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Trustees' Statement to Our Shareholders

The Trustees are concerned that ongoing commentaries and opinions reported in the media may confuse investors in general as to the supervisory duties of trustees of mutual funds and, in particular, leave Thornburg Investment Trust shareholders uncertain regarding how we discharge our responsibilities in supervising the Funds' investment advisor and in reviewing the advisor's contract for renewal. We decided to spell out clearly three principal guidelines that we follow in supervising the Trust's investment advisor on your behalf.

We begin with the premise that each shareholder selected his or her Fund because its investments are managed by the investment advisor identified in the prospectus and in accordance with the objective and policies described in the prospectus. We realize, as each of you do, that if you believe that your Fund's stated objective and policies no longer serve your personal investment goals, you can sell your shares and leave the Fund.

Therefore, we believe that our primary supervisory task – our principal obligation to you – is to assess the nature and quality of the advisor's services, and to confirm that the advisor actively and competently pursues the Fund's objective, in accordance with the policies set out in the prospectus. To do this, we meet regularly with management to review your Fund's portfolio and to discuss the advisor's specific actions and judgments in pursuing the Fund's objective. We do not substitute our own judgment for the advisor's decisions in selecting investments; the advisor is paid to exercise its informed judgment on investment decisions, and we seek to confirm, in reviewing the advisor's performance, that the advisor is doing just that.

Second, while we are conscious of costs and the effect that costs have on shareholders' returns, we do not seek the lowest fees or expense ratio as our sole or primary objective. We try to make sure that your Fund's fees and costs are reasonable in relationship to the services rendered and that they are generally in line with those charged by other expert investment advisors, consistent with our belief that the Fund's investors searched for and expect that expertise and attention and have decided to pay a reasonable price for it. We do not put the management contract "out to bid" as a matter of course, and we would not do so unless we had concluded that the advisor materially had failed to pursue the Fund's objectives in accordance with its policies, or for other equally important reasons. We believe that any other approach would be inconsistent with your interests and contrary to your expectations when you bought shares of the Fund in the first place.

Finally, because we believe that most Thornburg Fund shareholders have invested with a long-term perspective, we try not to focus too much on the fashions of the moment and on short-term performance. The market will not favor any specific investment objective or set of policies at all times and under all economic circumstances. A fund will experience periods of both high and low returns relative to other funds and other investments. Even if one of our Funds is not favored by the market at a particular time, we believe that the advisor is nonetheless obliged to remain true to the Fund's objective and policies, and we watch to see that it does so.

[This statement is submitted for the general information of the shareholders of Thornburg Investment Trust. For prospective investors in any fund of Thornburg Investment Trust, this communication must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. You may obtain a current copy of the Funds' prospectus, which describes the Funds' management fees, expenses and risks, by calling 1-800-847-0200 or by visiting www.thornburg.com/download. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.]

