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#### LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

September 26, 2023

Dear Shareholder:

The Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III, Inc. (the "Fund") is pleased to present its Letter to Shareholders for the twelve-month period ending on August 31, 2023.

During the reporting period, the unemployment rate was mostly unchanged on a net basis, increasing slightly from 3.7% as of August 31, 2022, to 3.8% as of August 31, 2023. Job gains were robust and economic activity expanded at a moderate pace. Inflation eased as the Federal Open Market Committee (the "FOMC") continued increasing interest rates but has remained elevated reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's war against Ukraine, higher food and energy prices, and broader price pressures. Consumer price inflation, as measured by the 12-month percentage change in the price index for personal consumption expenditures, decreased from 6.5% as of August 31, 2022, to 3.5% as of August 31, 2023. Nonetheless, tighter credit conditions are likely to weigh on economic activity, hiring, and inflation going forward.

In support of returning inflation to 2% over time, the FOMC raised the target range for the federal funds rate during the reporting period by 3.00%, from 2.25%-2.50% as of August 2022 to 5.25%-5.50% as of August 2023. Furthermore, in determining the extent of additional policy firming that may be appropriate to return inflation to 2% over time, the FOMC will consider the cumulative tightening of its monetary policy. In addition, the FOMC will continue with its quantitative tightening by reducing its holdings of U.S. Treasury securities, U.S. agency debt, and agency mortgage-backed securities. As of August 31, 2023, pricing in the fed funds futures market anticipated that the effective federal funds rate would be mostly unchanged until the end of calendar year 2023. The U.S. Treasury yield curve inverted even further as the 2-year U.S. Treasury Note yield increased by 1.37% from 3.49% as of August 31, 2022, to 4.86% as of August 31, 2023, while the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note yield increased by 0.91% from 3.20% to 4.11% for the same period.

With elevated levels of inflation, a monetary policy tightening cycle, and the potential for shocks from geopolitical conflicts abroad, the economic outlook remains highly uncertain. Current market conditions present a challenging environment for the management of the Fund. Notwithstanding, Popular Asset Management LLC and UBS Asset Managers of Puerto Rico (the Fund's co-investment advisers) remain committed to seeking investment opportunities within the Fund's allowed parameters and providing professional asset management services to the Fund for the benefit of its shareholders.

Sincerely,

/s/ Enrique Vila del Corral Enrique Vila del Corral, CPA Chairman of the Board

This letter is intended to assist shareholders in understanding how the Fund performed during the 12-month period ended August 31, 2023. The views and opinions in the letter were current as of September 26, 2023. They are not guarantees of future performance or investment results and should not be taken as investment advice. Investment decisions reflect a variety of factors, and we reserve the right to change our views about individual securities, sectors, and markets at any time. As a result, the views expressed should not be relied upon as a forecast of the Fund's future investment intent. We encourage you to consult your financial advisor regarding your personal investment program.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### REGISTRATION UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth" or "Puerto Rico") and registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as of May 21, 2021. Prior thereto, the Fund was registered under the Puerto Rico Investment Companies Act of 1954, as amended.

On May 24, 2018, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 115-174) was signed into law and amended the 1940 Act to repeal the exemption from its registration of investment companies created under the laws of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or any other U.S. possession under Section 6(a)(1) thereof. The repeal of the exemption took effect on May 24, 2021. Upon the Fund's registration under the 1940 Act, it must now register its future offerings of securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), absent an available exception. The Fund has suspended its current offerings of securities pending its registration under the 1933 Act.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

The following table portrays performance for the period from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023:

	Twelve-Month Period
Based on market price	-9.73%
Based on NAV	-2.14%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Performance calculations do not reflect any deduction of taxes that a shareholder may have to pay on Fund distributions or any commissions payable on the sale of Fund shares.

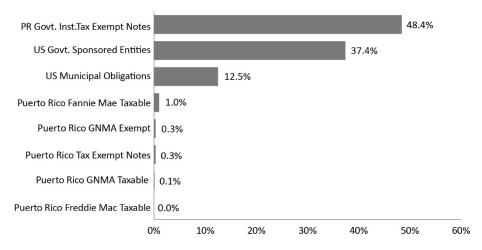
The following table provides summary data on the Fund's dividends, net asset value ("NAV") and market prices as of August 31, 2023:

Dividend yield based on market at twelve-month period	8.92%
Dividend yield based on NAV	4.14%
NAV as of August 31, 2023	\$3.06
Market Price as of August 31, 2023	\$1.42
Premium (discount) to NAV	(53.6%)

The Fund seeks to pay monthly dividends out of its net investment income. To allow the Fund to maintain a more stable monthly dividend, the Fund may pay dividends that are more or less than the amount of net income earned during the year. All monthly dividends paid by the Fund during the fiscal year were paid from net investment income. The basis of the distributions is the Fund's net investment income for tax purposes. See Note 10 to the Financial Statements for a reconciliation of book and taxable income.

Figure 1 below reflects the breakdown of the Fund's investment portfolio as of August 31, 2023. For details of the security categories below, please refer to the enclosed Schedule of Investments.

Figure 1. Asset allocation as of August 31, 2023



As of August 31, 2023, the largest Puerto Rico municipal bond holding in the portfolio remained the restructured Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") bonds received in an exchange in February 2019, pursuant to a plan of adjustment approved by the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico under Title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA). The restructured COFINA bond positions represent 48.4% of the Fund's total investment portfolio and are secured by 53.65% of the pledged sales and use tax base amount through 2058 (which amounts to \$420 million for fiscal year 2019 and an increase by 4% each year thereafter, capping out at \$992.5 million in fiscal year 2041). In general, COFINA bond prices were mostly unchanged, as represented by P.R. COFINA 5% 07/01/58, which increased by \$0.03 from \$96.76 as of August 31, 2022, to \$96.79 as of August 31, 2023, as per Bloomberg valuation. As of October 2022, the totality of the COFINA required transfers (\$491.6 million) related to the 2022-2023 debt service reserve for fiscal year end June 30, 2023, had already been transferred to the COFINA trustee. For fiscal year 2023-2024 the COFINA required transfers related to the debt service are \$511.2 million. Collections for fiscal year 2023-2024 started on July 1, 2023.

U.S. holdings in the Fund's investment portfolio, representing 49.9% of the total investment portfolio, consist primarily of U.S. government agency debentures and U.S. municipal bonds. On net, during the reporting period, both U.S. agency debentures and U.S. municipal bond prices decreased as yields increased across the curve due to continuing inflationary pressures and central bank hikes.

Furthermore, the Fund owns a position in mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") representing 1.4% of the total investment portfolio, which consist of pools of Puerto Rico mortgages issued and guaranteed by U.S. agencies. The balance of the pools decreased during the period from the repayment of the underlying mortgages.

The NAV of the Fund decreased \$0.20 during the reporting period, from \$3.26 at the beginning of the period to \$3.06 at period end. The Fund's indicated market price per share reflected a discount to NAV of 53.6% as of August 31, 2023, increasing from the 49.7% discount to NAV as of August 31, 2022.

#### FUND HOLDINGS SUMMARY

The following tables show the Fund's portfolio allocation using various metrics as of the end of the twelve-month reporting period. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself. The portfolio is actively managed, and holdings are subject to change.

Portfolio Composition (% of Total Portfolio)			
Sales and Use Tax (PR)	48.4%		
U.S. Agencies	37.4%		
U.S. Municipal Bonds	12.5%		
P.R. Tax Exempt Notes	0.3%		
Mortgage-Backed Securities	1.4%		
Total	100.0%		

Geographic Allocation (% of Total Portfolio)			
Puerto Rico	50.1%		
U.S.	49.9%		
Total	100.0%		

The following table shows the Fund's security portfolio ratings as of August 31, 2023. The ratings used are the highest rating given by one of the three nationally recognized rating agencies, Fitch Ratings (Fitch), Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), and S&P Global Ratings (S&P). Ratings are subject to change.

(% of Total Portfolio)

Rating	Percent
AAA	39.1%
AA	4.7%
Α	2.5%
BBB	5.3%
Below BBB	0.0%
Not Rated	48.4%
Total	100.0%

The Not-Rated category is comprised of restructured COFINA bonds issued in 2019. The restructured COFINA bonds were issued without a rating from any of the rating agencies, pending a determination of the Board of Directors of COFINA on the appropriate timing to apply for such rating. As of August 31, 2023, the COFINA Board had not applied for a rating.

This material is not intended to be a recommendation or investment advice, does not constitute a solicitation to buy, sell, or hold a security or an investment strategy and is not provided in a fiduciary capacity. The information provided does not take into account the specific objectives or circumstances of any particular investor or suggest any specific course of action. Investment decisions should be made based on an investor's objectives and circumstances and in consultation with his or her financial advisers. The views expressed herein are those of the portfolio manager

as of the date of this report. The Fund disclaims any obligation to update publicly the views expressed herein.

#### **FUND LEVERAGE**

#### THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF LEVERAGE

As its fundamental policy, the Fund may only issue senior securities, as defined in the 1940 Act ("Senior Securities"), representing indebtedness to the extent that immediately after their issuance, the value of its total assets, less all the Fund's liabilities and indebtedness that are not represented by Senior Securities being issued or already outstanding, is equal to or greater than the total of 300% of the aggregate par value of all outstanding indebtedness issued by the Fund. The Fund may only issue Senior Securities representing preferred stock to the extent that immediately after any such issuance, the value of its total assets, less all the Fund's liabilities and indebtedness that are not represented by Senior Securities being issued or already outstanding, is equal to or greater than the total of 200% of the aggregate par value of all outstanding preferred stock (not including any accumulated dividends or other distributions attributable to such preferred stock) issued by the Fund. This asset coverage requirement must also be met any time the Fund pays a dividend or makes any other distribution on its issued and outstanding shares of common stock or any shares of its preferred stock (other than a dividend or other distribution payable in additional shares of common stock) as well as any time the Fund repurchases any shares of common stock, in each case after giving effect to such repurchase of shares of common stock or issuance of preferred stock, debt securities, or other forms of leverage in order to maintain asset coverage at the required 200% level. To the extent necessary, the Fund may purchase or redeem preferred stock, debt securities, or other forms of leverage in order to maintain asset coverage at the required 200% level. In such instances, the Fund will redeem Senior Securities, as needed, to maintain such asset coverage.

Subject to the above percentage limitations, the Fund may also engage in certain additional borrowings from banks or other financial institutions through reverse repurchase agreements. In addition, the Fund may also borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, in an amount of up to an additional 5% of its total assets.

Leverage can produce additional income when the income derived from investments financed with borrowed funds exceeds the cost of such borrowed funds. In such an event, the Fund's net income will be greater than it would be without leverage. On the other hand, if the income derived from securities purchased with borrowed funds is not sufficient to cover the cost of such funds, the Fund's net income will be less than it would be without leverage.

To obtain leverage, the Fund enters into collateralized reverse repurchase agreements with major institutions in the U.S. and/or issues Tax Exempt Secured Obligations ("TSO") in the local market. Both are accounted for as collateralized borrowings in the financial statements. Typically, the Fund borrows for approximately 30-90 days at a variable borrowing rate based on short-term rates. The TSO program was suspended in May 2021, pending registration under the 1933 Act.

As of August 31, 2023, the Fund had the following leverage outstanding:

Reverse Repurchase Agreements	\$10,476,000
Leverage Ratio <sup>1</sup>	23.6%

Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for details of the securities pledged as collateral and to Note 6 to the Financial Statements for further details on outstanding leverage during the year.

Asset Leverage ratio: The sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding TSOs plus (ii) the aggregate principal amount of other borrowings by the Fund, including borrowings resulting from the issuance of any other series and other forms of leverage, and from the compliance date of Rule 18f-4 going forward, including borrowings in the form of reverse repurchase agreements, divided by the fair market value of the assets of the Fund on any given day.

Principal Amount/Do	escription	Rate	Maturity	Fair Value
Government Bond				
	onsored Entities (48.81%)			
\$ 12,480,000	Federal Home Loan Bank <sup>(a)</sup>	5.500%	07/15/36	\$ 13,727,818
	Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding			
610,000	Corp. <sup>(a)</sup>	5.700%	10/25/27	637,162
303,000	Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp.	6.180%	11/06/28	326,643
1,548,000	Fannie Mae Note <sup>(a)</sup>	6.625%	11/15/30	1,762,081
			=	16,453,704
<b>-</b>				
Total Government (Cost \$16,596,320)				16,453,704
(0031 \$10,550,520)			-	10,433,704
Municipal Bonds (7 California (6.20%)	79.80%)			
	State of California, General Obligation			
1,700,000	Unlimited Bonds, 2021 Series B(b)	7.625%	03/01/40	2,089,293
III::- (40 440/)				
Illinois (10.14%)	State of Illinois Company Obligation			
4 400 000	State of Illinois, General Obligation	F 2500/	04 /04 /05	4 002 044
1,100,000	Unlimited Bonds, 2012 Series B <sup>(b)</sup>	5.250%	01/01/25	1,092,844
2 522 222	State of Illinois, General Obligation	<b>- </b>	04/04/40	2 225 5 42
2,680,000	Unlimited Bonds, 2012 Series B <sup>(b)</sup>	5.432%	01/01/42	2,325,549 3,418,393
Puerto Rico Govern	nment Instrumentalities Tax Exempt Notes	(63 14%)	=	3,410,393
ruerto Nico doveri	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.	(03.14/0)		
710 000	Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured Series A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4 5000/	07/01/24	700 104
710,000		4.500%	07/01/34	708,184
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.			
250,000	Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured	4.5500/	07/04/40	250.400
360,000	Series A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4.550%	07/01/40	350,109
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.			
	Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured		/ /	
8,058,000	Series A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	5.000%	07/01/58	7,799,383
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.			
	Sales Tax Revenue, Capital			
	Appreciation Restructured Series			
7,574,000	A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)(d)</sup>	0.000%	07/01/46	2,100,105
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.			
	Sales Tax Revenue, Capital			
	Appreciation Restructured Series			
7,332,000	A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)(d)</sup>	0.000%	07/01/51	1,506,268
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.			
	Sales Tax Revenue, Capital			
	Appreciation Restructured Series			
2,640,000	A-1, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4.750%	07/01/53	2,468,346
See Notes to Financia	al Statements.			
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Pi	rincipal Amount/[	Description	Rate	Maturity		Fair Value	
_	Puerto Rico Government Instrumentalities Tax Exempt Notes (63.14%) (continued)						
-		Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.	(001=170)	(00			
		Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured					
\$	3,654,000	Series A-2, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4.329%	07/01/40	\$	3,460,724	
Y	3,03 1,000	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.	1.32370	07/01/10	Ψ	3,100,721	
		Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured					
	110,000	Series A-2, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4.536%	07/01/53		99,280	
	110,000	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp.		0.,02,00		33,230	
		Sales Tax Revenue, Restructured					
	2,984,000	Series A-2, Revenue Bonds <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	4.784%	07/01/58		2,789,712	
	2,50 .,000	56.1657. <u>2</u> , 1.676.146		0.,02,00_		21,282,111	
P	uerto Rico Tax Ex	xempt Notes (0.32%)(e)		=			
-		Community Endowment, Inc -					
	1,868	collateralized by FN536024	8.500%	05/01/30		1,865	
	2,000	Community Endowment, Inc -	0.00070	00,02,00		2,000	
	2,972	collateralized by FN536042	8.000%	09/01/30		3,061	
	_,-,-	Community Endowment, Inc -		,,		-,	
	25,548	collateralized by GN449355	7.500%	09/15/27		25,515	
	20,0 .0	Community Endowment, Inc -	7.00070	03, 13, 1		20,010	
	5,774	collateralized by GN470920	7.000%	04/15/28		5,784	
	3,7.7.	Community Endowment, Inc -	7.00070	0 ., 10, 10		3,7.0.	
	18,119	collateralized by GN514582	7.000%	08/15/29		17,929	
	10,110	Community Endowment, Inc -	7.00070	00, 10, 10		1,,525	
	22,157	collateralized by GN514585	7.000%	08/15/29		21,916	
	,,	Community Endowment, Inc -	7.00070	00, 10, 10		,5	
	30,469	collateralized by GN515390	7.500%	04/15/30		30,507	
	33, 133	3, 21,32333	7.00070	0 ., 10,00_		106,577	
To	otal Municipal B	onds		_			
	ost \$27,746,200					26,896,374	
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N	lortgage-Backed	Securities (1.82%)					
P	uerto Rico GNM	A Bonds <sup>(f)</sup> (0.46%)					
	100,000	GNMA Serial Pool 556254	6.500%	08/15/31		102,352	
	13,955	GNMA Pool 494909	7.000%	12/15/28		13,947	
	2,664	GNMA Pool 548495	7.000%	05/15/31		2,631	
	6,620	GNMA Pool 402480	7.500%	11/15/24		6,608	
	12,593	GNMA Pool 406027	7.500%	12/15/24		12,574	
	12,960	GNMA Pool 406058	7.500%	01/15/25		12,941	
	4,360	GNMA Pool 531461	8.000%	05/15/30		4,353	
				-		155,406	
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М		ie Mac Bonds <sup>(g)</sup> (0.01%) FGLMC Pool C18249	7 0000/	11/01/20		2 400	
	3,469	FULIVIC POOI C18249	7.000%	11/01/28		3,488	

Principal Amount/Description			Rate	Maturity	Fair Value
Pue	erto Rico Far	nnie Mae Bonds <sup>(h)</sup> (1.35%)			
\$	293,406	FNMA Pool 849999	5.000%	01/01/36	\$ 293,206
	1,778	FNMA Pool 580540	6.000%	06/01/31	1,782
	17,979	FNMA Pool 627603	6.500%	11/01/31	18,302
	19,627	FNMA Pool 626656	6.500%	03/01/32	20,059
	4,226	FNMA Pool 504108	7.000%	06/01/29	4,198
	8,631	FNMA Pool 368033	7.500%	12/01/26	8,663
	24,826	FNMA Pool 504109	7.500%	05/01/29	24,735
	46,748	FNMA Pool 504117	7.500%	05/01/29	47,059
	29,564	FNMA Pool 523140	7.500%	04/01/30	29,950
	6,176	FNMA Pool 536049	7.500%	10/01/30	6,155
				_	454,109
				_	
Tot	al Mortgage	-Backed Securities			
(Co	st \$610,839	)			613,003
				_	
Tot	al Investme	nts (130.43%)			
(Co	st \$44,953,3	359)		\$	43,963,081
Lial	bilities in Exc	cess of Other Assets (-30.43%)			(10,256,720)
NE	Γ ASSETS (10	0.00%)		\$	33,706,361

<sup>(</sup>a) A portion or all of the security has been pledged as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements.

(b) Security may be called before its maturity date.

(d) Issued with a zero coupon. Income is recognized through the accretion of discount.

- (e) Community Endowment These obligations are collateralized by morigage-backed securities and the only source of repayment is the collateral. They are subject to principal paydowns as a result of prepayments or refinancing of the underlying mortgage instruments. As a result, the average life may be substantially less than the original maturity.
- Puerto Rico GNMA Represents mortgage-backed obligations guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association. They are subject to principal paydowns as a result of prepayments or refinancing of the underlying mortgage instruments. As a result, the average life may be substantially less than the original maturity.
- (g) Puerto Rico Freddie Mac Represents mortgage-backed obligations guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. They are subject to principal paydowns as a result of prepayments or refinancing of the underlying mortgage instruments. As a result, the average life may be substantially less than the original maturity.
- (h) Puerto Rico Fannie Mae Taxable Represents mortgage-backed obligations guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association. They are subject to principal paydowns as a result of prepayments or refinancing of the underlying mortgage instruments. As a result, the average life may be substantially less than the original maturity.

<sup>(</sup>c) Revenue Bonds - issued by agencies and payable from revenues and other sources of income of the agency as specified in the applicable prospectus. These obligations are not an obligation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

### **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

Counterparty	Interest Rate	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	Amount	
South Street					
Securities	5.75%	08/29/2023	09/12/2023	\$ 968,000	
Goldman Sachs	5.61%	08/10/2023	09/07/2023	2,384,000	
JP Morgan	5.53%	08/08/2023	09/05/2023	7,124,000	
				\$ 10,476,000	

All agreements can be terminated by either party on demand at value plus accrued interest.

#### ASSETS:

Investments in securities:		
Securities pledged as collateral under reverse repurchase agreements,	at	
fair value (cost \$11,172,990)	\$	11,081,502
Other securities, at fair value (cost \$33,780,369)		32,881,579
	\$	43,963,081
Cash and cash equivalents		67,625
Interest receivable		389,652
Prepaid and other assets		45,877
Total Assets		44,466,235
LIABILITIES:		
Reverse repurchase agreements (cost \$10,476,000)		10,476,000
Interest payable		34,901
Dividends payable		91,717
Payable to Advisers		10,922
Payable to fund accounting and administration		17,313
Payable to Transfer agency		4,969
Payable to Directors		6,836
Payable for Compliance fees		735
Payable for Custodian fees		647
Payable for Audit fees		76,052
Other payables		39,782
Total Liabilities		10,759,874
Net Assets	\$	33,706,361
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:		
Paid-in capital \$0.01 par value, 98,000,000 shares authorized 11,010,448		
issued and outstanding	\$	129,155,866
Accumulated deficit		(95,449,505)
Net Assets	\$	33,706,361
PRICING OF SHARES:		
	\$	22 700 201
Net Assets Shares of common stack outstanding (08,000,000 of shares authorized at	Ş	33,706,361
Shares of common stock outstanding (98,000,000 of shares authorized, at \$0.01 par value per share)		11,010,448
Net asset value per share	\$	3.06
rec asset value per share	7	3.00

For the year ended August 31, 2023

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Interest	\$ 2,195,906
Other Income	11,682
Total Investment Income	2,207,588
EXPENSES:	
Investment Advisers fee	334,699
Accounting and Administration fees	90,973
Compliance expense	7,413
Transfer agent expenses	11,968
Interest expense	508,277
Audit expenses	67,304
Legal expenses	97,227
Custodian fees	8,692
Director expenses	29,925
Printing expenses	62,889
Insurance fee	77,980
Other expenses	17,448
Total expenses before voluntary waiver	1,314,795
Less fees voluntarily waived by Investment Advisers	(223,133)
Total Expenses	1,091,662
Net Investment Income	1,115,926
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS):	
Net realized gain on:	
Investments	239
Net realized gain	239
Net change in unrealized depreciation on:	
Investments	(1,878,964)
Net change in unrealized depreciation	 (1,878,964)

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**Net Realized and Unrealized Loss on Investments** 

Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations

(1,878,725)

(762,799)

	For the Year Ended August 31, 2023			For the Year Ended August 31, 2022		
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM						
OPERATIONS:						
Net investment income	\$	1,115,926	\$	1,652,352		
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments		239		(9,124,725)		
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)		(1,878,964)		(356,741)		
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations		(762,799)		(7,829,114)		
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:						
Dividends		(1,394,018)		(1,594,444)		
Net decrease in net assets from dividends		(1,394,018)		(1,594,444)		
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:						
Reinvestment of dividends		29,058		31,719		
Net increase in net assets from capital share						
transactions		29,058		31,719		
Net Decrease in Net Assets		(2,127,759)		(9,391,839)		
NET ASSETS:						
Beginning of year		35,834,120		45,225,959		
End of year	\$	33,706,361	\$	35,834,120		

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Interest receivable

Deferred offering costs

For the year ended August 31, 2023

4.043

10,250

Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (762,799)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets from operations to net	
cash provided by operating activities:	
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	525,545
Amortization of premium and accretion of discount on investments, net	(82,738)
Net realized gain on:	
Investments	(239)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on:	
Investments	1,878,964
(Increase)/Decrease in assets:	
Plan of Adjustment receivable	245,502

Prepaid and other assets (45,877)Increase/(Decrease) in liabilities:

Payable for interest expense 18,326 Payable to Advisers 691 Payable to fund accounting and administration fees (13,973)Pavable to Transfer agency (7,032)

Pavable to Directors 2.902 Payable for Compliance fees (275)Payable for Custodian fees (6,348)

Payable for Audit fees (1,150)Other payables

(10,717)Net cash provided by operating activities 1,755,075

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements \$ (144,826,861) Securities sold under reverse repurchase agreements 144,335,861 Cash distributions paid to common shareholders - net of distributions reinvested (1,406,134)Net cash used in financing activities (1,897,134)

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents \$ (142,059)Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year \$ 209.684 Cash and cash equivalents, end of year 67,625

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the year for interest expense on reverse repurchase

agreements \$ 489.951 NON-CASH ACTIVITIES:

Reinvestment of dividends Ś 29,058

See Notes to Financial Statements.

For a share outstanding during the periods presented

	For the Year Ended August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022	For the Year Ended August 31, 2021
Net asset value - beginning of year	\$ 3.26	\$ 4.11	\$ 3.98
Income/(loss) from investment operations:			
Net investment income <sup>(a)</sup>	0.10	0.15	0.14
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	(0.17)	(0.86)	0.14
Total income/(loss) from investment operations	(0.07)	(0.71)	0.28
Less distributions:			
Dividends from net investment income	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.15)
Total distributions	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.15)
Net increase/(decrease) in net asset value	(0.20)	(0.85)	0.13
Net asset value - end of year	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.26	\$ 4.11
Market value per share - end of year(b)	\$ 1.42	\$ 1.64	\$ 2.70
Total Return - Net Asset Value <sup>(c)</sup> Total Return - Market Price <sup>(d)</sup> Supplemental Data:	(2.14%) (9.73%)	(17.48%) (36.81%)	8.68% 12.32%
Net assets, end of year (in thousands)	\$ 33,706	\$ 35,834	\$ 45,226
Ratios to Average Net Assets <sup>(e)</sup>			
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets <sup>(f)</sup>	3.89%	2.02%	2.22%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets(f)(g)	3.23%	1.37%	1.44%
Ratio of gross operating expenses to average ne assets <sup>(h)</sup>	t 2.38%	1.83%	2.16%
Interest and leverage related expenses to			
average net assets	1.51%	0.19%	0.06%
Ratio of net investment income to average net			
assets <sup>(g)</sup>	3.31%	4.05%	3.38%
Portfolio turnover rate	0%	0%	0%

<sup>(</sup>a) Based on weekly average outstanding common shares of 11,006,092 for the year ended August 31, 2023, 10,996,434, for the year ended August 31, 2022 and 10,990,293 for the year ended August 31, 2021.

<sup>(</sup>b) End of year market values are provided by UBS Financial Services Inc., a dealer of the Fund's shares and an affiliated party. The market values shown may reflect limited trading in shares of the Fund in an over-the-counter market.

<sup>(</sup>c) Dividends are assumed to be reinvested at the per share net asset value as defined in the dividend reinvestment plan.

<sup>(</sup>d) The return is calculated based on market values provided by UBS Financial Services Inc., a dealer of the Fund's shares and an affiliated party.

<sup>(</sup>e) Based on average net assets attributable to common shares of \$33,747,758 for the year ended August 31, 2023, \$40,778,139 for the year ended August 31, 2022, and \$44,327,775 for the year ended August 31, 2021.

<sup>(</sup>f) Expenses include both operating and interest and leverage related expenses.

For a share outstanding during the periods presented

- (g) The effect of the expenses voluntarily waived for the year ended August 31, 2023, year ended August 31, 2022, and year ended August 31, 2021, was to decrease the expense ratio, thus increasing the net investment income ratio to average net assets applicable to common shareholders by 0.67%, 0.65%, and 0.70%, respectively.
- (h) Operating expenses represent total expenses excluding interest and leverage related expenses.

#### NOTE 1. REPORTING ENTITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III, Inc. (the "Fund") is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The Fund is a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth" or "Puerto Rico") and is registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. The Fund was incorporated on July 31, 1995, and commenced operations on September 29, 1995. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income that, for Puerto Rico residents, is exempt from Federal and Puerto Rico income taxes, consistent with the preservation of capital. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

On May 24, 2018, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 115-174) was signed into law and amended the 1940 Act to repeal the exemption from its registration of investment companies created under the laws of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or any other U.S. possession under Section 6(a)(1) thereof. The repeal of the exemption took effect on May 24, 2021. Upon its registration under the 1940 Act, the Fund must now register its future offering of securities under the 1933 Act, absent an available exception. The Fund has suspended its current offering of securities pending its registration under the 1933 Act.

The Fund is an investment company that applies the accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, Financial Services – Investment Companies (ASC 946). The financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), which requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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 those estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements:

- (a) Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and funds invested in short-term investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. At August 31, 2023, cash and cash equivalents consisted of a time deposit open account amounting to \$67,625 with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
- (b) Valuation of Investments Investments included in the Fund's financial statements have been stated at fair values as determined by the Fund, with the assistance of Popular Asset Management LLC, a subsidiary of Popular, Inc., and UBS Asset Managers of Puerto Rico, a division of UBS Trust Company of Puerto Rico (each an "Investment Adviser" and collectively the "Investment Advisers") (Refer to Note 3 for details on the investment advisory agreements), on the basis of valuations provided by dealers or by pricing services, which are approved by Fund management and the Board of Directors (the "Board") in accordance with the valuation methods set forth in the governing documents and related policies and procedures. See Note 2 for further discussions regarding fair value disclosures.
- (c) Taxation The Fund has elected to be treated as a registered investment company under the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011, as amended, and the regulations and administrative pronouncements promulgated thereunder. As a registered investment

company under the 1940 Act, the Fund will not be subject to Puerto Rico income tax for any taxable year if it distributes at least 90% of its taxable net investment income for such year, as determined for these purposes pursuant to the provisions of section 1112.01(a)(2) of the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011, as amended. Accordingly, as the Fund intends to meet this distribution requirement, the income earned by the Fund is not subject to Puerto Rico income tax at the Fund level. The Fund has never been subject to taxation.

In addition, the fixed income and equity investments of the Fund are exempt from Puerto Rico personal property taxes. The Fund does not intend to qualify as a Regulated Investment Company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and consequently an investor that is not (i) an individual who has his or her principal residence in Puerto Rico, or (ii) a person, other than an individual, that has its principal office and principal place of business in Puerto Rico will not receive the tax benefits of an investment in typical U.S. mutual funds (such as RIC tax treatment, i.e., availability of pass-through tax status for non-Puerto Rico residents) and may have adverse tax consequences for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Fund is exempt from United States income taxes, except for dividends received from United States sources, which are subject to a 10% United States withholding tax if certain requirements are met. In the opinion of the Fund's legal counsel, the Fund is not required to file a U.S. federal income tax return.

Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740, Income Taxes (ASC 740) requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax return to determine whether the tax positions are "more likely than not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the "more likely than not" threshold are recorded as a tax expense in the current year. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on its Puerto Rico income tax returns for all open tax years (the current and prior three tax years) and has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions. On an ongoing basis, management will monitor the Fund's tax position to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expenses in the Statement of Operations. During the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

- (d) Statement of Cash Flows The Fund invests in securities and distributes dividends from net investment income, which are paid in cash or are reinvested at the discretion of common shareholders. These activities are reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. Additional information on cash receipts and payments is presented in the Statement of Cash Flows.
  - Accounting practices that do not affect the reporting of activities on a cash basis include carrying investments at fair value and amortizing premiums or discounts on debt obligations.
- (e) Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders Dividends from substantially all of the Fund's net investment income are declared and paid monthly. The Fund may at times pay out more or less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular period and may at times pay out such accumulated undistributed income earned in other periods in order to permit the Fund a more stable level of distribution. The Fund records dividends to its shareholders on the ex-dividend date. The Fund does not expect to make distributions of net realized capital gains, although the Fund's Board reserves the right to do so in its sole discretion.

- (f) Reverse Repurchase Agreements - Under these agreements, the Fund sells portfolio securities, receives cash in exchange, and agrees to repurchase the securities at a mutually agreed upon date and price. Ordinarily, those counterparties with which the Fund enters into these agreements require delivery of collateral, nevertheless, the Fund retains ownership of the collateral through the agreement that requires the repurchase and return of such collateral. These transactions are treated as financings and recorded as liabilities. Therefore, no gain or loss is recognized on the transaction and the securities pledged as collateral remain recorded as assets of the Fund. The Fund enters into reverse repurchase agreements that do not have third-party custodians, with the collateral delivered directly to the counterparty. Pursuant to the terms of the standard SIFMA Master Repurchase Agreement, the counterparty is free to repledge or rehypothecate the collateral, provided it is delivered to the Fund upon maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement. This arrangement allows the Fund to receive better interest rates and pricing on the reverse repurchase agreements. While the Fund cannot monitor the rehypothecation of collateral, it does monitor the market value of the collateral versus the repurchase amount, that the income from the collateral is paid to the Fund on a timely basis, and that the collateral is returned at the end of the reverse repurchase agreement. These agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities purchased with the proceeds from the sale of securities received by the Fund may decline below the price of the securities that the Fund is obligated to repurchase and that the value of the collateral posted by the Fund increases in value and the counterparty does not return it. Because the Fund borrows under reverse repurchase agreements based on the estimated fair value of the pledged assets, the Fund's ongoing ability to borrow under its repurchase facilities may be limited, and its lenders may initiate margin calls in the event of adverse changes in the market. A decrease in market value of the pledged assets may require the Fund to post additional collateral or otherwise sell assets at a time when it may not be in the best interest of the Fund to do so (See Note 6).
- (g) Short and Medium-term Notes The Fund has a short and medium-term notes payable program as a funding vehicle to increase the amount available for investment. The short and medium-term notes are issued from time to time in denominations of at least \$1,000 and maturing in periods of up to 270 days and over 270 days, respectively. The notes are collateralized by the pledge of certain securities of the Fund. The pledged securities are held by JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. (the Custodian), as collateral agent, for the benefit of the holders of the notes. Selling fees related to the issuance of medium-term notes are amortized throughout the term of the note or until its first call date. There were no short-term or medium-term notes outstanding for the reporting year ended August 31, 2023.
- (h) Paydowns Realized gains and losses on mortgage-backed securities paydowns are recorded as an adjustment to interest income as required by GAAP. For purpose of dividend distributions, net investment income excludes the effect of mortgage-backed securities paydowns gains and losses. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund decreased interest income in the amount of \$217 related to net realized loss on mortgage-backed securities paydowns (See Note 10).
- (i) Restructuring Expenses Legal expenses incurred by the Fund related to Puerto Rico bond restructurings have been accounted for as a realized loss.

(j) Other – Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined based on the identified cost method. Premiums and discounts on securities purchased are amortized over the life or the expected life of the respective securities using the effective interest method. Interest income on preferred equity securities is accrued daily except when collection is not expected. Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

#### **NOTE 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Under GAAP, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels in order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and disclosures. The classification of assets and liabilities within the hierarchy is based on whether the inputs to the valuation methodology used for the fair value measurement are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's estimates about assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the reliability of inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. Valuation on these instruments does not need a significant degree of judgment since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily available in an active market.
- Level 2 Quoted prices other than those included in Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or that can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- **Level 3** Unobservable inputs are significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions about assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The Fund maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the observable inputs be used when available. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Fair value is based upon quoted market prices when available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, the Fund employs internally developed models that primarily use market-based inputs including yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, and credit curves, among others. Valuation

adjustments are limited to those necessary to ensure that the financial instrument's fair value is adequately representative of the price that would be received or paid in the marketplace. These adjustments include amounts that reflect counterparty credit quality, constraints on liquidity, and unobservable parameters that are applied consistently.

The estimated fair value may be subjective in nature and may involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment for certain financial instruments. Changes in the underlying assumptions used in calculating fair value could significantly affect the results. In addition, the fair value estimates are based on outstanding balances without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business. Therefore, the estimated fair value may materially differ from the value that could actually be realized on a sale. The Fund monitors the portfolio securities to ensure they are in the correct hierarchy level.

The Board has delegated to the Valuation Committee, comprised of voting members of the Investment Advisers, certain procedures and functions related to the valuation of portfolio securities for the purpose of determining the NAV of the Fund. The Valuation Committee is generally responsible for determining the fair value of the following types of portfolio securities:

- Portfolio instruments for which no price or value is available at the time the Fund's NAV is calculated on a particular day;
- Portfolio instruments for which the prices or values available do not, in the judgment of the Investment Advisers, represent the fair value of the portfolio instruments;
- A price of a portfolio instrument that has not changed for four consecutive weekly pricing periods, except for Puerto Rico taxable securities and U.S. portfolio instruments;
- Puerto Rico taxable securities and the U.S. portfolio instruments whose value has not changed from the previous weekly pricing period.

Following is a description of the Fund's valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value:

**Mortgage and other asset-backed securities:** Certain agency mortgage and other assets-backed securities ("MBS") are priced based on a bond's theoretical value derived from the prices of similar bonds; "similar" being defined by credit quality and market sector. Their fair value incorporates an option adjusted spread. The agency MBS and GNMA Puerto Rico Serials are classified as Level 2.

**Obligations of Puerto Rico and political subdivisions:** Obligations of Puerto Rico and political subdivisions are segregated, and the like characteristics divided into specific sectors. Market inputs used in the evaluation process include all or some of the following: trades, bid price or spread, quotes, benchmark curves including but not limited to Treasury benchmarks, LIBOR and swap curves and discount and capital rates. These bonds are classified as Level 2.

**Puerto Rico Tax Exempt Notes:** Prices for these securities are obtained from broker quotes. These securities trade in over-the-counter markets. Quoted prices are based on recent trading activity for similar instruments and do not trade in highly liquid markets. Community endowments are generally classified as Level 2 and the pricing is based on their collateral.

Obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities, and State and Municipal Obligations: The fair value of obligations of U.S. government sponsored entities, and state and municipal

obligations is obtained from third-party pricing service providers that use a pricing methodology based on an active exchange market and based on quoted market prices for similar securities. These securities are classified as Level 2. U.S. agency structured notes are priced based on a bond's theoretical value from similar bonds defined by credit quality and market sector, and for which the fair value incorporates an option adjusted spread in deriving their fair value. These securities are classified as Level 2.

The following is a summary of the levels within the fair value hierarchy in which the Fund invests based on inputs used to determine the fair value of such securities:

		Level 1 -	Ot	Level 2 - ther Significan Observable	Level 3 - Significant nobservable	
Investments in Securities at Value*	Qı	uoted Prices		Inputs	Inputs	Total
Government Bonds	\$	_	\$	16,453,704	\$ - \$	16,453,704
Municipal Bonds		_		26,896,374	_	26,896,374
Mortgage-Backed Securities		_		613,003	_	613,003
Total	\$	-	\$	43,963,081	\$ - \$	43,963,081

There were no purchases, sales, or transfers into or out of Level 3 securities during the year ended August 31, 2023.

Temporary cash investments, if any, are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. As of fiscal year-end there were no temporary cash investments.

## NOTE 3. INVESTMENT ADVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE, CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Pursuant to separate Investment Advisory Agreements with each of the Investment Advisers, the Fund receives advisory services in exchange for a fee. The investment advisory fee is calculated at an annual rate of 0.75% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, including the liquidation value of all outstanding debt securities of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Advisory Agreements. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the gross investment advisory fees amounted to \$334,699. Total voluntarily waived fees amounted to \$223,133 for a net fee of \$111,566, of which \$10,922 remains payable at year end. There will be no recoupment of these voluntarily waived fees.

ALPS Fund Services, Inc ("ALPS") and Banco Popular de Puerto Rico have been retained to serve as the Fund's Administrator and Transfer Agent, respectively. Together with certain affiliated entities they provide various administration, fund accounting, investor accounting and transfer agency services to the Fund. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the administrative fees payable to ALPS amounted to \$90,973, of which \$17,313 remains payable at year end. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the transfer agent fees payable to Banco Popular de Puerto Rico amounted to \$11,968 with \$4,969 being payable at year end.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. has been retained to provide custody services to the Fund. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the custody fee amounted to \$8,692.

Certain officers and directors of the Fund are also officers and directors of the Investment Advisers and/or their affiliates. The six independent directors of the Fund's Board are paid based upon an agreed fee of \$1,000 per meeting. Three of the independent directors of the Fund also serve on the Fund's Audit Committee and are paid based upon an agreed fee of \$1,000 per committee meeting.

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the compensation expense for the six independent directors of the Fund was \$29,925, of which \$6,836 remains payable at year end.

Prior to May 21, 2021, the Fund was not registered under the 1940 Act, and therefore was not subject to the restrictions contained therein regarding, among other things, transactions between the Fund, Banco Popular or UBS Financial Services Inc. ("UBS Puerto Rico"), or their affiliates ("Affiliated Transactions"). In that regard, the Board had adopted a set of Procedures for Affiliated Transactions ("Procedures") in an effort to address potential conflicts of interest that could arise prior to registration under the 1940 Act. See Note 13 for further information on recent events. The Fund did not incur in related party transactions.

#### NOTE 4. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Capital share transactions for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2023, and August 31, 2022, were as follows:

	For the Year Ended August 31, 2023	For the Year Ended August 31, 2022
Common shares outstanding - beginning of year	11,000,924	10,992,424
Common shares issued as reinvestment of dividends	9,524	8,500
Common shares outstanding - end of year	11,010,448	11,000,924

#### **NOTE 5. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS**

The cost of securities purchased for the year ended August 31, 2023, was \$0 and proceeds from sales, maturities/calls and paydowns of portfolio securities, excluding short-term transactions, for the year ended August 31, 2023, were \$525,545. Reverse repurchase agreements purchased for the year ended August 31, 2023, were \$144,335,861.

#### **NOTE 6. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

The Fund enters into reverse repurchase agreements that do not have third-party custodians, with the collateral delivered directly to the counterparty. Pursuant to the terms of the standard SIFMA Master Repurchase Agreement, the counterparty is free to repledge or rehypothecate the collateral, provided it is delivered to the Fund upon maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement. This arrangement allows the Fund to receive better interest rates and pricing on the reverse repurchase agreements. While the Fund cannot monitor the rehypothecation of collateral, it does monitor the market value of the collateral versus the repurchase amount, that the income from the collateral is

paid to the Fund on a timely basis, and that the collateral is returned at the end of the reverse repurchase agreement.

Weighted average interest rate at end of the year	5.57%
Maximum aggregate balance outstanding at any time during the year	\$18,389,000
Average balance outstanding during the year	\$10,936,548
Average interest rate during the year	4.65%

At August 31, 2023, interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements ranged from 5.53% to 5.75% with maturities up to September 12, 2023. Some of the outstanding agreements to repurchase as of August 31, 2023, may be called by the counterparty before their maturity date.

At August 31, 2023, investment securities with fair values amounting to \$11,081,502 are pledged as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements. Interest payable on reverse repurchase agreements amounted to \$34,901 at August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023, the total value of reverse repurchase agreements were as follows:

Counterparty	Amount	%_
Unaffiliated	\$10,476,000	100%
Total	\$10,476,000	100%

#### NOTE 7. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair market value of short-term financial instruments, which include \$10,476,000 reverse repurchase agreements, are substantially the same as the carrying amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as these are reasonable estimates of fair value, given the relatively short period of time between origination of the instrument and their expected realization. Reverse repurchase agreements are classified as Level 2 securities under the Fair Value hierarchy. There are no long-term financial debt instruments outstanding at August 31, 2023.

#### **NOTE 8. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Concentrations of credit risk (whether on or off-balance sheet) that arise from financial instruments exist for groups of customers or counterparties when they have similar economic characteristics that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. For this purpose, management has determined to disclose any investment whose fair value is over 5% of net assets, both individually or in the aggregate. Moreover, collateralized investments have been excluded from this disclosure.

The major concentration of credit risk arises from the Fund's investment securities in relation to the location of issuers. For calculation of concentration, all fixed-income securities guaranteed by the U.S. government are excluded. At August 31, 2023, the Fund had investments with an aggregate market value of \$21,282,111 which were issued by entities located in Puerto Rico and are not guaranteed by the U.S. government nor the Puerto Rico government. Also, at August 31, 2023, the Fund had investments with market values of \$155,406, \$3,488 and \$454,109, which were each

issued by one issuer located in the United States of America and are not guaranteed by the U.S. government.

As stated in the prospectus, the Fund will ordinarily invest at least 67% of its total assets in Puerto Rico obligations ("the 67% Investment Requirement"). Therefore, to the extent the securities are not guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its subdivisions, the Fund is more susceptible to factors adversely affecting issuers of Puerto Rico obligations than an investment company that is not concentrated in Puerto Rico obligations to such degree.

#### NOTE 9. INVESTMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

The Fund is subject to certain requirements and limitations related to investments and leverage. Some of these requirements and limitations are imposed statutorily or by regulation while others are by procedures established by the Board. The most significant requirements and limitations are discussed below.

The Fund invests under normal circumstances at least 67% of its total assets, including borrowings for investment purposes, in securities issued by Puerto Rico entities. A "Puerto Rico entity" or a "Puerto Rico security" is any entity or security that satisfies one or more of the following criteria: (i) securities of issuers that are organized under the laws of Puerto Rico or that maintain their principal place of business in Puerto Rico; (ii) securities that are traded principally in Puerto Rico; or (iii) securities of issuers that, during the issuer's most recent fiscal year, derived at least 20% of their revenues or profits from goods produced or sold, investments made, or services performed in Puerto Rico or that have at least 20% of their assets in Puerto Rico. While the Fund intends to comply with the above 67% Investment Requirement as market conditions permit, the Fund's ability to procure sufficient Puerto Rico securities which meet the Fund's investment criteria may be constrained due to the volatility affecting the Puerto Rico bond market since 2013 and the fact that the Puerto Rico government is currently in the process of restructuring its outstanding debt under Title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act. To the extent that the Fund is unable to procure sufficient amounts of such Puerto Rico securities, the Fund may acquire investments in securities of non-Puerto Rico issuers which satisfy the Fund's investment criteria, provided its ability to comply with its tax-exempt policy is not affected, but the Fund will ensure that its investments in Puerto Rico securities will constitute at least 20% of its assets.

The Fund invests, except where the Fund is unable to procure sufficient Puerto Rico Securities that meet the Fund's investment criteria, in the opinion of the Investment Advisers, or other extraordinary circumstances, up to 33% of its total assets in securities issued by non-Puerto Rico entities. These include securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities, non-Puerto Rico mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, corporate obligations and preferred stock of non-Puerto Rico entities, municipal securities of issuers within the U.S., and other non-Puerto Rico securities that the Investment Adviser may select, consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

The Fund may increase amounts available for investment through the issuance of preferred stock, debt securities, or other forms of leverage ("Senior Securities"). The Fund may only issue Senior Securities representing indebtedness to the extent that immediately after their issuance, the value of its total assets, less all the Fund's liabilities and indebtedness that are not represented by Senior Securities being issued or already outstanding, is equal to or greater than the total of 300% of the

aggregate par value of all outstanding indebtedness issued by the Fund. The Fund may only issue Senior Securities representing preferred stock to the extent that immediately after any such issuance, the value of its total assets, less all the Fund's liabilities and indebtedness that are not represented by Senior Securities being issued or already outstanding, is equal to or greater than the total of 200% of the aggregate par value of all outstanding preferred stock (not including any accumulated dividends or other distributions attributable to such preferred stock) issued by the Fund. This asset coverage requirement must also be met any time the Fund pays a dividend or makes any other distribution on its issued and outstanding shares of common stock or any shares of its preferred stock (other than a dividend or other distribution payable in additional shares of common stock) as well as any time the Fund repurchases any shares of common stock, in each case after giving effect to such repurchase of shares of common stock or issuance of preferred stock, debt securities, or other forms of leverage in order to maintain asset coverage at the required 200% level. To the extent necessary, the Fund may purchase or redeem preferred stock, debt securities, or other forms of leverage in order to maintain asset coverage at the required 200% level. In such instances, the Fund will redeem the Notes as needed to maintain such asset coverage. The Fund, subject to the above percentage limitations, may also engage in certain additional borrowings from banks or other financial institutions through reverse repurchase agreements. In addition, the Fund may also borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, in an amount of up to an additional 5% of its total assets.

# NOTE 10. RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NET INVESTMENT INCOME AND DISTRIBUTABLE NET INVESTMENT INCOME FOR TAX PURPOSES AND NET REALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS AND NET REALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

As a result of certain reclassifications made for financial statement presentation, the Fund's net investment income and net realized loss on investments reflected in the financial statements differ from distributable net investment income and net realized loss on investments for tax purposes, respectively, as follows:

Net investment income	\$ 1,115,926
Reclassification of realized gain (loss) on securities' paydowns	217
Distributable net investment income for tax purposes	\$ 1,116,143
Net realized gain on investments	\$ 239
Reclassification of realized gain (loss) on securities' paydowns	(217)
Net realized gain on investments, for tax purposes	\$ 22

The amount of net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and the cost of investment securities for tax purposes was as follows:

Cost of investments for tax purposes	\$ 44,953,359
Gross appreciation	424,228
Gross depreciation	(1,414,506)
Net appreciation/(depreciation)	\$ (990,278)

**Tax Basis of Distributions to Shareholders:** The character of distributions made during the year from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from its ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes. Also, due to the timing of dividend distributions, the fiscal year in which amounts are distributed may differ from the fiscal year in which the income or realized gain were recorded by the Fund. The amounts and characteristics of tax basis distributions are estimated at the time of distribution and composition of distributable earnings/accumulated losses are finalized at fiscal year-end.

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund distributed \$1,394,018 from ordinary income. The undistributed net investment income and accumulated net realized loss on investments (for tax purposes) at August 31, 2023, were as follows:

Undistributed net investment income, beginning of the year	\$ 1,972,807
Distributable net investment income for the year	1,116,143
Dividends	(1,394,018)
Undistributed net investment income, end of the year	\$ 1,694,932
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, beginning of the year	\$ (96,154,181)
Net realized gain on investments for the year	22
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, end of the year	\$ (96,154,159)

#### **NOTE 11. INDEMNIFICATIONS**

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown. However, the Fund has not paid prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of losses to be remote.

#### **NOTE 12. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Fund is exposed to various types of risks, such as geographic concentration, industry concentration, non-diversification, interest rate, and credit risks, and pandemic or other public health threats, among others. This list is qualified by reference to the more detailed information provided in the prospectus for the securities issued by the Fund.

The Fund's assets are invested primarily in securities of Puerto Rico issuers. As a result, the Fund has greater exposure to adverse economic, political, or regulatory changes in Puerto Rico than a more geographically diversified fund, particularly with regard to municipal bonds issued by the Commonwealth and its related instrumentalities, which are currently experiencing significant price volatility and low liquidity. Also, the Fund's NAV and its yield may increase or decrease more than that of a more diversified investment company as a result of changes in the market's assessment of the financial condition and prospects of such Puerto Rico issuers.

Interest rate risk is the risk that interest rates will rise so that the value of existing fixed rate securities will fall. Low long-term rates present the risk that interest rates may rise and that as a result the Fund's investments will decline in value. Also, the Fund's yield will tend to lag behind changes in prevailing short-term interest rates. In addition, during periods of rising interest rates,

the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of the right of the issuer to defer payments or make slower than expected principal payments. This may lock-in a below market interest rate, increase the security's duration (the estimated period until the security is paid in full), and reduce the value of the security. This is known as extension risk, which the Fund is also subject to. Conversely, during periods of declining interest rates, the issuer of a security may exercise its option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled in order to refinance at lower interest rates, forcing the Fund to reinvest in lower yielding securities. This is known as prepayment risk, which the Fund is also subject to.

Credit risk is the risk that debt securities in the Fund's portfolio will decline in price or fail to make dividend or interest payments when due because the issuer of the security experiences a decline in its financial condition. The risk is greater in the case of securities rated below investment grade or rated in the lowest investment grade category.

The Fund may engage in reverse repurchase agreements, which are transactions in which the Fund sells a security to a counterparty and agrees to buy it back at a specified time and price in a specified currency. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the buyer of the securities sold by the Fund might be unable to deliver the securities when the Fund seeks to repurchase them and may be unable to replace the securities or only at a higher cost.

Mortgage-backed securities in which the Fund may invest have many of the risks of traditional debt securities but, in general, differ from investments in traditional debt securities in that, among other things, principal may be prepaid at any time due to prepayments by the obligors on the underlying obligations. As a result, the Fund may receive principal repayments on these securities earlier or later than anticipated by the Fund. In the event of prepayments that are received earlier than anticipated, the Fund may be required to reinvest such prepayments at rates that are lower than the anticipated yield of the prepaid obligation. The rate of prepayments is influenced by a variety of economic, geographic, demographic, and other factors, including, among others, prevailing mortgage interest rates, local and regional economic conditions, and homeowner mobility. Since a substantial portion of the assets of the Fund may be invested in mortgage-backed securities at any time, the Fund may be subject to these risks and other risks related to such securities to a significant degree, which might cause the market value of the Fund's investments to fluctuate more than otherwise would be the case. Collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") exhibit similar risks to those of mortgage-backed securities but also present certain special risks. CMO classes may be specially structured in a manner that provides a variety of investment characteristics, such as yield, effective maturity, and interest rate sensitivity. As market conditions change, however, particularly during periods of rapid or unanticipated changes in interest rates, the ability of a CMO class to provide the anticipated investment characteristics and performance may be significantly reduced. These changes may result in volatility in the market value, and in some instances, reduced liquidity of the CMO class.

The Fund may also invest in illiquid securities which are securities that cannot be sold within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed seven days, in the ordinary course of business at approximately the amount at which the Fund has valued the securities. There presently are a limited number of participants in the market for certain Puerto Rico securities or other securities or assets that the Fund may own. That and other factors may cause certain securities to have periods of illiquidity. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments.

There may be few or no dealers making a market in certain securities owned by the Fund, particularly with respect to securities of Puerto Rico issuers including, but not limited to, investment companies. Dealers making a market in those securities may not be willing to provide quotations on a regular basis to the Investment Advisers. It may, therefore, be particularly difficult to value those securities.

In order to attempt to hedge various portfolio positions or to enhance its return, the Fund may invest a portion of its total assets in certain instruments which are or may be considered derivatives. Because of their increased volatility and potential leveraging effect (without being subject to the Fund's leverage limitations), derivative instruments may adversely affect the Fund. For example, investments in indexed securities, including, among other things, securities linked to an equities or commodities index and inverse floating rate securities, may subject the Fund to the risks associated with changes in the particular indices, which may include reduced or eliminated interest payments and losses of invested principal. Such investments, in effect, may also be leveraged, thereby magnifying the risk of loss.

#### **NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On September 28, 2023, the Board declared an ordinary net investment income dividend of \$0.00833 per common share, totaling \$91,755 which was paid on October 10, 2023, to common shareholders of record as of September 29, 2023.

The Fund has performed an evaluation of events occurring subsequent to August 31, 2023, through October 30, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined that there were no events occurring during this period that required disclosure in or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements other than those disclosed above.

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III. Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III, Inc. (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of August 31, 2023, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund on August 31, 2023, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and its financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of August 31, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers and others. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of the Puerto Rico Residents Funds since 2021.

New York, New York October 30, 2023

#### **Shareholder Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on December 15, 2022 (the "Annual Meeting"). The voting results for the sole proposal considered at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

 Election of Directors. The shareholders of the Fund elected Enrique Vilá del Corral and Gabriel Pagán Pedrero to the Board to serve for a term expiring on the date of which the annual meeting of shareholders is held in 2025 or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Name of Director	Votes cast "For"	Votes "Against/Withheld"
Enrique Vila del Corral	4,919,020	5,609,781
Gabriel Pagán Pedrero	5,210,793	5,318,008

#### Statement Regarding Availability of Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

Until the registration under the 1933 Act becomes effective, the Fund is not required to submit Form N-PORT with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). After registration becomes effective, the Fund will file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT reports will be available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. The quarterly schedule of portfolio holdings will be made available upon request by calling 787-764-1788.

# Statement Regarding Availability of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures and Proxy Voting Record

A description of the Fund's policies and procedures that are used by the Investment Advisers to vote proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities and information regarding how the Investment Advisers voted proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 are available without charge, upon request, by calling 787-764-1788 and on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

**Management Information.** The business affairs of the Fund are overseen by its Board of Directors. Certain biographical and other information relating to the Directors and officers of the Fund are set forth below, including their ages and their principal occupations for at least five years.

The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Directors and is available free of charge upon request, by calling the Fund at 787-764-1788.

Name, Address*, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Affiliated Funds Overseen	Public Directorships
INDEPENDENT	T DIRECTO	ORS			
Enrique Vila del Corral (77) ****	Chairman of the Board	Director since inception	Private investor; managing partner of various special partnerships involved in real estate development and Managing Partner, from 1977 to 2001, of Vila del Corral & Company, a public accounting firm.	10 funds	None
J. Gabriel Pagán Pedrero (69)*****	Director	Director since inception	President of West Indian Products Corporation; Vice President of Commercial Adolfo S. Pagán, Inc.; Director of Construction Material Merchants' Association and Director of Museum of Contemporary Art.	7 funds	None
Luis M. Pellot (75)***	Director	Director since 2011	President of Pellot-González, Tax Attorneys & Counselors at Law, PSC, since 1989; Independent Director and member of the Audit Committee of the UBS Family of Funds since 2002; Member of PR Bar Association, PR Manufacturers Association, PR Chamber of Commerce, PR General Contractors Association, PR Hotel & Tourism Association and Hispanic National Bar Association and President of Tax Committee, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce from 1996 to 1997.	24 funds	None

Name, Address*, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Affiliated Funds Overseen	Public Directorships
Carlos Nido (59)***	Director	Director since 2009	President Green Isle Capital LLC, a Puerto Rico Venture Capital Fund under law 185 investing primarily in feature films and healthcare since 2015. President and Executive Producer of Piñolywood Studios LLC that has produced feature films Los Domirriqueños 1 & 2, Una Boda en Castañer, Sanky Panky 3, Vico C, la vida del filósofo, Marcelo and Nicky Jam "El Ganador". From 2007 to 2015 Senior Vice President of Sales at GFR Media LLC. Prior to that he Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing at El Nuevo Dia from 2003 to 2007. From 1999 to 2003 he was President and founder of Virtual, Inc. and ZonaNetworks. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Nido was the President of Editorial Primera Hora. Since 1991 he served in various positions for El Nuevo Día, he was Treasurer in charge of Credit, Collections, and investments and headed New Business Development & Strategic Planning for the company. While at El Nuevo Día, Mr. Nido coordinated City View Plaza, a two phase office real estate development. During 1990 he was a special assistant to the President of Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico and from 1987 to 1990 as Associate in the investment bank CS First Boston. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Finance from the University of Michigan. Mr. Nido is a board member of the following organizations: Grupo Ferré Rangel, GFR Media, LLC., the UBS Puerto Rico family of Mutual Funds, B. Fernandez & Hnos. Inc., Puerto Rico Ambulatory Surgery Center, and the San Jorge Children's Foundation. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Advent	24 funds	None

Morro Private Equity Funds.

Name, Address*, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Affiliated Funds Overseen	Public Directorships
Jorge I. Vallejo (69)****	Director	Director since 2010	Managing Partner of Vallejo & Vallejo since 1992 and Partner of various special partnerships involved in real estate development.	10 funds	None
Clotilde Pérez (71)***	Director	Director since 2013	Vice President Corporate Development Officer of V. Suárez & Co., Inc. since 1999; former Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Sacred Heart from 2005 to 2019; Member of the Board of Directors of Campofresco Corp. since 2012; former Member of the Board of Directors of Grupo Guayacan, Inc., EnterPrize, Inc., and Puerto Rico Venture Forum from 1999 to 2013; Vice President Venture Capital, PR Economic Development Bank from 1993-1996; Associate Professor of Finance, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus from 1987-1992.	24 funds	None

Name, Address*, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Affiliated Funds Overseen	Public Directorships
OFFICERS					
Leslie Highley, Jr. (76)	Co- President	and Chief	Managing Director of UBS Trust PR since 2006; Executive Vice President of UBS Trust PR since 2005 and Senior Vice President of UBS Financial Services Incorporated of Puerto Rico since 1994 and of the Puerto Rico Residents Tax- Free Family of Funds since 1995; Member of the Boards of Directors of the Fund from 2009 to February 2013; President of Dean Witter Puerto Rico, Inc.	N/A	None
Angel Rivera Garcia (46)	Co- President	Co- President since 2023	President of Popular Asset Management LLC since 2023, shares responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund's investment portfolio. Mr. Rivera spent seven years in the Corporate Treasury Division at Popular, Inc., where he was Vice President and Investment Portfolio Manager. Prior to that, Mr. Rivera spent twelve years with Banco Popular's Asset Management Division, where he was Vice President and Investment Portfolio Manager.		None
José González- Pagán (45)	Co- Treasurer	Co- Treasurer since 2014	Vice President of Banco Popular and Manager of the Mutual Funds Administration Group since 2014 and Manager of the Popular Fiduciary Services Division since 2019.	N/A	None

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Name, Address*, and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Affiliated Funds Overseen	Public Directorships
William Rivera (64)	Co- Treasurer	Co- Treasurer since 2022	Executive Director of UBS Asset Managers since 2011; Director of UBS Asset Managers from 2006 to 2010; Assistant Portfolio Manager for UBS Asset Managers; First Vice President of Trading of UBS Trust PR since January 2002 and of UBS Financial Services Inc. since 1987. UBS Asset Managers, UBS Trust PR and UBS Financial Services Inc. are affiliates of the Fund.	N/A	None
Luis Aníbal Avilés (59)	Secretary	Secretary since 2019	Practicing attorney in Puerto Rico since 1993 and Fund counsel between 2000 and 2021. Mr. Avilés has been a Full Professor at the School of Law of the University of Puerto Rico since 2008. Mr. Avilés has served as President of the Board of Governors of the Puerto Rico Power Authority and as Vice Chairman of the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico.	N/A	None
Lucas Foss (45)	Chief Compliance Officer	Since e 2021	Vice President and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer (since 2017) at SS&C ALPS Fund Services, Inc.; Director of Compliance (2015- 2017) at Transamerica Asset Management.	N/A	None

<sup>\*</sup> The address of the officers, except for Messrs. Highley, Rivera, Foss and Avilés is Banco Popular Center, Suite 1031, 209 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918. Messrs. Highley and Rivera's address is UBS Financial Services Inc., 250 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Tenth Floor, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, Mr. Avilés' address is University of Puerto Rico School of Law, 7 Universidad Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00925 and Mr. Foss's address is 1290 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80203.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Each Director serves until his successor is elected and qualified, or until his or her death or resignation, or removal as provided in the Fund's by-laws or charter or by statute, or until December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 80. Each officer is elected by and serves at the pleasure of the Board.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Affiliated Funds consist of GNMA & US Government Target Maturity Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Multi-Select Securities Fund for Puerto Rico Residents; Short Term Investment Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax Free Fund for Puerto Rico Residents,

Inc.; Tax Free Fund II for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax Free Target Maturity Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund II for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund III for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund IV for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund V for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free Fixed Income Fund VI for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free High Grade Portfolio Bond Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free High Grade Portfolio Bond Fund II for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; Tax-Free High Grade Portfolio Target Maturity Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; U.S. Monthly Income Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc.; and US Mortgage-Backed & Income Fund for Puerto Rico Residents, Inc. (the "UBS Family of Funds"); and Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund. Inc.: Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund II. Inc.: Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III. Inc.: Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund IV. Inc.: Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund V, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund VI, Inc.; and Puerto Rico Residents Bond Fund I (the "Co-Advised Family of Funds," and together with the UBS Family of Funds, the "Affiliated Funds"). The UBS Family of Funds is managed by UBS Asset Managers of Puerto Rico ("UBS Asset Managers"), a division of UBS Trust Company of Puerto Rico. The Co-Advised Family of Funds is co-advised by UBS Asset Managers and Popular Asset Management LLC.

\*\*\*\* The Affiliated Funds consist of Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund II, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund V, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund V, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund VI, Inc.; and Puerto Rico Residents Bond Fund I (the "Co-Advised Family of Funds"); and Popular High Grade Fixed-Income Fund, Inc.; Popular Income Plus Fund, Inc.; Popular Total Return Fund, Inc. (the "Popular Family Funds") and together with the Co-Advised Family of Funds, the "Affiliated Funds"). The Co-Advised Family of Funds is co-advised by UBS Asset Managers and Popular Asset Management LLC. The Popular Family of Funds is managed by Popular Asset Management LLC.

\*\*\*\*\* The Affiliated Funds consist of Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund II, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund III, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund V, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Tax-Free Fund V, Inc.; Puerto Rico Residents Bond Fund I (the "Co-Advised Family of Funds"). The Co-Advised Family of Funds is co-advised by UBS Asset Managers and Popular Asset Management LLC.

The Board of the Fund met on May 18, 2023 (the "Meeting"), to consider the approval of the investment advisory agreements (the "Advisory Agreements") by and between the Fund and each of the Investment Advisers. At such meeting, the Board participated in comparative performance reviews with the portfolio managers of the Investment Advisers, in conjunction with other Fund service providers, and considered various investment and trading strategies used in pursuing the Fund's investment objective. The Board also evaluated issues pertaining to industry and regulatory developments, compliance procedures, fund governance, and other issues with respect to the Fund and received and participated in reports and presentations provided by the Investment Advisers with respect to such matters.

The independent members of the Board (the "Independent Directors") were assisted throughout the contract review process by Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, as their independent legal counsel. The Board relied upon the advice of such counsel and their own business judgment in determining the material factors to be considered in evaluating the Advisory Agreements and the weight to be given to each such factor. The conclusions reached with respect to the Advisory Agreements were based on a comprehensive evaluation of all the information provided and not any single factor. Moreover, each Director may have placed varying emphasis on particular factors in reaching conclusions with respect to the Advisory Agreements. In evaluating the Advisory Agreements, including the specific fee structures and other terms of such agreements, the Board was informed by multiple years of analysis and discussion amongst themselves and the Investment Advisers. The Board, including a majority of Independent Directors, concluded that the terms of the Advisory Agreements for the Fund were fair and reasonable and that the Investment Advisers' fees were reasonable in light of the services provided to the Fund.

**Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services.** In evaluating the Advisory Agreements, the Board considered, in relevant part, the nature, extent, and quality of the Investment Advisers' services to the Fund.

The Board considered the vast array of management, oversight, and administrative services the Investment Advisers provide to manage and operate the Fund, the increase of such services over time due to new or revised market, regulatory, or other developments (e.g., liquidity management and cybersecurity programs), and the resources and capabilities necessary to provide these services. The Independent Directors recognized that the Investment Advisers provide portfolio management services for the Fund and, additionally, the Board considered the wide range of administrative and/or "non advisory" services the Investment Advisers provide to manage and operate the Fund (complimentary to those provided by other third parties). These services include, but are not limited to, administrative services (e.g., providing the employees and officers necessary for the Fund's operations); operational expertise (e.g., providing portfolio accounting and addressing complex pricing issues, corporate actions, foreign registrations and foreign filings, as may be necessary); oversight of third-party service providers (e.g., coordinating and evaluating the services of the Fund's Custodian, Transfer Agent, and other intermediaries); Board support and administration (e.g., overseeing the organization of Board and committee meetings and preparing or overseeing the timely preparation of various materials and/or presentations for such meetings); fund share transactions (e.g., monitoring daily purchases and redemptions); shareholder communications (e.g., overseeing the preparation of annual and semi-annual and other periodic shareholder reports); tax administration; and compliance services (e.g., helping to maintain and update the Fund's compliance program and related policies and procedures as necessary or appropriate to meet new

or revised regulatory requirements and reviewing such program annually; overseeing the preparation of the Fund's registration statements and regulatory filings; overseeing the valuation of portfolio securities and daily pricing; helping to ensure the Fund complies with its portfolio limitations and restrictions; voting proxies on behalf of the Fund; monitoring the liquidity of the portfolios; providing compliance training for personnel; and evaluating the compliance programs of the Fund's service providers). In evaluating such services, the Board considered, among other things, whether the Fund has operated in accordance with its investment objective(s) and the Fund's record of compliance with its investment restrictions and regulatory requirements.

In addition to the services provided by the Investment Advisers, the Independent Directors also considered the risks borne by the Investment Advisers in managing the Fund in a highly regulated industry, including various material entrepreneurial, reputational, and regulatory risks. Based on their review, the Independent Directors found that overall, the nature, extent, and quality of services provided under the Advisory Agreements were satisfactory on behalf of the Fund.

Investment Performance of the Fund. In evaluating the quality of the services provided by the Investment Advisers, the Board also received and considered the investment performance of the Fund. In this regard, the Board received and reviewed a report prepared by Broadridge which generally provided the Fund's performance data for the one-, three-, five-, and ten-year periods ended December 31, 2022 (or for the periods available for the Fund that did not exist for part of the foregoing timeframe) on an absolute basis and as compared to the performance of unaffiliated comparable funds (the "Broadridge Peer Group"). The Board was provided with information describing the methodology Broadridge used to create the Broadridge Peer Group. The performance data prepared for the review of the Advisory Agreements supplements the performance data the Board received throughout the year as the Board regularly reviews and meets with portfolio manager(s) to discuss, in relevant part, the performance of the Fund.

**Fees and Expenses.** As part of its review, the Board also considered, among other things, the contractual management fee rate, and the net management fee rate (i.e., the management fee after taking into account expense reimbursements and/or voluntary fee waivers, if any) paid by the Fund to the Investment Advisers in light of the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided. The Board also considered the net total expense ratio of the Fund in relation to that of a comparable group of funds (the "Broadridge Expense Group"). The Board considered the net total expense ratio of the Fund (expressed as a percentage of average net assets) as the expense ratio is more reflective of the shareholder's costs in investing in the Fund.

In evaluating the management fee rate, the Board considered the Investment Advisers' rationale for proposing the management fee rate of the Fund, which included its evaluation of, among other things, the value of the potential services being provided (e.g., the expertise of the Investment Advisers with the proposed strategy), the competitive marketplace (i.e., the uniqueness of the Fund and the fees of competitor funds), and the economics to the Investment Advisers (e.g., the costs of operating the Fund). The Board considered, among other things, the voluntary expense limitations and/or fee waivers proposed by the Investment Advisers to keep expenses at or below certain levels and reviewed the amounts the Investment Advisers had voluntarily waived or reimbursed over the last fiscal years; they considered the costs incurred and resources necessary in effectively managing mutual funds, particularly given the costs in attracting and maintaining quality and experienced

portfolio managers and research staff. The Board further considered the Fund's net management fee and net total expense ratio in light of its performance history.

**Profitability.** In conjunction with their review of fees, the Independent Directors reviewed information reflecting each Investment Adviser's financial condition. The Independent Directors reviewed the consolidated financial statements of each Investment Adviser for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Independent Directors also considered the overall financial condition of each Investment Adviser and their respective representations regarding the stability of each firm, their operating margins, and the manner in which they fund their future financial commitments, such as employee deferred compensation programs. The Independent Directors also reviewed profitability information for each Investment Adviser derived from its relationship with the Fund for the most recent fiscal year end available on the date of the meeting, on an actual and adjusted basis, as described below. The Independent Directors evaluated, among other things, each Investment Adviser's revenues, expenses, net income (pre-tax and after-tax), and the net profit margins (pre-tax and after-tax). The Independent Directors also reviewed the level of profitability realized by the Investment Advisers, including and excluding distribution expenses incurred by the Investment Advisers from their own resources.

Economies of Scale and Whether Fee Levels Reflect These Economies of Scale. In evaluating the reasonableness of the investment advisory fees, the Board considered the existence of any economies of scale in the provision of services by the Investment Advisers and whether those economies are appropriately shared with the Fund. In its review, the Independent Directors recognized that economies of scale are difficult to assess or quantify, particularly on a fund-by-fund basis, and certain expenses may not decline with a rise in assets. The Independent Directors further considered that economies of scale may be shared in various ways, including breakpoints in the management fee schedule, voluntary fee waivers and/or expense limitations, pricing of the Fund at scale at inception, or other means.

The Board considered that not all funds have breakpoints in their fee structures and that breakpoints are not the exclusive means of sharing potential economies of scale. The Board and the Independent Directors considered each Investment Adviser's statement that it believes that breakpoints would not be appropriate for the Fund at this time given uncertainties regarding the direction of the economy, rising inflation, increasing costs for personnel and systems, and growth or contraction in the Fund's assets, all of which could negatively impact the profitability of each Investment Adviser. In addition, the Investment Advisers noted that since the Fund is a closed-end fund, and based upon the Fund's current operating policies, the ability to raise additional assets is limited. Considering the factors above, the Independent Directors concluded the absence of breakpoints in the management fee was acceptable and that any economies of scale that exist are adequately reflected in the Investment Advisers' fee structures.

**Indirect Benefits.** The Independent Directors received and considered information regarding indirect benefits the Investment Advisers may receive as a result of their relationship with the Fund. The Independent Directors further considered the reputational and/or marketing benefits the Investment Advisers may receive as a result of their association with the Fund. The Independent Directors took these indirect benefits into account when assessing the level of advisory fees paid to the Investment Advisers and concluded that the indirect benefits received were reasonable.

The Fund is committed to protecting the personal information that it collects about individuals who are prospective, former, or current investors.

If you are located in a jurisdiction where specific laws, rules or regulations require the Fund to provide you with additional or different privacy-related rights beyond what is set forth below, then the Fund will comply with those specific laws, rules or regulations.

The Fund collects personal information for business purposes to process requests and transactions and to provide customer service. Personal information is obtained from the following sources:

- Investor applications and other forms,
- Written and electronic correspondence,
- Telephone contacts,
- Account history (including information about Fund transactions and balances in your
  accounts with the Distributor or our affiliates, other fund holdings in the UBS family of
  a funds and any affiliation with the Distributor and its affiliates),
- Website visits,
- Consumer reporting agencies.

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