MainStay MacKay Intermediate Tax Free Bond Fund

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund’s Prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund’s Prospectus, reports to shareholders and other information about the Fund by going online to nylim.com/documents, by calling 800-624-6782 or by sending an e-mail to MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com. The Fund’s Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated August 31, 2020, as may be amended from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

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Investment Objective

The Fund seeks current income exempt from regular federal income tax.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may be required to pay a commission or other transaction charge to your financial intermediary for effecting transactions in a class of shares of the Fund that has no initial sales charge, contingent deferred sales charge, or other asset-based fee for sales or distribution, such as Class I or Class R6 shares. These commissions are not reflected in the fee and expense table or expense example below. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least $50,000 in the MainStay Funds. This amount may vary depending on the MainStay Fund in which you invest. In addition, different financial intermediary firms and financial professionals may impose different sales loads and waivers. More information about these and other discounts or waivers is available from your financial intermediary.

You may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper form free of charge. If you hold shares of the Fund directly, you can inform MainStay Funds that you wish to receive paper copies of reports by calling toll-free 800-624-6782 or by sending an e-mail to MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com. If you hold shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary, please contact the financial intermediary to make this election.

The election to receive reports in paper form will apply to all MainStay Funds in which you are invested and may apply to all funds held with your financial intermediary.

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The Fund may be subject to various risks. These risks include:

1. **Market Risk:** The value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate because of changes in the markets in which the Fund invests. Such changes may result in higher or lower prices for the Fund’s shares. The value of the Fund's investments may also fluctuate due to economic, political, or other factors.

2. **Interest Rate Risk:** The value of the Fund's investments may decline when interest rates rise. When interest rates rise, the price of an existing bond may fall, and the income earned from the bond may be reduced. The effect of interest rate changes may vary depending on the duration and characteristics of the Fund's investments.

3. **Credit Risk:** The Fund may invest in bonds and other debt securities that are subject to credit risk. Credit risk is the risk that a borrower may not be able to pay interest and repay principal when due. This risk is especially pronounced in the event of a default by a borrower, which could result in a loss of principal or reduced returns for the Fund.

4. **Call Risk:** The Fund may invest in municipal bonds that are callable. When a bond is callable, the issuer has the option to redeem the bond before maturity. This may reduce the Fund's investment income, as the Fund may reinvest the proceeds at a lower rate.

5. **Fiscal Risk:** The Fund may invest in securities issued by governments or agencies that are subject to fiscal risk. Fiscal risk is the risk that a government or agency may default on its debt obligations. This risk is especially pronounced in the event of a default by a government or agency, which could result in a loss of principal or reduced returns for the Fund.

6. **Reinvestment Risk:** The Fund may invest in securities that provide income in the form of dividends or interest. When the Fund reinvests the income, it may choose to reinvest at a lower rate, which could affect the Fund's overall return.

7. **Fees and Expenses:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance.

8. **Principal Risks:** The Fund may invest in investments subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. Some of the Fund's earnings may be subject to federal tax and most may be subject to state and local taxes. The Fund may invest in privately issued securities. The Fund may invest in futures, options, and swap agreements to seek enhanced returns or to reduce the risk of loss by hedging certain of its holdings.

**Investment Process:** The Subadvisor employs a relative value research-driven approach in seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Subadvisor's strategies include duration management, sector allocation, yield curve positioning, and buy/sell trade execution. The Subadvisor may engage in various trading strategies to seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective, to enhance the Fund’s investment return, and to hedge the portfolio against adverse effects from movements in interest rates and in the securities markets.

The Subadvisor uses active management in an effort to identify mispriced tax-exempt securities and build a consistent yield advantage. The Subadvisor focuses on reducing volatility through a disciplined investment process which includes fundamental, “bottom-up” credit research and risk management. In addition, the Subadvisor reviews macroeconomic events, technicals in the municipal market, and tax policies, and analyzes individual municipal securities and sectors, and may give consideration to certain environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) criteria when evaluating an investment opportunity.

The Subadvisor may sell a security if it no longer believes the security will contribute to meeting the investment objective of the Fund. In considering whether to sell a security, the Subadvisor may evaluate, among other things, the condition of the economy and meaningful changes in the issuer's financial condition.

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The value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate because of changes in the markets in which the Fund invests, which could cause the Fund to underperform other funds with similar investment objectives and strategies. Such changes may be rapid and unpredictable. From time to time, markets may experience periods of stress for potentially prolonged periods that may result in: (i) increased market volatility; (ii) reduced market liquidity; and (iii) increased redemptions of Fund shares. Such conditions may add significantly to the risk of volatility in the net asset value of the Fund's shares.

The Subadvisor may give consideration to certain ESG criteria when evaluating an investment opportunity. The application of ESG criteria may result in the Fund (i) having exposure to certain securities or industry sectors that are significantly different than the composition of the Fund’s benchmark; and (ii) performing differently than other funds and strategies in its peer group that do not take into account ESG criteria or the Fund’s benchmark.
Municipal Bond Risk: Municipal bond risks include the inability of the issuer to repay the obligation, the relative lack of information about certain issuers, and the possibility of future tax and legislative changes, which could affect the market for and value of municipal securities. Additional risks include:

- **General Obligation Bonds Risk**—timely payments depend on the issuer’s credit quality, ability to raise tax revenues and ability to maintain an adequate tax base;
- **Revenue Bonds (including Industrial Development Bonds) Risk**—timely payments depend on the money earned by the particular facility or class of facilities, or the amount of revenues derived from another source, and may be negatively impacted by the general credit of the user of the facility;
- **Private Activity Bonds Risk**—municipalities and other public authorities issue private activity bonds to finance development of industrial facilities for use by a private enterprise, which is solely responsible for paying the principal and interest on the bond, and payment under these bonds depends on the private enterprise’s ability to do so;
- **Moral Obligation Bonds Risk**—moral obligation bonds are generally issued by special purpose public authorities of a state or municipality. If the issuer is unable to meet its obligations, repayment of these bonds becomes a moral commitment, but not a legal obligation, of the state or municipality;
- **Municipal Notes Risk**—municipal notes are shorter-term municipal debt obligations that pay interest that is, in the opinion of bond counsel, generally excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (except that the interest may be includable in taxable income for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax) and that have a maturity that is generally one year or less. If there is a shortfall in the anticipated proceeds, the notes may not be fully repaid and the Fund may lose money; and
- **Municipal Lease Obligations Risk**—in a municipal lease obligation, the issuer agrees to make payments when due on the lease obligation. Although the issuer does not pledge its unlimited taxing power for payment of the lease obligation, the lease obligation is secured by the leased property. Municipal leases may pose additional risks because many leases and contracts contain “non-appropriation” clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for this purpose by the appropriate legislative body.

Municipalities continue to experience political, economic and financial difficulties in the current economic environment. The ability of a municipal issuer to make payments and the value of municipal bonds can be affected by uncertainties in the municipal securities market and economic and societal events, such as infectious diseases and increased unemployment. Actions that municipalities may take in response to such events could result in disruption or reduced operations and productivity for businesses, thereby causing reduced tax revenues and increased budgetary pressures, which may adversely affect the issuer’s financial condition or ability to meet its financial obligations. Such events and uncertainties could cause increased volatility and reduced liquidity in the municipal securities market and could negatively impact the Fund’s net asset value and/or the distributions paid by the Fund.

Certain of the issuers in which the Fund may invest have recently experienced, or may experience, significant financial difficulties and repeated credit rating downgrades. For example, in recent years, Puerto Rico has experienced difficult financial, economic and other conditions, which may negatively affect the value of the Fund’s holdings in Puerto Rico municipal securities.

**Yield Risk:** There can be no guarantee that the Fund will achieve or maintain any particular level of yield.

**High-Yield Municipal Bond Risk:** High-yield or non-investment grade municipal bonds may be subject to increased liquidity risk as compared to other high-yield debt securities. There may be little or no active trading market for certain high-yield municipal bonds, which may make it difficult for the Fund to sell such securities at or near their perceived value. In such cases, the value of a high-yield municipal bond may decline dramatically, even during periods of declining interest rates. The high-yield municipal bonds in which the Fund intends to invest may be more likely to pay interest that is includable in taxable income for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax than other municipal bonds.

To be tax exempt, municipal bonds must meet certain regulatory requirements. If a municipal bond fails to meet such requirements, the interest received by the Fund from its investment in such bonds and distributed to shareholders may be taxable. It is possible that interest on a municipal bond may be declared taxable after the issuance of the bond, and this determination may apply retroactively to the date of the issuance of the bond, which could cause a portion of prior distributions made by the Fund to be taxable to shareholders in the year of receipt.

**Distressed Securities Risk:** Investments in distressed securities are subject to substantial risks in addition to the risks of investing in other types of high-yield securities. Distressed securities are speculative and involve substantial risk that principal will not be repaid. Generally, the Fund will not receive interest payments on such securities and may incur costs to protect its investment. In addition, the Fund’s ability to sell distressed securities and any securities received in exchange for such securities may be restricted.

**Debt Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in debt or fixed-income securities include (without limitation): (i) credit risk, e.g., the issuer or guarantor of a debt security may be unable or unwilling (or be perceived as unable or unwilling) to make timely principal and/or interest payments or otherwise honor its obligations, or changes in an issuer’s credit rating or the market’s perception of an issuer’s creditworthiness may affect the value of the Fund’s investments; (ii) maturity risk, e.g., a debt security with a longer maturity may fluctuate in value more than one with a shorter maturity; (iii) market risk, e.g., low demand for debt securities may negatively impact their price; (iv) interest rate risk, e.g., when interest rates go up, the value of a debt security generally goes down, and when interest rates go down, the value of a debt security generally goes up (long-term debt securities are generally more susceptible to interest rate risk than short-term debt securities); and (v) call or prepayment risk, e.g., during a period of falling interest rates, the issuer may redeem a security by repaying it early, which may reduce the Fund’s income if the proceeds are reinvested at lower interest rates.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund’s investments in fixed income or debt securities will change because of changes in interest rates. There is a risk that interest rates across the financial system may change, possibly significantly and/or rapidly. Changes in interest rates or a lack of market participants may lead to decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the fixed-income or debt markets, making it more difficult for the Fund to sell its fixed-income or debt holdings. Decreased liquidity in the fixed-income or debt markets also may make it more difficult to value some or all of the Fund’s fixed-income or debt holdings. For most fixed-income investments, when market interest rates fall, prices of fixed-rate debt securities rise. However, when market
interest rates fall, prices of certain variable and fixed-rate debt securities may be adversely affected (i.e., falling interest rates bring the possibility of prepayment risk, as an instrument may be redeemed before maturity).

Not all U.S. government debt securities are guaranteed by the U.S. government—some are backed only by the issuing agency, which must rely on its own resources to repay the debt. The Fund’s yield will fluctuate with changes in short-term interest rates.

**Tax Risk:** Income from municipal bonds held by the Fund could be declared taxable because of unfavorable changes in tax law, adverse interpretations by the Internal Revenue Service or noncompliant conduct of a bond issuer.

**Derivatives Risk:** Derivatives are investments whose value depends on (or is derived from) the value of an underlying instrument, such as a security, asset, reference rate or index. Derivative strategies may expose the Fund to greater risk than if it had invested directly in the underlying instrument and often involve leverage, which may exaggerate a loss, potentially causing the Fund to lose more money than it originally invested and would have lost had it invested directly in the underlying instrument. For example, if the Fund is the seller of credit protection in a credit default swap, the Fund effectively adds leverage to its portfolio and is subject to the credit exposure on the full notional value of the swap. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value. Derivatives may also be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the counterparty (the party on the other side of the transaction) on a derivative transaction will be unable or unwilling to honor its contractual obligations to the Fund. Futures may be more volatile than direct investments in the instrument underlying the contract, and may not correlate perfectly to the underlying instrument. Futures and other derivatives also may involve a small initial investment relative to the risk assumed, which could result in losses greater than if they had not been used. Due to fluctuations in the price of the underlying asset, the Fund may not be able to profitably exercise an option and may lose its entire investment in an option. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline in the value of the underlying asset is significantly below the exercise price in the case of a written put option or increase above the exercise price in the case of a written call option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss. Swaps may be subject to counterparty credit, correlation, valuation, liquidity and leveraging risks. Swap transactions tend to shift a Fund’s investment exposure from one type of investment to another and may entail the risk that a party will default on its payment obligations to the Fund. Additionally, applicable regulators have adopted rules imposing certain margin requirements, including minimums on uncleared swaps, which may result in the Fund and its counterparties posting higher margin amounts for uncleared swaps. Certain standardized swaps are subject to mandatory central clearing and exchange trading. Central clearing, which interposes a central clearinghouse to each participant’s swap, and exchange trading are intended to reduce counterparty credit risk and increase liquidity but neither makes swap transactions risk-free. Derivatives may also increase the expenses of the Fund.

**Private Placement and Restricted Securities Risk:** The Fund may invest in privately issued securities, including those which may be resold only in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Securities acquired in a private placement generally are subject to strict restrictions on resale, and there may be no market or a limited market for the resale of such securities. Therefore, the Fund may be unable to dispose of such securities when it desires to do so or at the most favorable price. This potential lack of liquidity also may make it more difficult to accurately value these securities.

**Municipal Bond Focus Risk:** From time to time the Fund may invest a substantial amount of its assets in municipal bonds on which interest is paid solely from revenues of similar projects. If the Fund focuses its investments in this manner, it assumes the legal and economic risks relating to such projects, which may have a significant impact on the Fund’s investment performance. In addition, the Fund may invest more heavily in bonds from certain cities, states or regions than others, which may increase the Fund’s exposure to losses resulting from economic, political or regulatory occurrences impacting these particular cities, states or regions.

**Liquidity and Valuation Risk:** The Fund’s investments may be illiquid at the time of purchase or liquid at the time of purchase and subsequently become illiquid due to, among other things, events relating to the issuer of the securities, market events, operational issues, economic conditions, investor perceptions or lack of market participants. The lack of an active trading market may make it difficult to sell or obtain an accurate price for a security. If market conditions or issuer specific developments make it difficult to value securities, the Fund may value these securities using more subjective methods, such as fair value pricing. In such cases, the value determined for a security could be different than the value realized upon such security’s sale. As a result, an investor could pay more than the market value when buying shares or receive less than the market value when selling shares. This could affect the proceeds of any redemption or the number of shares an investor receives upon purchase.

The Fund is subject to the risk that it could not meet redemption requests within the allowable time period without significant dilution of remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. To meet redemption requests or to raise cash to pursue other investment opportunities, the Fund may be forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, which may adversely affect the Fund.

**Money Market/Short-Term Securities Risk:** To the extent the Fund holds cash or invests in money market or short-term securities, the Fund may be less likely to achieve its investment objective. In addition, it is possible that the Fund’s investments in these instruments could lose money.

**Variable Rate Demand Instruments Risk:** A variable rate demand instrument is generally subject to certain of the risks associated with debt securities. Variable rate demand instruments are also subject to potential delays between the instrument’s periodic interest rate reset and an intervening rise in general interest rates, which could adversely affect the Fund. In addition, these instruments are subject to the risk that, if not held to maturity, the Fund will be subject to the credit risk of any third party supporting or providing the instrument’s demand feature, as well as the risk that such third party’s obligations may terminate or that it may otherwise fail to meet such obligations.

**Past Performance**

Because the Fund does not have a full calendar year of performance as of the date of the Prospectus, no calendar year performance information for the Fund has been provided.

**Management**

New York Life Investment Management LLC serves as the Fund’s Manager. MacKay Shields LLC serves as the Subadvisor. The individuals listed below are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund.
How to Purchase and Sell Shares

You may purchase or sell shares of the Fund on any day the Fund is open for business by contacting your financial adviser or financial intermediary firm, or by contacting the Fund by telephone at 800-624-6782, by mail at MainStay Funds, P.O. Box 219003, Kansas City, MO 64121-9000, by overnight mail to 430 West 7th Street, Suite 219003, Kansas City, MO 64105-1407, or by accessing our website at nylinvestments.com/funds.

Class R6 shares are generally available only to certain retirement plans invested in the Fund through omnibus accounts (either at the plan level or omnibus accounts held on the books of the Fund). Class R6 shares are generally not available to retail accounts. Generally, an initial investment minimum of $1,000 applies if you invest in Investor Class or Class C shares, $15,000 for Class A shares and $1,000,000 for individual investors in Class I shares investing directly (i) with the Fund; or (ii) through certain private banks and trust companies that have an agreement with NYLIFE Distributors LLC, the Fund’s principal underwriter and distributor, or its affiliates. A subsequent investment minimum of $50 applies to investments in Investor Class and Class C shares. However, for Investor Class or Class C shares purchased through AutoInvest, MainStay’s systematic investment plan, a $500 initial investment minimum and a $50 minimum for subsequent purchases applies. Class R6 shares and institutional shareholders in Class I shares have no initial or subsequent investment minimums.

Certain financial intermediaries through whom you may invest may impose their own investment minimums, fees, policies and procedures for purchasing and selling Fund shares, which are not described in this Prospectus or the Statement of Additional Information, and which will depend on the policies, procedures and trading platforms of the financial intermediary. Consult a representative of your financial intermediary about the availability of shares of the Fund and the intermediary’s policies, procedures and other information.

Tax Information

The Fund’s distributions are generally expected to be exempt from federal income tax. However, a portion of the distributions may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Additionally, the Fund may derive taxable income and/or capital gains. Distributions to shareholders of any such taxable income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account, generally will be taxable.

Compensation to Financial Intermediary Firms

If you purchase Fund shares through a financial intermediary firm (such as a broker/dealer or bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the financial intermediary firm or your financial adviser to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your financial adviser or visit your financial intermediary firm’s website for more information. No compensation, administrative payments, sub-transfer agency payments or service payments are paid to broker/dealers or other financial intermediaries from Fund assets or the Distributor’s or an affiliate’s resources on sales of or investments in Class R6 shares. Class R6 shares do not carry sales charges or pay Rule 12b-1 fees, or make payments to financial intermediaries to assist in, or in connection with, the sale of the Fund’s shares.

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