other investment companies) and other extraordinary expenses, do not exceed 1.00% of the Fund's average daily net assets on an annual basis. The expense cap/reimbursement agreement will continue in effect until January 31, 2022, with successive renewal terms of one year unless terminated by PTC or the Company prior to any such renewal. PTC is entitled to recoup such amounts from the Fund for a period of up to three years from the date PTC reduced its compensation and/or assumed expenses for the Fund. For the six month period ending March 31, 2021, no such expenses were waived and PTC has recouped all eligible amounts.

The Fund adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Plan provides that the Fund may charge a distribution and service fee not to exceed 0.25% (on an annualized basis) of the Fund's average daily net assets. Amounts payable under the Plan are paid monthly for any activities or expenses primarily intended to result in the sale of shares of the Fund. For the six month period ending March 31, 2021, no such expenses were charged to shareholders.

Under the Company's organizational documents, each director, officer, employee or other agent of the Company is indemnified, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Company. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Company, on behalf of the Fund, enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and believes the risk of loss to be remote.

As of March 31, 2021, PTC beneficially owned 16.55% of the outstanding shares of the Fund on behalf of its investment advisory clients. In addition, as of March 31, 2021, PTC's employees, as participants in the Provident Trust Company Retirement Plan (the "Retirement Plan"), beneficially owned 15.13% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. As a result, as of March 31, 2021, in its capacity as sponsor of the Retirement Plan and investment manager of advisory accounts, PTC beneficially owned, in the aggregate, 31.68% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

#### (3) Loan Agreement

U.S. Bank, N.A. has made available to the Fund an unsecured line of credit for \$23,000,000, pursuant to an amended Loan Agreement ("Agreement") effective January 24, 2021, for the purpose of having cash available to satisfy redemption requests. For the period October 1, 2020 through January 23, 2021, the line of credit available was \$19,000,000. Principal and interest on a loan under the Agreement is due not more than 20 days after the date of the loan. Amounts under the credit facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the current prime rate minus one percent on the amount borrowed (2.25% on March 31, 2021). The Agreement expires on January 23, 2022, however, it is renewable annually. For the six month period ending March 31, 2021, the Fund did not utilize the line of credit.

#### (4) Distributions to Shareholders

Net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are distributed to shareholders at least annually. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. On December 18, 2020, the Board of Directors declared a distribution of \$0.05437846 per share from net investment income, \$0.04549 per share from short-term capital gains, which will be treated as ordinary income, and \$1.54131 from long-term capital gains, payable December 18, 2020, to shareholders of record on December 17, 2020.

#### (5) Investment Transactions

For the six month period ending March 31, 2021, purchases and proceeds of sales of investment securities (excluding all short-term securities) were \$0 and \$2,869,293, respectively.

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# (6) Income Tax Information

The following information for the Fund is presented on an income tax basis as of September 30, 2020:

			Net	Distributable		
	Gross	Gross	Unrealized	Distributable	Long-Term	Total
Cost of	Unrealized	Unrealized	Appreciation	Ordinary	Capital	Distributable
Investments	Appreciation	Depreciation	on Investments	Income	Gains	Earnings
\$113,974,894	\$102,055,218	\$(897,282)	\$101.157.936	\$811.651	\$18,605,283	\$120,574,870

As of September 30, 2020, there were no differences between the cost of investments for financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

The tax components of dividends paid during the six month period ending March 31, 2021 (Unaudited) and the year ended September 30, 2020 are:

March 31, 202	21 (Unaudited)	<b>September 30, 2020</b>		
Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gains	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gains	
Distributions	Distributions	<b>Distributions</b>	Distributions	
\$1,205,525	\$18,605,341	\$977,295	\$7,221,012	

# Provident Trust Strategy Fund Additional Information (Unaudited) March 31, 2021

For a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, please call 1-855-739-9950 and request a Statement of Additional Information. One will be mailed to you free of charge. The Statement of Additional Information is also available on the Fund's website at http://www.provfunds.com or the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") at http://www.sec.gov. Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge by calling 1-855-739-9950, or on the Fund's website at http://www.provfunds.com, or the website of the Commission no later than August 31 for the prior 12 months ending June 30.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Forms N-PORT are available on the Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov. Schedules of portfolio holdings are also available at http://www.provfunds.com.



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