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A flexible premium deferred variable annuity funded by T. Rowe Price Fixed Income Series, Inc., T. Rowe Price Equity Series, Inc., T. Rowe Price International Series, Inc., Janus Aspen Series, and Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of
Sentry Life Insurance Company and
Contract Owners of Sentry Variable Account II

Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities for each of the sub-accounts of Sentry Variable Account II (the "Account") listed in Appendix A, as of December 31, 2025, the related statements of operations, the statements of changes in net assets, and the financial highlights for the periods presented in Appendix A, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements and financial highlights"). In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the sub-accounts comprising the Account as of December 31, 2025, and the results of their operations, the changes in their net assets, and the financial highlights for the periods presented in Appendix A, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

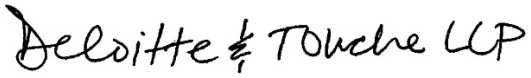
The financial highlights for the two years ended December 31, 2022, were audited by other auditors whose report, dated February 24, 2023, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial highlights.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Account's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Account's financial statements and financial highlights 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 Account 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 and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Account is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its 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 Account'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 and financial highlights, 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 and financial highlights. 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 and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2025, by correspondence with the Account's fund managers. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



March 3, 2026

We have served as the auditor of Sentry Variable Account II since 2023.

Appendix A

Subaccounts	Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of	Statements of Operations for the	Statements of Changes in Net Assets for the	Financial Highlights for the
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025
Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	December 31, 2025	Year Ended December 31, 2025	Two Years Ended December 31, 2025	Three Years Ended December 31, 2025

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2025

Assets:

Investments at fair value:

	Investments at Fair Value	Accrued Dividends	Total Assets and Total Net Assets
Janus Henderson Series - Institutional Shares:			
Research Portfolio, 18,700 shares (cost $ 724,394)	$ 1,213,635	$	$ 1,213,635
Enterprise Portfolio, 140,618 shares (cost $ 10,224,688)	11,752,840		11,752,840
Forty Portfolio, 28,676 shares (cost $ 1,257,678)	1,703,930		1,703,930
Global Research Portfolio, 5,454 shares (cost $ 323,956)	434,549		434,549
Balanced Portfolio, 19,537 shares (cost $ 710,858)	1,091,345		1,091,345
T. Rowe Price Fixed Income Series, Inc.:			
Limited Term Bond Portfolio, 106,608 shares (cost $ 513,114)	506,390		506,390
T. Rowe Price Equity Series, Inc.:			
Equity Income Portfolio, 28,263 shares (cost $ 772,034)	817,082		817,082
Moderate Allocation Portfolio, 106,813 shares (cost $ 2,192,558)	2,395,808		2,395,808
Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio, 12,111 shares (cost $ 357,164)	317,308		317,308
T. Rowe Price International Series, Inc.:			
International Stock Portfolio, 5,320 shares (cost $ 79,464)	84,585		84,585
Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund:			
Balanced Portfolio, 16,445 shares (cost $ 366,626)	417,874		417,874
Equity Index Portfolio, 5,856 shares (cost $ 290,798)	479,990		479,990
High Yield Bond Portfolio, 7,742 shares (cost $ 56,695)	58,450		58,450
Small Company Growth Portfolio, 16,396 shares (cost $ 287,770)	312,677		312,677
Mid-Cap Index Portfolio, 7,959 shares (cost $ 189,525)	222,540		222,540
REIT Index Portfolio, 12,238 shares (cost $ 153,698)	141,591		141,591
Money Market, 498,984 shares (cost $ 498,984)	498,984	50	499,034

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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Janus Henderson Research	Janus Henderson Enterprise	Janus Henderson Forty
Investment income:			
Dividends	$ -	$ 24,000	$ 1,185
Expenses:			
Mortality and expense risk charges	14,026	142,938	19,665
Net investment income (loss)	(14,026)	(118,938)	(18,480)
Realized gains (losses) on investments:			
Net realized investment gain (loss)	72,451	573,195	66,660
Capital gain distributions received	90,233	907,043	195,625
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	162,684	1,480,238	262,285
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	39,801	(609,242)	12,658
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 188,459	$ 752,058	$ 256,463

	Janus Henderson Gobal Research	Janus Henderson Balanced
Investment income:		
Dividends	$ 2,511	$ 21,266
Expenses:		
Mortality and expense risk charges	5,092	12,666
Net investment income (loss)	(2,581)	8,600
Realized gains (losses) on investments:		
Net realized investment gain (loss)	32,435	47,366
Capital gain distributions received	38,769	34,488
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	71,204	81,854
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	7,186	43,535
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 75,809	$ 133,989

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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond	T. Rowe Price Equity Income	T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation
Investment income:			
Dividends	$ 23,500	$ 13,706	$ 53,087
Expenses:			
Mortality and expense risk charges	6,560	10,418	28,397
Net investment income (loss)	16,940	3,288	24,690
Realized gains (losses) on investments:			
Net realized investment gain (loss)	(2,857)	33,322	44,970
Capital gain distributions received	-	77,658	102,653
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	(2,857)	110,980	147,623
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	9,972	3,181	120,741
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 24,055	$ 117,449	$ 293,054

	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth	T. Rowe Price International Stock
Investment income:		
Dividends	$ -	$ 1,581
Expenses:		
Mortality and expense risk charges	4,556	1,239
Net investment income (loss)	(4,556)	342
Realized gains (losses) on investments:		
Net realized investment gain (loss)	17,373	4,827
Capital gain distributions received	40,092	6,944
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	57,465	11,771
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(44,223)	5,485
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 8,686	$ 17,598

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Vanguard Balanced	Vanguard Equity Index	Vanguard High Yield Bond
Investment income:			
Dividends	$ 8,975	$ 5,870	$ 4,738
Expenses:			
Mortality and expense risk charges	5,003	6,032	828
Net investment income (loss)	3,972	(162)	3,910
Realized gains (losses) on investments:			
Net realized investment gain (loss)	3,616	88,841	(719)
Capital gain distributions received	38,443	11,310	-
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	42,059	100,151	(719)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	12,938	(29,033)	2,063
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 58,969	$ 70,956	$ 5,254

	Vanguard Small Company Growth	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index	Vanguard REIT Index
Investment income:			
Dividends	$ 1,897	$ 4,176	$ 5,665
Expenses:			
Mortality and expense risk charges	4,229	3,300	2,294
Net investment income (loss)	(2,332)	876	3,371
Realized gains (losses) on investments:			
Net realized investment gain (loss)	(26,485)	30,326	1,901
Capital gain distributions received	26,961	16,638	3,627
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	476	46,964	5,528
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	15,184	(20,101)	(2,997)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 13,328	$ 27,739	$ 5,902

	Vanguard Money Market
Investment income:	
Dividends	$ 22,061
Expenses:	
Mortality and expense risk charges	6,439
Net investment income (loss)	15,622
Realized gains (losses) on investments:	
Net realized investment gain (loss)	-
Capital gain distributions received	-
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and capital gain distributions, net	-
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	-
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	$ 15,622

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Years Ended December 31

	Janus Henderson Research		Janus Henderson Enterprise		Janus Henderson Forty	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	$ (14,026)	$ (12,814)	$ (118,938)	$ (60,507)	$ (18,480)	$ (16,718)
Realized gains (losses) on investments	162,684	76,070	1,480,238	1,000,359	262,285	218,470
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	39,801	245,262	(609,242)	767,157	12,658	156,882
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	188,459	308,518	752,058	1,707,009	256,463	358,634
Contract transactions:						
Purchase payments	3,485	4,987	29,905	33,030	2,450	2,629
Transfers between subaccounts, net	(1,915)	(3,105)	(140,565)	15,544	(25,120)	(2,664)
Withdrawals	(122,827)	(83,225)	(1,645,024)	(1,539,317)	(139,335)	(357,957)
Contract maintenance fees	(900)	(841)	(6,364)	(7,119)	(925)	(961)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(122,157)	(82,184)	(1,762,048)	(1,497,862)	(162,930)	(358,953)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	66,302	226,334	(1,009,990)	209,147	93,533	(319)
Net assets at beginning of year	1,147,333	920,999	12,762,830	12,553,683	1,610,397	1,610,716
Net assets at end of year	$ 1,213,635	$ 1,147,333	$ 11,752,840	$ 12,762,830	$ 1,703,930	$ 1,610,397

	Janus Henderson Global Research		Janus Henderson Balanced	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:				
Net investment income (loss)	$ (2,581)	$ (1,456)	$ 8,600	$ 8,834
Realized gains (losses) on investments	71,204	46,993	81,854	25,894
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	7,186	16,285	43,535	97,853
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	75,809	61,822	133,989	132,581
Contract transactions:				
Purchase payments	2,150	2,302	2,381	1,893
Transfers between subaccounts, net	89,107	(881)	(2,044)	(257)
Withdrawals	(59,667)	(61,015)	(96,756)	(44,221)
Contract maintenance fees	(335)	(291)	(909)	(970)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	31,255	(59,885)	(97,328)	(43,555)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	107,064	1,937	36,661	89,026
Net assets at beginning of year	327,485	325,548	1,054,684	965,658
Net assets at end of year	$ 434,549	$ 327,485	$ 1,091,345	$ 1,054,684

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	T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond		T. Rowe Price Equity Income		T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	$ 16,940	$ 17,109	$ 3,288	$ 7,160	$ 24,690	$ 25,394
Realized gains (losses) on investments	(2,857)	(4,249)	110,980	81,414	147,623	91,198
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	9,972	8,007	3,181	23,162	120,741	93,897
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	24,055	20,867	117,449	111,736	293,054	210,489
Contract transactions:						
Purchase payments	4,900	5,690	336	345	4,741	4,978
Transfers between subaccounts, net	(1,060)	2,833	1,377	1,448	732	577
Withdrawals	(76,425)	(64,306)	(456,689)	(56,629)	(255,627)	(433,313)
Contract maintenance fees	(585)	(615)	(864)	(933)	(1,792)	(1,929)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(73,170)	(56,398)	(455,840)	(55,769)	(251,946)	(429,687)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(49,115)	(35,531)	(338,391)	55,967	41,108	(219,198)
Net assets at beginning of year	555,505	591,036	1,155,473	1,099,506	2,354,700	2,573,898
Net assets at end of year	$ 506,390	$ 555,505	$ 817,082	$ 1,155,473	$ 2,395,808	$ 2,354,700

	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth		T. Rowe Price International Stock	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:				
Net investment income (loss)	$ (4,556)	$ (4,877)	$ 342	$ (322)
Realized gains (losses) on investments	57,465	38,031	11,771	3,564
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	(44,223)	(2,437)	5,485	(747)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	8,686	30,717	17,598	2,495
Contract transactions:				
Purchase payments	1,613	1,341	580	1,080
Transfers between subaccounts, net	1,919	(429)	1,445	860
Withdrawals	(104,599)	(5,765)	(41,231)	(9,952)
Contract maintenance fees	(330)	(354)	(137)	(147)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(101,397)	(5,207)	(39,343)	(8,159)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(92,711)	25,510	(21,745)	(5,664)
Net assets at beginning of year	410,019	384,509	106,330	111,994
Net assets at end of year	$ 317,308	$ 410,019	$ 84,585	$ 106,330

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	Vanguard Balanced		Vanguard Equity Index		Vanguard High Yield Bond	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	$ 3,972	$ 4,265	$ (162)	$ 512	$ 3,910	$ 3,200
Realized gains (losses) on investments	42,059	35,082	100,151	35,560	(719)	(457)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	12,938	15,147	(29,033)	73,203	2,063	764
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	58,969	54,494	70,956	109,275	5,254	3,507
Contract transactions:						
Purchase payments	1,234	905	1,025	653	1,240	240
Transfers between subaccounts, net	(2,498)	446	17,081	(4,562)	603	760
Withdrawals	(56,852)	(188,013)	(172,494)	(20,657)	(18,460)	(5,691)
Contract maintenance fees	(313)	(380)	(260)	(246)	(79)	(80)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(58,429)	(187,042)	(154,648)	(24,812)	(16,696)	(4,771)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	540	(132,548)	(83,692)	84,463	(11,442)	(1,264)
Net assets at beginning of year	417,334	549,882	563,682	479,219	69,892	71,156
Net assets at end of year	$ 417,874	$ 417,334	$ 479,990	$ 563,682	$ 58,450	$ 69,892

	Vanguard Small Company Growth		Vanguard Mid-Cap Index		Vanguard REIT Index	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	$ (2,332)	$ (2,603)	$ 876	$ 378	$ 3,371	$ 5,365
Realized gains (losses) on investments	476	(7,800)	46,964	29,117	5,528	(3,368)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	15,184	46,906	(20,101)	7,061	(2,997)	8,723
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	13,328	36,503	27,739	36,556	5,902	10,720
Contract transactions:						
Purchase payments	1,943	4,443	575	10,075	635	306
Transfers between subaccounts, net	19,312	1,207	18,918	991	20,965	856
Withdrawals	(110,003)	(48,927)	(127,334)	(151,959)	(79,656)	(101,364)
Contract maintenance fees	(252)	(249)	(169)	(173)	(191)	(219)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(89,000)	(43,526)	(108,010)	(141,066)	(58,247)	(100,421)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(75,672)	(7,023)	(80,271)	(104,510)	(52,345)	(89,701)
Net assets at beginning of year	388,349	395,372	302,811	407,321	193,936	283,637
Net assets at end of year	$ 312,677	$ 388,349	$ 222,540	$ 302,811	$ 141,591	$ 193,936

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Years Ended December 31

	Vanguard Money Market	
	2025	2024
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations:		
Net investment income (loss)	$ 15,622	$ 22,189
Realized gains (losses) on investments	-	-
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net	-	-
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	15,622	22,189
Contract transactions:		
Purchase payments	3,250	2,725
Transfers between subaccounts, net	1,773	(13,622)
Withdrawals	(71,541)	(49,625)
Contract maintenance fees	(395)	(448)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from contract transactions	(66,913)	(60,970)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(51,291)	(38,781)
Net assets at beginning of year	550,325	589,106
Net assets at end of year	$ 499,034	$ 550,325

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Organization**

The Sentry Variable Account II (the Variable Account) is a segregated investment account of Sentry Life Insurance Company (the Company), which is a stock company 100% owned by Sentry Insurance Company (SIC), formerly Sentry Insurance a Mutual Company (SIAMCO), and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a unit investment trust pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Variable Account is a single line of businesss and an accounting entity wherein all segregated account transactions are reflected.

Effective January 1, 2021 (the effective date), SIAMCO reorganized its corporate structure (the reorganization). On the effective date and as part of the reorganization, SIAMCO converted to SIC, a stock insurer. SIC is 100% owned by Sentry Holdings, Inc., an intermediate holding company, which is 100% owned by Sentry Mutual Holding Company. The reorganization did not have a material impact on the Company or the Variable Account's financial statements.

The Variable Account was established by the Company on August 2, 1983 in support of variable annuity contracts, and commenced operations on May 3, 1984. The Company discontinued new sales of variable annuity contracts on December 1, 2004. Management of the Company has determined that there is no justification for substantial doubt regarding the Variable Account's ability to continue as a going concern.

The assets of each subaccount of the Variable Account are invested in shares of corresponding portfolios of Janus Henderson Series - Institutional Shares, T. Rowe Price Fixed Income Series, Inc., T. Rowe Price Equity Series, Inc., T. Rowe Price International Series, Inc., and Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund (collectively, the Funds) at each portfolio's net asset value (NAV) in accordance with the selection made by contract owners.

The Funds are diversified open-end investment management companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. A copy of the Funds' annual reports is included in the Variable Account's Annual Report.

The Variable Account meets the definition of an investment company under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946 and is following the accounting and reporting guidance under that Topic.

During 2022, a new fund offering was provided to policyholders, Vanguard Money Market Portfolio. Since this subaccount has an inception date in 2022, the financial statements are as of December 31, 2022 and for the period from inception date of February 2, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has issued an Accounting Standards Update on Segment Reporting (ASU Topic 280) effective for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Within the registered investment, each subaccount of the Variable Life Account is a single operating segment, therefore a single reportable segment in which the chief operating decision maker “CODM” manages activities of the Variable Life Account. The significant accounting policies listed in note 2, apply to each of the operating single segments.

2. **Significant Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if any, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The subaccounts have identified the President of Company as the CODM as the Variable Life Account does not have employees and is not a separate legal entity. To make operational decisions within the Variable Life Account, the CODM uses the change in net assets reported by each subaccount as their performance measure. The measure of segment assets are reported on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as “Total Assets and Total Net Assets” and each subaccount’s operating segment is listed on the Statement of Operations and Statement of Changes in Net assets, along with their related footnotes. All assets and revenue is generated in the United States and there is no customer greater than 10% of the results for all periods presented.

Valuation of Investments

Investments in shares of each of the Funds are valued on the closing net asset value per share at December 31, 2025. The Funds value their investment securities at fair value.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income

Transactions in shares of the Funds are recorded on the trade date if received by 3:00 p.m. central standard time (the date the order to buy and sell is executed). Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. The cost of Fund shares sold and the corresponding investment gains and losses are determined on a specific identification basis.

2. **Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Federal Income Taxes

The Company is taxed as a life insurance company under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The operations of the Variable Account are part of the total operations of the Company and are not taxed as a separate entity.

Under Federal income tax law, net investment income and net realized investment gains of the Variable Account which are applied to increase net assets are not taxed.

Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements, the Company evaluated subsequent events after the financial statement date of December 31, 2025 through March 3, 2026, the date the financial statements were issued. No significant subsequent events were identified.

3. **Purchases and Sales of Securities**

In 2025, purchases and proceeds from sale of investments in various subaccounts for the year ended December 31, 2025 are as follows:

	Purchases	Proceeds on Sales
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	$ 94,554	$ 140,505
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	965,705	1,939,647
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	199,979	185,763
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	133,725	66,282
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	59,293	113,533
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	29,389	85,618
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	93,790	468,684
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	163,190	287,794
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	43,728	109,589
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	10,760	42,817
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	48,820	64,834
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	39,776	183,276
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	6,795	19,582
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	50,412	114,784
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	42,963	133,459
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	30,974	82,222
Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	27,098	78,374

In 2024, purchases and proceeds from sale of investments in various subaccounts for the year ended December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Purchases	Proceeds on Sales
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	$ 36,483	$ 100,312
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	718,062	1,766,129
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	88,270	379,909
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	14,423	66,007
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	24,263	58,984
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	32,540	71,829
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	98,547	71,974
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	125,572	465,211
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	38,897	11,804
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	5,668	11,460
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	31,417	193,844
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	27,393	31,883
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	6,380	7,950
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	7,913	54,042
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	18,537	155,850
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	17,549	105,606
Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	44,645	83,406

4. **Expenses and Related Party Transactions**

A mortality and expense risk premium is deducted by the Company from the Variable Account on a daily basis which is equal, on an annual basis, to 1.20% (0.80% mortality and 0.40% expense risk) of the daily net asset value of the Variable Account. This mortality and expense risk premium compensates the Company for assuming these risks under the variable annuity contract.

The Company deducts, on the contract anniversary date, an annual contract maintenance charge of $30, per contract holder, from the contract value by canceling accumulation units. If the contract is surrendered for its full surrender value, on other than the contract anniversary, the contract maintenance charge will be deducted at the time of such surrender. This charge reimburses the Company for administrative expenses relating to maintenance of the contract.

Any premium tax payable to a governmental entity as a result of the existence of the contracts or the Variable Account will be either charged against the purchase payments or against the contract value. Premium taxes up to 3.5% are currently imposed by certain states. Some states assess their premium taxes at the time purchase payments are made; others assess their premium taxes at the time of annuitization. In the event contracts would be issued in states assessing their premium taxes at the time purchase payments are made, the Company currently deducts such premium taxes at the time those purchase payments are made. For contracts issue in states assessing their premium taxes at the time of annuitization, the Company currently deducts the premiums taxes at the point of annuitization.

Sentry Equity Services, Inc., a related party, acts as the underwriter for the contract.

5. **Fair Value Measurement**

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.

The Variable Account categorized its financial instruments into a three level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the category level is based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument in its entirety.

The Company categorizes financial assets recorded at fair value as follows:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices accessible in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date. The assets utilizing Level 1 valuations represent investments in publicly-traded registered mutual funds with quoted market prices.

Level 2 - Unadjusted quoted prices for similar assets in active markets or inputs (other than quoted prices) that are observable or that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means. The assets utilizing Level 2 valuations represent investments in privately-traded registered mutual funds only offered through insurance products. These funds have no unfunded commitments or restrictions and the Variable Account always has the ability to redeem its interest in the funds with the investee at NAV daily.

Level 3 - Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The following table summarizes assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2025:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Variable Account Investments	-	$ 22,449,628	-	$ 22,449,628

The Variable Account only invests in funds with fair value measurements in Level 2 and did not have any assets or liabilities reported at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

6. **Changes in Units Outstanding**

The changes in units outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows:

	Units Issued	Units Redeemed	Net Increase (Decrease)
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	119	3,042	(2,923)
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	129	6,307	(6,178)
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	55	2,639	(2,584)
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	4,176	2,484	1,692
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	82	2,344	(2,262)
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	148	1,951	(1,803)
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	51	9,441	(9,390)
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	69	2,353	(2,284)
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	51	1,402	(1,351)
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	130	2,192	(2,062)
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	29	1,227	(1,198)
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	373	2,796	(2,423)
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	74	650	(576)
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	420	2,148	(1,728)
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	377	2,078	(1,701)
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	475	1,670	(1,195)
Vanguard Money Market	458	6,499	(6,041)

The changes in units outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

	Units Issued	Units Redeemed	Net Increase (Decrease)
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	146	2,379	(2,233)
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	427	6,102	(5,675)
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	48	7,482	(7,434)
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	113	3,387	(3,274)
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	77	1,184	(1,107)
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	223	1,687	(1,464)
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	50	1,310	(1,260)
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	54	4,330	(4,276)
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	24	95	(71)
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	116	596	(480)
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	39	4,596	(4,557)
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	11	451	(440)
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	88	269	(181)
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	114	1,011	(897)
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	190	2,894	(2,704)
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	52	2,218	(2,166)
Vanguard Money Market	1,454	7,162	(5,708)

SENTRY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Sentry Variable Account II
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7. **Financial Highlights**

A summary of unit values, units outstanding and certain financial performance information for each subaccount for variable annuity contracts and the expense ratios, excluding expenses of the underlying funds, for the year ended December 31, 2025 is as follows:

	Units	Net Assets: Unit Value	Net Assets: (000's)	Expenses as a % of Average Net Assets #	Income as a % of Average Net Assets	Total Return
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	27,590	$ 43.99	$ 1,214	1.20 %	- %	16.99 %
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	39,758	295.61	11,753	1.20	0.20	6.40
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	24,995	68.17	1,704	1.20	0.07	16.75
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	17,003	25.56	435	1.20	0.58	19.49
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	22,796	47.87	1,091	1.20	2.00	13.74
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	12,364	40.96	506	1.20	4.31	4.46
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	15,700	52.04	817	1.20	1.62	13.01
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	20,386	117.52	2,396	1.20	2.24	13.15
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	4,198	75.61	317	1.20	-	2.32
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	4,379	19.32	85	1.20	1.56	17.01
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	8,017	52.12	418	1.20	2.15	15.09
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	6,619	72.51	480	1.20	1.17	16.31
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	1,986	29.43	58	1.20	6.92	7.89
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	5,719	54.67	313	1.20	0.54	4.85
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	3,406	65.35	223	1.20	1.53	10.22
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	3,022	46.85	142	1.20	3.00	1.89
* Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	44,673	11.17	499	1.20	4.12	2.94

A summary of unit values, units outstanding and certain financial performance information for each subaccount for variable annuity contracts and the expense ratios, excluding expenses of the underlying funds, for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Units	Net Assets: Unit Value	Net Assets: (000's)	Expenses as a % of Average Net Assets #	Income as a % of Average Net Assets	Total Return
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	30,513	$ 37.60	$ 1,147	1.20 %	0.03 %	33.69 %
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	45,936	277.84	12,763	1.20	0.74	14.23
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	27,579	58.39	1,610	1.20	0.11	26.93
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	15,311	21.39	327	1.20	0.74	22.11
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	25,058	42.09	1,055	1.20	2.07	14.04
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	14,167	39.21	556	1.20	4.21	3.70
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	25,090	46.05	1,155	1.20	1.81	10.37
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	22,670	103.87	2,355	1.20	2.25	8.74
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	5,549	73.90	410	1.20	-	8.01
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	6,441	16.51	106	1.20	0.93	2.01
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	9,215	45.29	417	1.20	2.22	13.43
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	9,042	62.34	564	1.20	1.30	23.35
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	2,562	27.28	70	1.20	5.78	5.17
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	7,447	52.14	388	1.20	0.54	10.05
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	5,107	59.29	303	1.20	1.34	13.70
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	4,217	45.98	194	1.20	3.47	3.49
* Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	50,714	10.85	550	1.20	5.08	3.93

Excluding the effect of the expenses of the underlying fund portfolios and maintenance charges charged directly to contract holder accounts.

* Vanguard Money Market's shares became available for investment on February 2, 2022.

7. **Financial Highlights (continued)**

A summary of unit values, units outstanding and certain financial performance information for each subaccount for variable annuity contracts and the expense ratios, excluding expenses of the underlying funds, for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

		Net Assets		Expenses as a % of Average Net Assets #	Income as a % of Average Net Assets	Total Return
	Units	Unit Value	(000's)			
	Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	32,746	$ 28.13	$ 921	1.20 %	0.14 %	41.49 %
	Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	51,611	243.24	12,554	1.20	0.16	16.67
	Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	35,013	46.00	1,611	1.20	0.19	38.32
	Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	18,585	17.52	326	1.20	0.91	25.28
	Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	26,165	36.91	966	1.20	2.09	14.05
	T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	15,631	37.81	591	1.20	3.32	3.69
	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	26,350	41.73	1,100	1.20	2.09	8.24
	T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	26,946	95.52	2,574	1.20	2.30	13.98
	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	5,620	68.42	385	1.20	-	18.54
	T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	6,921	16.18	112	1.20	0.99	14.86
	Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	13,772	39.93	550	1.20	2.03	12.97
	Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	9,482	50.54	479	1.20	1.46	24.63
	Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	2,743	25.94	71	1.20	5.08	10.34
	Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	8,344	47.38	395	1.20	0.41	18.23
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	7,811	52.15	407	1.20	1.46	14.46
	Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	6,383	44.43	284	1.20	2.50	10.38
**	Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	56,422	10.44	589	1.20	4.92	3.80

A summary of unit values, units outstanding and certain financial performance information for each subaccount for variable annuity contracts and the expense ratios, excluding expenses of the underlying funds, for the year ended December 31, 2022 is as follows:

		Net Assets		Expenses as a % of Average Net Assets #	Income as a % of Average Net Assets	Total Return***
	Units	Unit Value	(000's)			
	Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	35,079	$ 19.88	$ 697	1.20 %	0.15 %	(30.73) %
	Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	56,961	208.48	11,875	1.20	0.20	(16.94)
	Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	37,356	33.26	1,242	1.20	0.18	(34.35)
	Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	21,279	13.98	298	1.20	1.02	(20.38)
	Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	27,914	32.36	903	1.20	1.22	(17.40)
*	T. Rowe Price Government Money Portfolio	-	19.55	-	1.20	0.02	(0.37)
	T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	18,629	36.46	679	1.20	1.96	(5.65)
	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	31,898	38.55	1,230	1.20	1.88	(4.50)
	T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	32,255	83.80	2,703	1.20	1.56	(19.29)
	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	7,580	57.72	437	1.20	-	(23.51)
	T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	7,609	14.09	107	1.20	0.79	(16.82)
	Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	14,052	35.34	497	1.20	1.93	(15.32)
	Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	11,391	40.55	462	1.20	1.37	(19.21)
	Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	2,980	23.51	70	1.20	5.12	(10.44)
	Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	9,042	40.08	362	1.20	0.27	(26.25)
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	8,383	45.56	382	1.20	1.17	(19.79)
	Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	6,745	40.26	272	1.20	1.77	(27.18)
**	Vanguard Money Market Portfolio	61,348	10.06	617	1.20	1.66	0.59

Excluding the effect of the expenses of the underlying fund portfolios and maintenance charges charged directly to contract holder accounts.

* T.Rowe Price Government Money's shares were terminated on April 28, 2022.

** Vanguard Money Market's shares became available for investment on February 2, 2022.

*** Total return is not annualized if the underlying fund was initially added and funded or terminated during the period presented.

7. **Financial Highlights (continued)**

A summary of unit values, units outstanding and certain financial performance information for each subaccount for variable annuity contracts and the expense ratios, excluding expenses of the underlying funds, for the year ended December 31, 2021 is as follows:

	Units	Net Assets: Unit Value	Net Assets: (000's)	Expenses as a % of Average Net Assets #	Income as a % of Average Net Assets	Total Return
Janus Henderson Research Portfolio	42,678	$ 28.70	$ 1,225	1.20 %	0.10 %	18.90 %
Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio	61,836	251.01	15,521	1.20	0.32	15.43
Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio	44,804	50.66	2,270	1.20	-	21.43
Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio	25,953	17.56	456	1.20	0.53	16.68
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	33,311	39.18	1,305	1.20	0.91	15.80
* T. Rowe Price Government Money Portfolio	23,476	19.62	461	1.20	0.01	(1.18)
T. Rowe Price Limited Term Bond Portfolio	20,093	38.65	777	1.20	1.35	(1.07)
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio	33,643	40.36	1,358	1.20	1.58	24.05
T. Rowe Price Moderate Allocation Portfolio	35,078	103.83	3,642	1.20	0.98	8.75
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio	8,688	75.45	656	1.20	-	13.48
T. Rowe Price International Stock Portfolio	7,365	16.94	125	1.20	0.54	0.10
Vanguard Balanced Portfolio	17,692	41.74	738	1.20	1.88	17.60
Vanguard Equity Index Portfolio	11,927	50.19	599	1.20	1.23	27.02
Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio	3,012	26.25	79	1.20	4.12	2.44
Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio	9,223	54.34	501	1.20	0.41	12.85
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	9,025	56.80	513	1.20	1.16	22.87
Vanguard REIT Index Portfolio	6,235	55.28	345	1.20	1.99	38.55

Excluding the effect of the expenses of the underlying fund portfolios and maintenance charges charged directly to contract holder accounts.

* T.Rowe Price Government Money's shares were terminated on April 28, 2022.

8. **Diversification Requirements**

Under the provisions of Section 817(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended, a variable contract, other than a contract issued in connection with certain types of employee benefit plans, will not be treated as a variable contract for federal tax purposes for any period for which the investments of the segregated asset account on which the contract is based are not adequately diversified. Each subaccount is required to satisfy the requirements of Section 817(h). The Code provides that the "adequately diversified" requirement may be met if the underlying investments satisfy either the statutory safe harbor test or diversification requirements set forth in regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued regulations under Section 817(h) of the Code. The Variable Account intends that each of the subaccounts shall comply with the diversification requirements and, in the event of any failure to comply, will take immediate corrective action to assure compliance.

▼ April 30, 2026

	Institutional Shares Ticker
Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio	JABLX

Janus Aspen Series

Prospectus

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved of these securities or passed on the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Janus Henderson
INVESTORS

This Prospectus describes Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"). Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares. The Institutional Shares (the "Shares") are offered by this Prospectus in connection with investment in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "variable insurance contracts"), as well as certain qualified retirement plans.

This Prospectus contains information that a prospective purchaser of a variable insurance contract or plan participant should consider in conjunction with the accompanying separate account prospectus of the specific insurance company product before allocating purchase payments or premiums to the Portfolio. Each variable insurance contract involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. Refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding contract fees and expenses and any restrictions on purchases or allocations.

For the purpose of this Prospectus, any reference to the "Janus Henderson funds" is inclusive of all series of the Trust, collectively, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio

Ticker: JABLX Institutional Shares

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio ("Balanced Portfolio") seeks long-term capital growth, consistent with preservation of capital and balanced by current income.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell Shares of the Portfolio. **Owners of variable insurance contracts that invest in the Shares should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses, as the following table and examples do not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses described below.**

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.55%
Other Expenses	0.07%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.62%

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares	$ 63	$ 199	$ 346	$ 774

Portfolio Turnover: The Portfolio 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. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 79% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by normally investing 35-70% of its assets in equity securities and the remaining assets in fixed-income securities and cash equivalents. The Portfolio normally invests at least 25% of its assets in fixed-income senior securities. As of December 31, 2025, approximately 64.48% of the Portfolio's assets were held in equity securities, including common stocks, and 35.52% of the Portfolio's assets were held in fixed-income securities and cash equivalents.

The Portfolio's equity investments include, but are not limited to, common stocks and other securities with equity characteristics. The Portfolio's fixed-income investments include, but are not limited to, government notes and bonds, corporate bonds, commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities, and asset-backed securities. The Portfolio may also invest in money market instruments. The Portfolio may invest in fixed and floating rate obligations with varying durations.

The Portfolio will limit its investments in high-yield bonds (also known as "junk" bonds) to 35% of the fixed-income portion of its net assets. The Portfolio may enter into "to be announced" or "TBA" commitments when purchasing mortgage-backed securities or other securities. The Portfolio also invests in securities that have contractual restrictions that prohibit or limit their public resale, which may include Rule 144A securities.

The Portfolio may also invest its assets in derivatives, which are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset, such as fixed-income securities, currencies, interest rates, or market indices. In particular, the Portfolio may use index credit default swaps for hedging purposes (to offset risks associated with an investment exposure or market conditions), to increase or decrease the Portfolio's exposure to a particular market, to manage or adjust the risk profile of the Portfolio relative to its benchmark index, and to earn income, enhance returns, or preserve capital. The Portfolio's exposure to derivatives will vary and may include derivatives that have characteristics similar to the securities in which the Portfolio may directly invest. The Portfolio may take short positions on derivatives instruments.

In choosing equity investments, portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach. In other words, equity portfolio management looks at companies one at a time to determine if a company is an attractive investment opportunity and if it is consistent with the Portfolio's investment policies. Factors that equity portfolio management will consider in its fundamental analysis include a company's revenue growth potential, returns on capital, and balance sheet flexibility. Equity portfolio management will generally consider selling a security when, among other things, it reaches or exceeds its targeted value, the investment thesis for owning the position has changed, or to rebalance industry or sector weightings.

In choosing fixed-income investments, portfolio management's investment process is research-driven, incorporating "top-down" and "bottom-up" factors to identify and manage exposure to risks across sectors, industries, and individual investments. Fixed-income portfolio management evaluates expected risk-adjusted returns on a portfolio and position level by analyzing fundamentals, valuations, and market technical indicators. This research encompasses both traditional fundamental analysis and data driven quantitative models and signals from such models.

As part of its investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors include: corporate governance, company culture, exposure to climate change, and human capital management. To assess ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data, and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision.

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The biggest risk is that the Portfolio's returns will vary, and you could lose money. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors seeking a balanced portfolio, including common stocks and bonds. The principal risks associated with investing in the Portfolio are set forth below.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease due to short-term market movements and over more prolonged market downturns. As a result, the Portfolio's net asset value may fluctuate and it may be more difficult to value or sell the Portfolio's holdings. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole. Market risk may be magnified if certain social, political, economic, and other conditions and events (such as financial institution failures, economic recessions, tariffs, trade disputes, terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, natural disasters, and epidemics and pandemics) adversely interrupt the global economy and financial markets. It is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, in response to changes in the market, and you could lose money.

Growth Securities Risk. Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. If portfolio management's perception of a company's growth potential is not realized, the securities purchased may not perform as expected, reducing the Portfolio's returns. In addition, because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, "growth" stocks may perform differently from other types of securities and the market as a whole.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of an individual company or security, or multiple companies or securities, in the portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities

perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions or perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities the Portfolio holds participate.

Large-Sized Companies Risk. Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Dividend-Oriented Stocks Risk. Companies that have paid regular dividends to shareholders may decrease or eliminate dividend payments in the future. A decrease in dividend payments by an issuer may result in a decrease in the value of the security held by the Portfolio or the Portfolio receiving less income.

Portfolio Management Risk. The Portfolio is an actively managed investment portfolio and is therefore subject to the risk that the investment strategies and research process employed for the Portfolio may fail to produce the intended results. Accordingly, the Portfolio may underperform benchmark indices or other funds with similar investment objectives.

Fixed-Income Securities Risk. Fixed-income securities are generally subject to the following risks:

- Interest rate risk, which is the risk that prices of bonds and other fixed-income securities will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. Changing interest rates have unpredictable effects on the markets and may expose fixed-income and related markets to heightened volatility.
- Credit risk, which is the risk that the credit strength of an issuer of a fixed-income security will weaken and/or that the issuer will be unable to make timely principal and interest payments and that the security may go into default.
- Prepayment risk, which is the risk that, during periods of falling interest rates, certain debt obligations may be paid off quicker than originally anticipated, which may cause the Portfolio to reinvest its assets in securities with lower yields, resulting in a decline in the Portfolio's income or return potential.
- Extension risk, which is the risk that, during periods of rising interest rates, certain debt obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated, and as a result, the value of those obligations may fall.
- Valuation risk, which is the risk that one or more of the fixed-income securities in which the Portfolio invests are priced differently than the value realized upon such security's sale. In times of market instability, valuation may be more difficult. Valuation may also be affected by changes in the issuer's financial strength, the market's perception of such strength, or in the credit rating of the issuer or the security.
- Liquidity risk, which is the risk that fixed-income securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that portfolio management would like or at the price portfolio management believes the security is currently worth. Consequently, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash, or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced).

High-Yield Bond Risk. High-yield bonds (also known as "junk" bonds) are considered speculative and may be more sensitive than other types of bonds to economic changes, political changes, or adverse developments specific to the company that issued the bond, which may adversely affect their value.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities represent interests in "pools" of commercial or residential mortgages or other assets, including consumer loans or receivables. The value of mortgage- and asset-backed securities will be influenced by factors affecting the real estate market and the assets underlying these securities. Investments in mortgage-and asset-backed securities may be subject to credit risk, valuation risk, liquidity risk, extension risk, and prepayment risk. These securities also are subject to risk of default on the underlying mortgage or asset, particularly during periods of economic downturn.

Sovereign Debt Risk. Investments in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt") can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors including, but not limited to, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, and the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect

all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Derivatives Risk. Derivatives can be volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities or asset. Gains or losses from a derivative investment can be substantially greater than the derivative's original cost, and can therefore involve leverage. Leverage may cause the Portfolio to be more volatile than if it had not used leverage. Derivatives entail the risk that the counterparty may default on its payment obligations. If the counterparty to a derivative transaction defaults, the Portfolio may lose the net amount of the payments that it contractually is entitled to receive. Derivatives used for hedging purposes may reduce or eliminate gains or cause losses if the market moves in a manner different from that anticipated by portfolio management or if the cost of the derivative outweighs the benefit of the hedge.

Floating Rate Obligations Risk. The Portfolio may invest in floating rate obligations with interest rates that reset regularly. The interest rates on floating rate obligations typically reset quarterly, although rates on some obligations may adjust at other intervals. Changes in the interest rates on floating rate obligations could result in lower income to the Portfolio. In addition, the secondary market on which floating rate obligations are traded may be less liquid than the market for investment grade securities or other types of income-producing securities, which may have an adverse impact on their market price. There is also a potential that there is no active market to trade floating rate obligations, that there may be restrictions on their transfer, or that the issuer may default. As a result, the Portfolio may be unable to sell floating rate obligations at the desired time or may be able to sell only at a price less than fair market value.

TBA Commitments Risk. Although TBA commitments must meet industry-accepted "good delivery" standards, there can be no assurance that a security purchased on a forward commitment basis will ultimately be issued or delivered by the counterparty. If the counterparty to a transaction fails to deliver the securities, the Portfolio could suffer a loss. Because TBA commitments do not require the delivery of a specific security, the characteristics of a security delivered to the Portfolio may be less favorable than expected. There is a risk that the security that the Portfolio buys will lose value between the purchase and settlement dates. TBA purchase and sales commitments may significantly increase the portfolio turnover rate and are not included in the portfolio turnover rate calculation.

Short Exposure Risk. The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to the underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Rule 144A Securities and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in securities issued under Regulation S and Rule 144A and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could have the effect of decreasing the Portfolio's liquidity profile or preventing the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Investments in securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from funds that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. Information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop and may be incomplete or inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies, or be applied differently across issuers and industries.

Securities Lending Risk. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

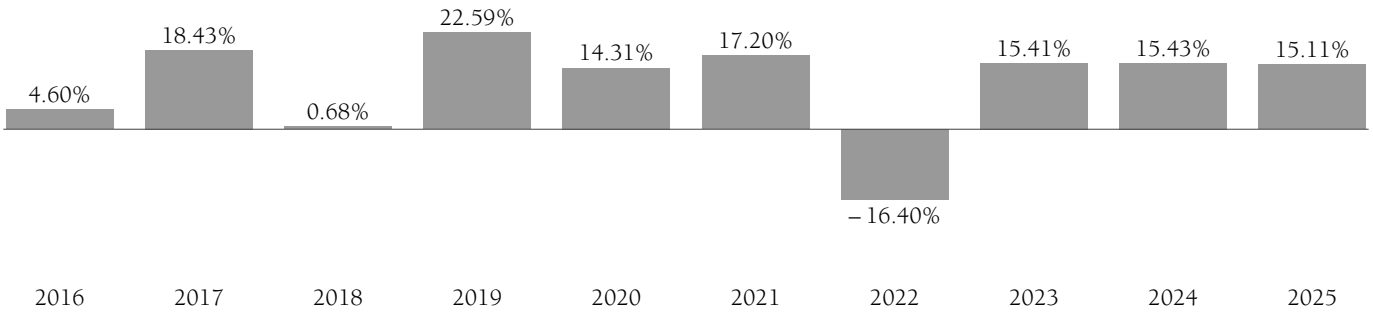
An investment in the Portfolio is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing how the Portfolio's performance has varied over time. The bar chart depicts the change in performance from year to year during the periods indicated. Total return figures include the effect of the Portfolio's expenses, but do not include charges or expenses attributable to any insurance product, which would lower the performance illustrated. The table compares the average annual returns for the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio for the periods indicated to a broad-based securities market index, as well as to one or more additional indices that have investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. All figures assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

The Portfolio's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at janushenderson.com/VITperformance or by calling 1-877-335-2687.

Annual Total Returns for Institutional Shares (calendar year-end)



Best Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2020 **12.92%** **Worst Quarter:** 2nd Quarter 2022 **– 11.58%**

Average Annual Total Returns (periods ended 12/31/25)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Balanced Portfolio			
Institutional Shares	15.11%	8.48%	10.14%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.88%	14.42%	14.82%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	7.30%	– 0.36%	2.01%
Balanced Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	13.70%	7.95%	9.25%

The Portfolio's broad-based benchmark indices are the S&P 500 Index and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The Portfolio's additional benchmark index is the Balanced Index. The indices are described below.

- The S&P 500 Index is a commonly recognized, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 widely held equity securities, designed to measure broad U.S. equity performance.
- The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is made up of U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bonds, including securities that are of investment grade quality or better.
- The Balanced Index is an internally-calculated, hypothetical combination of unmanaged indices. Prior to April 29, 2024, the Balanced Index reflects total returns of the S&P 500 Index (55%) and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (45%). Effective April 29, 2024, the Balanced Index reflects the total returns of the S&P 500 Index (60%) and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (40%).

MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser: Janus Henderson Investors US LLC

Portfolio Management: **Jeremiah Buckley**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since December 2015. **Michael Keough** is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since December 2019. **Greg Wilensky**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since February 2020.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through qualified retirement plans. Requests are duly processed at the net asset value next calculated after an order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

TAX INFORMATION

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract.

PAYMENTS TO INSURERS, BROKER-DEALERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Portfolio shares are generally available only through an insurer's variable contracts, or through certain employer or other retirement plans (Retirement Products). Retirement Products are generally purchased through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. The Portfolio or its distributor (or its affiliates) may make payments to the insurer and/or its related companies for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary, or be a factor in the insurer's decision to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult your insurance contract prospectus for more information.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Please refer to the following important information when reviewing the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The fees and expenses shown were determined based on average net assets as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

- "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are paid out of the Portfolio's assets and include fees for portfolio management and administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, and other shareholder services. You do not pay these fees directly but, as the Example in the Portfolio Summary shows, these costs are borne indirectly by all shareholders.
- The "Management Fee" is the investment advisory fee rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. Refer to "Management Expenses" in this Prospectus for additional information with further description in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").
- "Other Expenses"
  - include an administrative services fee of 0.05% of the average daily net assets to compensate insurance companies or other financial intermediaries for services provided to contract owners and plan participants.
  - include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are indirect expenses the Portfolio may incur as a result of investing in shares of an underlying fund, to the extent such expenses are less than 0.01%. "Acquired Fund" refers to any underlying fund (including, but not limited to, exchange-traded funds) in which a portfolio invests or has invested during the period. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in Acquired Funds, the Portfolio's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" may not correlate to the "Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets" presented in the Financial Highlights table because that ratio includes only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio, not the indirect costs of investing in Acquired Funds. Such amounts are less than 0.01%.
  - may include reimbursement to Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), the Portfolio's transfer agent, of its out-of-pocket costs for serving as transfer agent and providing servicing to shareholders, including servicing provided by third parties.
  - include custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses.
- All expenses in the Portfolio's "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table are shown without the effect of expense offset arrangements. Pursuant to such arrangements, credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce custodian and transfer agent expenses.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GENERAL PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio's Board of Trustees ("Trustees") may change the Portfolio's investment objective or non-fundamental principal investment strategies without a shareholder vote. The Portfolio will notify you in writing at least 60 days before making any such change it considers material. If there is a material change to the Portfolio's investment objective or principal investment strategies, you should consider whether the Portfolio remains an appropriate investment for you. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

Unless otherwise stated, the following section provides additional information about the investment strategies and general policies that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section, including the types of securities the Portfolio may invest in when pursuing its investment objective. This section also describes investment strategies and policies that the Portfolio may use to a lesser extent. These non-principal investment strategies and policies may become more important in the future since the Portfolio's composition can change over time. Except for the Portfolio's policies with respect to illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, the percentage limitations included in these policies and elsewhere in this Prospectus and/or the SAI normally apply only at the time of purchase of a security. So, for example, if the Portfolio exceeds a limit, other than illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, as a result of market fluctuations or the sale of other securities, it will not be required to dispose of any securities. The "Glossary of Investment Terms" includes descriptions of investment terms used throughout the Prospectus.

Security Selection

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by normally investing 35-70% of its assets in equity securities and the remaining assets in fixed-income securities and cash equivalents. In choosing equity investments, portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach. In other words, equity portfolio management looks at companies one at a time to determine

if a company is an attractive investment opportunity and if it is consistent with the Portfolio's investment policies. Factors that equity portfolio management will consider in its fundamental analysis include a company's revenue growth potential, returns on capital, and balance sheet flexibility. Equity portfolio management will generally consider selling a security when, among other things, it reaches or exceeds its targeted value, the investment thesis for owning the position has changed, or to rebalance industry or sector weightings. In choosing fixed-income investments, portfolio management's investment process is research-driven, incorporating "top-down" and "bottom-up" factors to identify and manage exposure to risks across sectors, industries, and individual investments. Fixed-income portfolio management evaluates expected risk-adjusted returns on a portfolio and position level by analyzing fundamentals, valuations, and market technical indicators. This research encompasses both traditional fundamental analysis and data driven quantitative models and signals from such models.

Cash Position

The Portfolio may not always stay fully invested. For example, when portfolio management believes that market conditions are unfavorable for investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Portfolio's cash or similar investments may increase. When the Portfolio's investments in cash or similar investments increase, it may not participate in market advances or declines to the same extent that it would if the Portfolio remained more fully invested. To the extent the Portfolio invests its uninvested cash through a sweep program (meaning its uninvested cash is pooled with uninvested cash of other funds and invested in certain securities such as repurchase agreements), it is subject to the risks of the account or fund into which it is investing, including liquidity issues that may delay the Portfolio from accessing its cash.

In addition, the Portfolio may temporarily increase its cash position under certain unusual circumstances, such as to protect its assets or maintain liquidity in certain circumstances to meet unusually large redemptions. The Portfolio's cash position may also increase temporarily due to unusually large cash inflows. Under unusual circumstances such as these, the Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or similar investments. In this case, the Portfolio may take positions that are inconsistent with its investment policies. As a result, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective.

Derivatives

The Portfolio may invest in derivatives, which are financial instruments whose value is derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset, instrument, currency, or index. The Portfolio may take long and short positions in derivatives. Derivatives can be used for hedging purposes or for non-hedging purposes, such as seeking to earn income and enhance return, to protect unrealized gains, or to avoid realizing losses. Such techniques may also be used to adjust currency exposure relative to a benchmark index, to gain exposure to the market pending investment of cash balances, or to meet liquidity needs.

Emerging Markets

Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index℠.

ESG Integration

As part of the Portfolio's investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors may include corporate governance, political governance, executive pay, board structure and diversity, business ethics, corporate reporting, company culture, human capital management and diversity, community relations, human rights, exposure to climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation. Portfolio management focuses on the ESG Factors it considers most likely to have a material impact on the long-term financial performance of the issuer, which includes identifying ESG Factors attributable to a particular region, sector, industry, or issuer. To facilitate its assessment of ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision. Portfolio management may assess the relevance of ESG Factors to its fundamental research process differently across issuers, sectors, regions, and asset classes.

Exchange-Traded Funds

The Portfolio may invest in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), including affiliated ETFs. ETFs are typically open-end investment companies that are traded on a national securities exchange. ETFs typically incur fees, such as investment advisory fees and other operating expenses that are separate from those of the Portfolio, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio may be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may

be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. Since ETFs are traded on an exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments, there may be times when ETFs trade at a premium or discount.

Foreign Securities
The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities. Portfolio management seeks investments that meet the selection criteria, regardless of where an issuer or company is located. Foreign securities, which are investments in securities of issuers or companies that are economically tied to different countries outside of the United States, are generally selected on a security-by-security basis without regard to any predetermined allocation among countries or geographic regions. However, certain factors, such as expected levels of inflation, government policies influencing business conditions, the outlook for currency relationships, and prospects for economic growth among countries, regions, or geographic areas, may warrant greater consideration in selecting foreign securities. An issuer is deemed to be economically tied to a country or countries if one or more of the following tests are met: (i) the issuer is organized in, or its primary business office or principal trading market of its equity is located in, the country; (ii) a majority of the issuer's revenues are derived from one or more countries; or (iii) a majority of the issuer's assets are located in one or more countries.

High-Yield Bonds
Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in bonds that are rated below investment grade (also known as "junk" bonds) by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSROs") or are unrated bonds of similar quality. The Portfolio may also invest in unrated bonds of foreign and domestic issuers.

Illiquid Investments
The Portfolio will not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Portfolio would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. An illiquid investment is any investment that the Portfolio reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

Inflation-Linked Securities
The Portfolio may invest in inflation-linked securities, including Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (also known as TIPS), municipal inflation-indexed bonds and corporate inflation-indexed bonds, or in derivatives that are linked to these securities. TIPS are inflation-linked bonds issued by the U.S. Government. Inflation-linked bonds may also be issued by, or related to, sovereign governments of other developed countries, emerging market countries, or companies or other entities not affiliated with governments.

Inflation-linked bonds are fixed-income securities whose interest and principal payments are periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. The inflation adjustment, which is typically applied monthly to the principal of the bond, follows a designated inflation index, such as the consumer price index. If an index measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-indexed bonds will typically be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Because of their inflation adjustment feature, inflation-linked bonds typically have lower yields than conventional fixed-rate bonds.

Inflation-linked bonds normally decline in price when real interest rates rise. In the event of deflation, when prices decline over time, the principal and income of inflation-linked bonds would likely decline, resulting in losses to the Portfolio.

In the case of TIPS, repayment of original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed. When TIPS mature, the holder is paid the adjusted principal or original principal, whichever is greater. For inflation-linked bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value or maturity amount of the inflation-linked bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal.

Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings
The Portfolio may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company's initial public offering ("IPO"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. An IPO is the first sale of stock by a private company to the public. IPOs are often issued by smaller, younger companies seeking the capital to expand, but can also be done by large privately-owned companies looking to become publicly traded. The Portfolio may also purchase shares in offerings made by companies that are publicly traded ("secondary offerings"). Secondary offerings may be made by companies for a number of reasons, including as part of a refinancing, to raise capital for growth, and/or to provide existing shareholders with a way to register and sell restricted shares.

Leverage
Certain of the Portfolio's investments, including derivatives and short sale transactions, involve the use of leverage. Leverage is investment exposure which exceeds the initial amount invested. Leverage occurs when the Portfolio increases its assets available for investment using derivatives, short sales, when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment transactions, or other similar transactions. The use of other investment techniques can also create a leveraging effect on the Portfolio.

Loans
The Portfolio may invest in various commercial loans, including bank loans, bridge loans, debtor-in-possession ("DIP") loans, mezzanine loans, and other fixed and floating rate loans. These loans may be acquired through loan participations and assignments or on a when-issued basis.

Bank Loans. Bank loans are obligations of companies or other entities entered into in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, and refinancings. The Portfolio's investments in bank loans are generally acquired as a participation interest in, or assignment of, loans originated by a lender or other financial institution. These investments may include institutionally-traded floating and fixed-rate debt securities.

Bridge Loans. Bridge loans are short-term loan arrangements typically made by a borrower in anticipation of receiving intermediate-term or long-term permanent financing. Most bridge loans are structured as floating-rate debt with step-up provisions under which the interest rate on the bridge loan increases the longer the loan remains outstanding. In addition, bridge loans commonly contain a conversion feature that allows the bridge loan investor to convert its loan interest to senior exchange notes if the loan has not been prepaid in full on or prior to its maturity date. Bridge loans typically are structured as senior loans, but may be structured as junior loans.

DIP Loans. DIP loans are issued in connection with restructuring and refinancing transactions. DIP loans are loans to a debtor-in-possession in a proceeding under the U.S. bankruptcy code that have been approved by the bankruptcy court. DIP loans are typically fully secured by a lien on the debtor's otherwise unencumbered assets or secured by a junior lien on the debtor's encumbered assets (so long as the loan is fully secured based on the most recent current valuation or appraisal report of the debtor). DIP loans are often required to close with certainty and in a rapid manner to satisfy existing creditors and to enable the issuer to emerge from bankruptcy or to avoid a bankruptcy proceeding.

Mezzanine Loans. Mezzanine loans are a hybrid of debt and equity financing that is typically used to fund the expansion of existing companies. A mezzanine loan is composed of debt capital that gives the lender the right to convert to an ownership or equity interest in the company if the loan is not paid back in time and in full. Mezzanine loans typically are the most subordinated debt obligation in an issuer's capital structure.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities
The Portfolio may purchase fixed or variable rate commercial or residential mortgage-backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), or other governmental or government-related entities. Ginnie Mae's guarantees are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which means that the U.S. Government guarantees that the interest and principal will be paid when due. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities, as well as the securities of other government or government-related entities, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

The Portfolio may also purchase mortgage- and asset-backed securities through single- and multi-seller conduits, collateralized loan obligations, structured investment vehicles, and other similar securities. Asset-backed securities may be backed by various consumer obligations, including automobile loans, equipment leases, credit card receivables, or other collateral. In the event the underlying loans are not paid, the securities' issuer could be forced to sell the assets and recognize losses on such assets, which could impact the Portfolio's return.

Portfolio Turnover
In general, the Portfolio intends to purchase securities for long-term investment, although, to a limited extent, the Portfolio may purchase securities in anticipation of relatively short-term gains. Short-term transactions may also result from liquidity needs, securities having reached a price or yield objective, changes in interest rates or the credit standing of an issuer, or by reason of economic or other developments not foreseen at the time of the initial investment decision. The Portfolio may also sell one security and simultaneously purchase the same or a comparable security to take advantage of short-term differentials in bond yields or securities prices. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the size of the Portfolio

(including due to shareholder purchases and redemptions), the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style of portfolio management. Changes are normally made in the Portfolio's holdings whenever portfolio management believes such changes are desirable. Portfolio turnover rates are generally not a factor in making buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio.

Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher costs for brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, and other transaction costs. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover also may have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. The "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus shows the Portfolio's historical turnover rates.

REITs and Real Estate-Related Securities

The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. These securities may include common stocks, preferred stocks, and other securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and similar REIT-like entities (such as real estate operating companies ("REOCs")). A REIT is an entity that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are often categorized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT, the most common type of REIT, invests primarily in the fee ownership of land and buildings. An equity REIT derives its income primarily from rental income but may also realize capital gains or losses by selling real estate properties in its portfolio that have appreciated or depreciated in value. A mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure construction, development, or long-term loans. A mortgage REIT generally derives its income from interest payments on the credit it has extended. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate.

Similar to REITs, REOCs are publicly-traded real estate companies that typically engage in the development, management or financing of real estate, such as homebuilders, hotel management companies, land developers and brokers. REOCs, however, have not elected (or are not eligible) to be taxed as a REIT. The reasons for not making such an election include the (i) availability of tax-loss carry-forwards, (ii) operation in non-REIT-qualifying lines of business, and (iii) ability to retain earnings. Instead, REOCs are generally structured as "C" corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, as a result, are not required to distribute any portion of their income. In this regard, although REOCs do not receive the same favorable tax treatment that is accorded to REITs, REOCs are typically subject to fewer restrictions than REITs, including the ability to retain and/or reinvest funds from operations and more flexibility in terms of the real estate investments they can make.

Securities Lending

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. When the Portfolio lends its securities, it receives collateral (including cash collateral), at least equal to the value of securities loaned. The Portfolio may earn income by investing this collateral in one or more affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles or in time deposits. It is also possible that, due to a decline in the value of a cash management vehicle in which collateral is invested, the Portfolio may lose money. There is also the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase a replacement security in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could be insufficient to cover the cost of the replacement security resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In certain circumstances, individual loan transactions could yield negative returns. The Adviser intends to manage a portion of the cash collateral in an affiliated cash management vehicle and will receive an investment advisory fee for managing such assets.

Short Sales

The Portfolio may invest in short positions through short sales of stocks and structured products, and through derivatives that include swaps, uncovered written calls, and futures. The Portfolio may also engage in short sales "against the box" and options for hedging purposes. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility.

A short sale is generally a transaction in which the Portfolio sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. To complete the

transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. A short sale is subject to the risk that if the price of the security sold short increases in value, the Portfolio will incur a loss because it will have to replace the security sold short by purchasing it at a higher price. In addition, the Portfolio may not always be able to close out a short position at a particular time or at an acceptable price. A lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the borrowed securities be returned to the lender on short notice, and the Portfolio may have to buy the borrowed securities at an unfavorable price. If this occurs at a time when other short sellers of the same security also want to close out their positions, a "short squeeze" can occur, which means that the demand is greater than the supply for the security sold short. If a short squeeze occurs, it is more likely that the Portfolio will have to cover its short sale at an unfavorable price and potentially reduce or eliminate any gain, or cause a loss, as a result of the short sale. Because there is no upper limit to the price a borrowed security may reach prior to closing a short position, the Portfolio's losses are potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. The Portfolio's gains and losses will also be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of any dividends, interest, or expenses, including transaction costs and borrowing fees, the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. Such payments may result in the Portfolio having higher expenses than a portfolio that does not engage in short sales and may negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to an underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Special Situations

The Portfolio may invest in companies that demonstrate special situations or turnarounds, meaning companies that have experienced significant business problems but are believed to have favorable prospects for recovery. For example, a special situation or turnaround may arise when, in the opinion of portfolio management, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized as undervalued by the market and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer. Special situations may include significant changes in a company's allocation of its existing capital, a restructuring of assets, or a redirection of free cash flow. For example, issuers undergoing significant capital changes may include companies involved in spin-offs, sales of divisions, mergers or acquisitions, companies involved in bankruptcy proceedings, or companies initiating large changes in their debt to equity ratio. Companies that are redirecting cash flows may be reducing debt, repurchasing shares, or paying dividends. Special situations may also result from: (i) significant changes in industry structure through regulatory developments or shifts in competition; (ii) a new or improved product, service, operation, or technological advance; (iii) changes in senior management or other extraordinary corporate event; (iv) differences in market supply of and demand for the security; or (v) significant changes in cost structure.

Swap Agreements

The Portfolio may utilize swap agreements including, but not limited to, credit default swaps, equity swaps, inflation index swaps, interest rate and currency swaps, total return swaps (including fixed-income total return swaps), and swaps on exchange-traded funds, as a means to gain exposure to certain companies or countries, and/or to "hedge" or protect its holdings from adverse movements in securities prices, the rate of inflation, or interest rates. Swaps may also be used for capital appreciation. Swap agreements are two-party contracts to exchange one set of cash flows for another. Swap agreements entail the risk that a party will default on its payment obligations to the Portfolio. If the other party to a swap defaults, the Portfolio would risk the loss of the net amount of the payments that it contractually is entitled to receive. If the Portfolio utilizes a swap at the wrong time or judges market conditions incorrectly, the swap may result in a loss to the Portfolio and reduce the Portfolio's total return. Various types of swaps such as credit default, equity, interest rate, currency, inflation index, and total return are described in the "Glossary of Investment Terms."

Index Credit Default Swaps. The Portfolio may invest in index credit default swaps ("CDX"). CDX are swaps on an index of credit default swaps. CDX allow an investor to manage credit risk or take a position on a basket of credit entities (such as credit default swaps or a commercial mortgage-backed index) in a more efficient manner than transacting in a single-name credit default swap. If a credit event occurs in one of the underlying companies, the protection is paid out via the delivery of the defaulted bond by the buyer of protection in return for a payment of notional value of the defaulted bond by the seller of protection or it may be settled through a cash settlement between the two parties. The underlying company is then removed from the index. New series of CDX are issued on a regular basis.

TBA Commitments

The Portfolio may enter into "to be announced" or "TBA" commitments. TBA commitments are forward agreements for the purchase or sale of securities, including mortgage-backed securities, for a fixed price, with payment and delivery on an agreed upon future settlement date. The specific securities to be delivered are not identified at the trade date. However, delivered securities must meet specified terms, including issuer, rate, and mortgage terms. At the time the TBA commitment is made, the transaction is recorded and thereafter the value of such securities is reflected each day in determining the Portfolio's net asset value. Because the Portfolio is generally not required to pay for the security until the settlement date, if the Portfolio remains substantially fully invested at a time when TBA commitment purchases are outstanding, the purchases may result in a form of leverage.

U.S. Government Securities

The Portfolio may invest in U.S. Government securities. U.S. Government securities include those issued directly by the U.S. Treasury and those issued or guaranteed by various U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities. Some government securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Other government securities are backed only by the rights of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. Others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the obligations. Certain other government securities are supported only by the credit of the issuer. For securities not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, the Portfolio must look principally to the agency or instrumentality issuing or guaranteeing the securities for repayment and may not be able to assert a claim against the United States if the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitment. Such securities may involve increased risk of loss of principal and interest compared to government debt securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

Because of the rising U.S. Government debt burden, it is possible that the U.S. Government may not be able to meet its financial obligations or that securities issued or backed by the U.S. Government may experience credit downgrades. Such a credit event may adversely affect the financial markets.

Other Types of Investments

Unless otherwise stated within its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may also invest in other types of domestic and foreign securities and use other investment strategies. These securities and strategies are not intended to be principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. If successful, they may benefit the Portfolio by earning a return on the Portfolio's assets or reducing risk; however, they may not achieve the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities and strategies may include:

- securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis
- equity and fixed-income securities issued in private placement transactions

RISKS OF THE PORTFOLIO

The value of your investment will vary over time, sometimes significantly, and you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio. To varying degrees, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities, fixed-income securities, money market instruments or cash/cash equivalents, and derivatives. The following information is intended to help you better understand some of the risks of investing in the Portfolio, including the principal risks that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section. This information also includes descriptions of other risks the Portfolio may be subject to as a result of additional investment strategies and general policies that may apply to the Portfolio. The impact of the following risks on the Portfolio may vary depending on the Portfolio's investments. The greater the Portfolio's investment in a particular security, the greater the Portfolio's exposure to the risks associated with that security. Before investing in the Portfolio, you should consider carefully the risks that you assume when investing in the Portfolio.

Counterparty Risk. Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk to the extent it participates in lending its securities to third parties and/or cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one

or more types of cash management vehicles or in time deposits. In addition, the Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk through its investments in certain securities, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives (including various types of forwards, swaps, futures, and options). The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that the Adviser believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that the Adviser's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions. To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

Credit Quality Risk. Through the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income securities, the Portfolio is subject to the risks associated with the credit quality of the issuers of those fixed-income securities. Credit quality measures the likelihood that the issuer or borrower will meet its obligations on a security. One of the fundamental risks is credit risk, which is the risk that an issuer will be unable to make principal and interest payments when due, or default on its obligations. Higher credit risk may negatively impact the Portfolio's returns.

Many fixed-income securities receive credit ratings from NRSROs. These services assign ratings to securities by assessing the likelihood of issuer default. The lower a bond issue is rated by an agency, the more credit risk it is considered to represent. Lower rated instruments and securities generally pay interest at a higher rate to compensate for the associated greater risk. Interest rates can fluctuate in response to economic or market conditions, which can result in a fluctuation in the price of a security and impact the Portfolio's return. If a security has not received a rating, the Portfolio must rely upon the Adviser's credit assessment, which if incorrect can also impact the Portfolio's returns.

Credit Risk Transfer Securities Risk. Credit risk transfer securities ("CRTs") are unguaranteed and unsecured fixed or floating rate general obligations that are commonly issued by government sponsored enterprises. CRTs are not directly linked to or backed by the underlying mortgage loans, so investors such as the Portfolio have no direct recourse to the underlying mortgage loans in the event of a default. The risks associated with CRTs are different from the risks associated with investments in mortgage-backed securities issued by government sponsored enterprises or private issuers because some or all of the mortgage default or credit risk associated with the underlying mortgage loans is transferred to investors. These risks are in addition to the risks described under "Fixed-Income Securities Risk."

Derivatives Risk. Derivatives can be volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities or asset. Gains or losses from a derivative investment can be substantially greater than the derivative's original cost, and can therefore involve leverage. Leverage may cause the Portfolio to be more volatile than if it had not used leverage.

The Portfolio may use short sales, futures, options, swap agreements (including, but not limited to, equity, interest rate, credit default, and total return), and other derivative instruments individually or in combination to "hedge" or protect its portfolio from adverse movements in securities prices and interest rates. The Portfolio may also use a variety of currency hedging techniques, including the use of forward foreign currency contracts, to manage currency risk. There is no guarantee that portfolio management's use of derivative investments will benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio's performance could be worse than if the Portfolio had not used such instruments. Use of such investments may instead increase risk to the Portfolio, rather than reduce risk.

Derivatives can be complex instruments and may involve analysis that differs from that required for other investment types used by the Portfolio. If the value of a derivative does not correlate well with the particular market or other asset class to which the derivative is intended to provide exposure, the derivative may not produce the anticipated result. Derivatives can also reduce the opportunity for gain or result in losses by offsetting positive returns in other investments. To the extent the Portfolio enters into short derivative positions, it may lose more money than the actual cost of the short position and its potential losses may be theoretically unlimited.

- ***Index Credit Default Swaps Risk.*** If the Portfolio holds a long position in CDX, the Portfolio would indirectly bear its proportionate share of any expenses paid by CDX. By investing in CDX, the Portfolio could be exposed to illiquidity risk, counterparty risk, and credit risk of the issuers of the underlying loan obligations and of the CDX markets. If there is a default by the CDX counterparty, the Portfolio will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. CDX also bear the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to meet its obligation to the counterparty.

Emerging Markets Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant amount of its assets in one or more of these countries, its returns and net asset value may be affected to a large degree by events and economic conditions in such countries. The risks of foreign investing are heightened when investing in emerging markets, which may result in the price of

investments in emerging markets experiencing sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets, making these investments potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio's investments.

The securities markets of many of these emerging market countries may also be smaller, less liquid, and subject to greater price volatility than those in the United States. In the event of a default on any investments in foreign debt obligations, it may be more difficult for the Portfolio to obtain or to enforce a judgment against the issuers of such securities. In addition, the Portfolio's investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore, changes in the value of a country's currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may be subject to emerging markets risk to the extent that it invests in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process, may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from portfolios that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. While portfolio management believes that the consideration of financially material ESG Factors has the potential to provide better risk-adjusted returns, ESG Factors may not be considered for every investment decision and there is no guarantee that the consideration of ESG Factors will result in better performance. There can be no guarantee that all relevant ESG Factors will be identified and considered. In addition, information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop, and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies or be applied differently across issuers and industries. Further, the U.S. regulatory landscape regarding the use of ESG Factors in investing is still developing and future rules and regulations may require the Portfolio to modify or alter its investment process and/or how it discloses its consideration of ESG Factors which could result in increased compliance costs or risks to the Portfolio.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments. Accordingly, there may be times when an ETF trades at a premium or discount to its net asset value. When the Portfolio invests in an ETF, in addition to directly bearing the expenses associated with its own operations, it will bear a pro rata portion of the ETF's expenses. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio may be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. ETFs also involve the risk that an active trading market for an ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained. Similarly, because the value of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market, the Portfolio may not be able to purchase or sell an ETF at the most optimal time, which could adversely affect the Portfolio's performance. Trading of an ETF's shares may be halted by the activation of individual or market-wide "circuit breakers" (which halt trading for a specific period of time when the price of a particular security or overall market prices decline by a specified percentage). Trading of an ETF's shares may also be halted if (i) the shares are delisted from an exchange without first being listed on another exchange or (ii) exchange officials determine that such action is appropriate in the interest of a fair and orderly market or for the protection of investors. In addition, ETFs that track particular indices may be unable to match the performance of such underlying indices due to the temporary unavailability of certain index securities in the secondary market or other factors, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of securities.

The ETFs in which the Portfolio may invest are subject to specific risks, depending on the investment strategy of the ETF. In turn, the Portfolio will be subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with direct exposure to the securities or commodities held by the ETF. Because the Portfolio may invest in a broad range of ETFs, such risks may include, but are not limited to, leverage risk, foreign exposure risk, and commodity-linked investments risk. To the extent the Portfolio invests in fixed-income ETFs, it will be indirectly exposed to the same risks described under "Fixed-Income Securities Risk."

Fixed-Income Securities Risk. The Portfolio holds debt and other fixed-income securities. Typically, the values of fixed-income securities change inversely with prevailing interest rates. Therefore, a fundamental risk of fixed-income securities is interest rate risk, which is the risk that the value of such securities will generally decline as prevailing interest rates rise, which may cause the Portfolio's net asset value to likewise decrease. How specific fixed-income securities may react to changes in interest rates will depend on the specific characteristics of each security. For example, while securities with longer

maturities and durations tend to produce higher yields, they also tend to be more sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates and are therefore more volatile than shorter-term securities and are subject to greater market fluctuations as a result of changes in interest rates. However, calculations of maturity and duration may be based on estimates and may not reliably predict a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. High-yield bond prices and floating rate debt security prices are generally less directly responsive to interest rate changes than investment grade issues or comparable fixed rate securities, and may not always follow this pattern. In addition, different interest rate measures (such as short- and long-term interest rates and U.S. and non-U.S. interest rates), or interest rates on different types of securities or securities of different issuers, may not necessarily change in the same amount or in the same direction. Investments in fixed-income securities with very low or negative interest rates may diminish the Portfolio's yield and performance.

Fixed-income securities are also subject to credit risk, which is the risk that the credit strength of an issuer of a fixed-income security will weaken and/or that the issuer will be unable to make timely principal and interest payments and that the security may go into default. In addition, there is prepayment risk, which is the risk that during periods of falling interest rates, certain debt obligations may be paid off quicker than originally anticipated, which may cause the Portfolio to reinvest its assets in securities with lower yields, resulting in a decline in the Portfolio's income or return potential. Fixed-income securities may also be subject to extension risk, valuation risk and liquidity risk. Extension risk is the risk that during periods of rising interest rates, certain debt obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated, and as a result, the value of those obligations may fall. Valuation risk is the risk that one or more of the fixed-income securities in which the Portfolio invests are priced differently than the value realized upon such security's sale. In times of market instability, valuation may be more difficult. Valuation may also be affected by changes in the issuer's financial strength, the market's perception of such strength, or in the credit rating of the issuer of the security. Liquidity risk is the risk that fixed-income securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time portfolio management would like or at the price portfolio management believes the security is currently worth. Consequently, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash, or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk. Securities underlying mortgage- and asset-backed securities, which may include subprime mortgages, also may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk. The market for certain fixed-income securities may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions independent of any specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer. Similarly, the amount of assets deemed illiquid remaining within the Portfolio may also increase, making it more difficult to meet shareholder redemptions and further adversely affecting the value of the Portfolio.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in foreign debt and equity securities either indirectly (e.g., depositary receipts, depositary shares, and passive foreign investment companies) or directly in foreign markets, including emerging markets. Investments in foreign securities, including securities of foreign and emerging market governments, may involve greater risks than investing in domestic securities because the Portfolio's performance may depend on factors other than the performance of a particular company. These factors include:

- ***Currency Risk.*** As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.
- ***Foreign Market Risk.*** Foreign securities markets, particularly those of emerging market countries, may be less liquid and more volatile than domestic markets. These securities markets may trade a small number of securities, may have a limited number of issuers and a high proportion of shares, or may be held by a relatively small number of persons or institutions. Local securities markets may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of substantial holdings difficult or impossible at times. It is also possible that certain markets may require payment for securities before delivery, and delays may be encountered in settling securities transactions. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, securities of issuers located in or economically tied to countries with emerging markets may have limited marketability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements which could also have a negative effect on the Portfolio. Such factors may hinder the Portfolio's ability to buy and sell emerging market securities in a timely manner, affecting the Portfolio's investment strategies and potentially affecting the value of the Portfolio.

- ***Political and Economic Risk.*** Foreign investments may be subject to increased political and economic risks, including the imposition of economic and other sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on other countries or persons or issuers operating in such countries could restrict the Portfolio's ability to buy affected securities or force the Portfolio to dispose of any affected securities it has previously purchased at an inopportune time. As a result, the Portfolio may experience a greater risk of loss with respect to securities impacted by such sanctions.

  Political and economic risks may be heightened in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments, immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, social instability, and different and/or developing legal systems. In some countries, there is the risk that the government may take over the assets or operations of a company or that the government may impose withholding and other taxes or limits on the removal of the Portfolio's assets from that country. In addition, the economies of emerging markets may be predominantly based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.

- ***Regulatory Risk.*** There may be less government supervision of foreign markets. As a result, foreign issuers may not be subject to the uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to domestic issuers, and there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers.

- ***Transaction Costs Risk.*** Costs of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

Geographic Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or region, the economic, political, social, regulatory, or other developments or conditions within such country or region will generally have a greater effect on the Portfolio than they would on a more geographically diversified portfolio, which may result in greater losses and volatility. Adverse developments in certain regions could also adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated and could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance.

High-Yield Bond Risk. High-yield bonds (also known as "junk" bonds) are bonds rated below investment grade by NRSROs or are unrated bonds of similar quality. The value of lower quality bonds generally is more dependent on credit risk than investment grade bonds. Issuers of high-yield bonds may not be as strong financially as those issuing bonds with higher credit ratings and are more vulnerable to real or perceived economic changes, political changes, or adverse developments specific to the issuer. In addition, the junk bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings.

The secondary market on which high-yield securities are traded is less liquid than the market for investment grade securities. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on the market price of the security. Additionally, it may be more difficult to value the securities because valuation may require more research, and elements of judgment may play a larger role in the valuation because there is less reliable, objective data available.

Industry and Sector Risk. Industry and sector risk is the possibility that a group of related securities will decline in price due to industry-specific or economic sector-specific developments. Companies in the same or similar industries and economic sectors may share common characteristics and are more likely to react similarly to industry-specific market or economic developments. The Portfolio's investments, if any, in multiple companies in a particular industry or economic sector may increase the Portfolio's exposure to industry and sector risk.

Inflation Risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the value of certain assets or real income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the present value of the Portfolio's assets and distributions may decline. During certain periods of time, this risk may be heightened.

Inflation-Linked Investments Risk. Inflation-linked bonds (including TIPS), and other inflation-linked securities normally will decline in price when real interest rates rise. In certain interest rate environments, such as when real interest rates are rising faster than nominal interest rates, inflation-linked bonds may experience greater losses than other fixed-income securities with similar durations. Except for the Portfolio's investments in TIPS, which are guaranteed as to principal by the U.S. Treasury, the inflation-adjusted principal value or maturity amount of inflation-linked bonds repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal. Because of their inflation-linked adjustment feature, inflation-linked bonds typically have lower yields than conventional fixed-rate securities. In the event of deflation, where prices decline over time, the principal and income of inflation-linked bonds will likely decline, resulting in losses to the Portfolio.

Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering Risk. The Portfolio's purchase of shares issued in an IPO exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. Attractive IPOs are often oversubscribed and may not be available to the Portfolio, or may be available only in very limited quantities. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated up and down significantly over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will identify favorable IPO investment opportunities. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of portfolios to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one portfolio may decrease. In addition, as the portfolio increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the portfolio's performance will generally decrease.

The Portfolio may purchase shares in secondary offerings. Secondary offerings may expose the Portfolio to some of the risks of IPOs. Participation in secondary offerings may have a magnified impact on the performance of a portfolio to the extent that it has a small asset base and the portfolio may not experience similar performance as its assets grow. Secondary offering shares frequently are volatile in price. As a result, the Portfolio may hold secondary offering shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the portfolio turnover rate of the Portfolio and may lead to increased expenses for the Portfolio, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, secondary offering shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

Leverage Risk. Some transactions may give rise to a form of economic leverage. These transactions may include, among others, derivatives, and may expose the Portfolio to greater risk and increase its costs. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules thereunder. Increases and decreases in the value of the Portfolio's holdings will be magnified when the Portfolio uses leverage.

Liquidity Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities or instruments that do not trade actively or in large volumes, and may make investments that are less liquid than other investments. Also, the Portfolio may make investments that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. When there is no willing buyer and investments cannot be readily sold at the desired time or price, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell the security or instrument at all. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced). An inability to sell one or more portfolio positions can adversely affect the Portfolio's value or prevent the Portfolio from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities. Liquidity risk may be increased to the extent that the Portfolio invests in Rule 144A and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements that are deemed to be illiquid investments.

Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's net asset value and may increase brokerage costs.

Loan Risk. The Portfolio may invest in various commercial loans. The risks of such investments vary, depending on the type of loans underlying the investments, as described below.

- ***Bank Loan Risk.*** The bank loans in which the Portfolio invests may be denominated in U.S. or non-U.S. currencies, including the euro. Bank loans are obligations of companies or other entities entered into in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, and refinancings. The Portfolio's investments in bank loans are generally acquired as a participation interest in, or assignment of, loans originated by a lender or other financial institution. These investments may include institutionally-traded floating and fixed-rate debt securities. The bank loans underlying these securities often involve borrowers with low credit ratings whose financial conditions are troubled or uncertain, including companies that are highly leveraged or in bankruptcy proceedings. Participation interests and assignments involve credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk. Some participation interests and assignments may not be considered "securities," and purchasers, such as the Portfolio, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws. Additionally, because the

Adviser, in the course of investing the Portfolio's assets in loans, may have access to material non-public information regarding the borrower, the ability of the Portfolio to purchase or sell publicly-traded securities of such borrowers may be restricted. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. bank loan investments, those investments also are subject to the risks of foreign investment.

If the Portfolio purchases a participation interest, it may only be able to enforce its rights through the lender and may assume the credit risk of both the borrower and the lender. There are also risks involved in purchasing assignments. If a loan is foreclosed, the Portfolio may become part owner of any collateral securing the loan and may bear the costs and liabilities associated with owning and disposing of any collateral. The Portfolio could be held liable as a co-lender. In addition, there is no assurance that the liquidation of any collateral from a secured loan would satisfy a borrower's obligations or that any collateral could be liquidated. There may be a number of intermediate participants in bank loan transactions and loan agreements that have specific rights, obligations, terms, and conditions. As such, any number of factors in an investment in bank loans could cause the Portfolio to lose income or principal on a particular investment, which in turn could affect the Portfolio's returns, and you could lose money.

Interest rates on floating rate bank loans adjust with interest rate changes and/or issuer credit quality, and unexpected changes in such rates could result in losses to the Portfolio. Additionally, borrowers may pay back principal in whole or part, prior to scheduled due dates. Such prepayment may result in the Portfolio realizing less income on a particular investment and replacing the floating rate bank loan with a less attractive security, which may provide less return to the Portfolio.

Bank loans are generally less liquid than many other fixed-income securities and may be subject to restrictions on resale. Transactions in bank loans may take more than seven days to settle. As a result, the proceeds related to the sale of bank loans may not be available to make additional investments or to meet the Portfolio's redemption obligations until a substantial period after the sale of the loans. To the extent that extended settlement creates short-term liquidity needs, the Portfolio may satisfy these needs by holding additional cash or selling other investments (potentially at an inopportune time, which could result in losses to the Portfolio).

The Portfolio may not be able to identify and invest in attractive floating rate bank loans, such as senior loans, as the market for such investments may be limited in certain economic conditions or because of a high number of potential purchasers of assignments and participations. The Portfolio may also invest in other floating rate debt securities or other investments. For example, the Portfolio may invest in junior or subordinated loans or unsecured loans. Such loans may not provide desired returns or may increase the potential for loss of income or principal. Bank loan investments may be generally considered speculative and risks arising from the Portfolio's investments in bank loans may be similar to those of investments in "junk" bonds or below investment grade investments. The Portfolio's investments in bank loans may be more sensitive to economic changes, political changes, or adverse developments specific to the borrower than higher quality investments.

- ***Bridge Loan Risk.*** Investments in bridge loans subject the Portfolio to certain risks in addition to those described above. In addition, any delay in obtaining permanent financing subjects the bridge loan investor to increased risk. A borrower's use of bridge loans also involves the risk that the borrower may be unable to locate permanent financing to replace the bridge loan, which may impair the borrower's perceived creditworthiness.
- ***DIP Loan Risk.*** Investments in DIP loans are subject to the risk that the entity will not emerge from bankruptcy and will be forced to liquidate its assets. In the event of liquidation, the Portfolio's only recourse will be against the property securing the DIP loan.
- ***Mezzanine Loan Risk.*** Mezzanine loans generally are rated below investment grade, and frequently are unrated. Because mezzanine loans typically are the most subordinated debt obligation in an issuer's capital structure, they are subject to the additional risk that the cash flow of the related borrower and any property securing the loan may be insufficient to repay the loan after the related borrower pays off any senior obligations. Mezzanine loans, which are usually issued in private placement transactions, may be considered illiquid. In addition, they are often used by smaller companies that may be highly leveraged, and in turn may be subject to a higher risk of default. Investment in mezzanine loans is a specialized practice that depends more heavily on independent credit analysis than investments in other fixed-income securities.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of one or more issuers in the Portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also

decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions, including, but not limited to, a general decline in prices on the stock markets, a general decline in real estate markets, a decline in commodities prices, or if the market favors different types of securities than the types of securities in which the Portfolio invests. If the value of the Portfolio's holdings decreases, the Portfolio's net asset value will also decrease, which means if you sell your shares in the Portfolio you may lose money. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole.

The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, tariffs, trade disputes, financial institution failures, and economic recessions, could reduce consumer demand or economic output, result in market closures, travel restrictions and/or quarantines, and generally have a significant and negative impact on the global economies and financial markets.

- ***Armed Conflicts Risk.*** Armed conflicts between countries or in a geographic region, such as the ongoing armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, have the potential to adversely impact the Portfolio. The extent and duration of each conflict, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in each region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect, including significant negative impacts on the United States and broader global economy and the markets for certain securities and commodities.

Market Capitalization Risk. To the extent the Portfolio focuses its investments in small-, mid-, or large-sized companies, it may be subject to associated risks. At any given time, any of these market capitalizations may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions.

- ***Large-Sized Companies Risk.*** Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Money Market Fund Investment Risk. The Portfolio may have cash balances that have not been invested in portfolio securities, which may be used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds, or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate as money market funds, as part of a cash sweep program. By investing in a money market fund, the Portfolio will be exposed to the investment risks of the money market fund in direct proportion to such investment. The money market fund may not achieve its investment objective and the Portfolio may lose money. To the extent the Portfolio transacts in instruments such as derivatives, the Portfolio may hold investments, which may be significant, in money market fund shares to cover its obligations resulting from the Portfolio's investments in derivatives. An investment in a money market fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by any bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. There can be no assurance that a money market fund will maintain a $1.00 per share net asset value at all times. Factors that could adversely affect the value of a money market fund's shares include, among other things, a sharp rise in interest rates, an illiquid market for the securities held by the money market fund, a high volume of redemption activity in a fund's shares, and a credit event or credit rating downgrade affecting one or more of the issuers of securities held by the money market fund. In addition, the failure of even an unrelated money market fund to maintain a stable net asset value could create a widespread risk of increased redemption pressures on all money market funds, potentially jeopardizing the stability of their net asset values. Certain money market funds have in the past failed to maintain stable net asset values, and there can be no assurance that such failures and resulting redemption pressures will not impact money market funds in the future.

Rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") require, among other things, certain money market funds to cause transactions in shares of these funds to be effected using a fund's net asset value per share calculated out to the fourth decimal point (e.g., $1.0000 instead of $1.00). "Government Money Market Funds" and "Retail Money Market Funds" as defined in Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are not subject to the floating net asset value requirements, as described above. In addition, certain money market funds may impose a discretionary fee (up to 2%) upon sale of shares because of market conditions or other factors if a fund's board or delegate believes such fee is in the best interest of the fund. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio's investments in money market funds are not adversely affected by reforms to money market regulation that may be adopted by the SEC or other regulatory authorities.

In addition to the fees and expenses that the Portfolio directly bears, the Portfolio indirectly bears the fees and expenses of any money market fund in which it invests.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of, or reduce the rate of prepayments on, both commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates ("extension risk"). As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the price of mortgage-backed securities may fall, causing the Portfolio to exhibit additional volatility. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio will have to reinvest that money at lower prevailing interest rates. Investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

CMBS are subject to certain other risks. The market for CMBS developed more recently than that for RMBS and is relatively small in terms of outstanding principal amount of issues compared to the RMBS market. CMBS are also subject to risks associated with a lack of standardized terms, shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans, and payment of all or substantially all of the principal at maturity, rather than regular amortization of principal. Moreover, the type and use of a particular commercial property may add to the risk of CMBS investments. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances are more likely to have an adverse impact on mortgage-backed securities secured by loans on commercial properties than on those secured by residential properties.

Similarly, the value of the Portfolio's investments in asset-backed securities may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds, or other credit or liquidity enhancements, and/or the market's assessment of the quality of the underlying assets. Generally, the originating bank or credit provider is neither the obligor nor the guarantor of the security, and interest and principal payments ultimately depend upon payment of the underlying loans by individuals. The Portfolio could incur a loss if the underlying loans are not paid. In addition, most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and sensitive to changing interest rates.

Operational Risk. An investment in the Portfolio can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in key personnel, technology and/or service providers, and errors caused by third party service providers. Among other things, these errors or failures, as well as other technological issues, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to calculate its net asset value, process portfolio orders, execute portfolio trades or perform other essential tasks in a timely manner, including over a potentially extended period of time. These errors or failures may also result in a loss or compromise of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio. Although business continuity plans are intended to mitigate or remediate adverse effects in these circumstances, implementation of such plans by the Portfolio, the Adviser or third-party service providers in response to disruptive events such as cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest may increase these operational risks to the Portfolio. While the Portfolio seeks to minimize such events through internal controls and oversight of third-party service providers, there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will not suffer losses if such events occur.

Private Placements and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could decrease the Portfolio's liquidity profile or prevent the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available. Transaction costs may be higher for these securities, and the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other security exempt from certain registration requirements.

REIT and Real Estate-Related Securities Risk. To the extent the Portfolio holds REITs and REIT-like entities, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with REIT and REIT-like investments. REITs and REIT-like entities are subject to

heavy cash flow dependency to allow them to make distributions to their shareholders. The prices of equity REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, changes in capital markets and interest rates, management skill in running a REIT, and the creditworthiness of the REIT. The prices of mortgage REITs are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages. In addition, mortgage REITs (similar to direct investments in mortgage-backed securities) are subject to prepayment risk. Equity REITs and mortgage REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REIT or lessees of a property that a REIT owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. While equity REITs and mortgage REITs may provide exposure to a large number of properties, such properties may be concentrated in a particular industry, region, or housing type, making such investments more vulnerable to unfavorable developments to economic or market events. Certain "special purpose" REITs in which the Portfolio may invest focus their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotels, shopping malls, nursing homes, or warehouses, and are therefore subject to the specific risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors. The Portfolio's shareholders will indirectly bear their proportionate share of the REIT's expenses, in addition to their proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. The value of investments in REOCs will generally be affected by the same factors that adversely affect REIT investments; however, REOCs may also be adversely affected by income streams derived from businesses other than real estate ownership.

Additionally, a REIT that fails to comply with federal tax requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, affecting REITs may be subject to federal income taxation at the entity level, or the federal tax requirement that a REIT distribute substantially all of its net income to its shareholders may result in a REIT having insufficient capital for future expenditures. REITs are also subject to certain provisions under federal tax law and the failure of a company to qualify as a REIT could have adverse consequences for the Portfolio, including significantly reducing the return to the Portfolio on its investment in such company.

Sovereign Debt Risk. The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Investments in sovereign debt, especially the debt of certain emerging market countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Special Situations Risk. Investments in companies that seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, reorganizations, liquidations, bankruptcies, restructurings, or other unusual events, can carry the risk that certain of such situations may not happen as anticipated or the market may react differently than expected to such situations. The securities of companies involved in special situations may be more volatile than the securities of more stable companies, may at times be illiquid, or may be difficult to value. It also may be difficult to obtain complete financial or other information about companies involved in certain special situations and management of such companies may be addressing a situation with which it has little experience. Additionally, the terms of certain special situation investments may be subject to restrictions that prevent the Portfolio from selling its position until the special situation is largely resolved, which may limit the Portfolio's ability to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

TBA Commitments Risk. The Portfolio may enter into "to be announced" or "TBA" commitments. Although TBA commitments must meet industry-accepted "good delivery" standards, there can be no assurance that a security purchased on a forward commitment basis will ultimately be issued or delivered by the counterparty. If the counterparty to a transaction

fails to deliver the securities, the Portfolio could suffer a loss. Because TBA commitments do not require the delivery of a specific security, the characteristics of a security delivered to the Portfolio may be less favorable than expected. There is a risk that the security that the Portfolio buys will lose value between the purchase and settlement dates. When the Portfolio sells a TBA security prior to settlement, it does not participate in future gains or losses with respect to the security. The Portfolio is generally not required to pay for the TBA security until the settlement date and, as a result, if the Portfolio remains substantially fully invested at a time when TBA commitment purchases are outstanding, the purchases may result in a form of leverage.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery, and Forward Commitment Transactions Risk. When-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments involve the risk that the security the Portfolio buys will lose value prior to its delivery. There also is the risk that the security will not be issued or that the other party to the transaction will not meet its obligation. If this occurs, the Portfolio may lose both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, is the investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio and furnishes continuous advice and recommendations concerning the Portfolio's investments. The Adviser also provides certain administration and other services and is responsible for other business affairs of the Portfolio.

The Adviser (together with its predecessors and affiliates) has served as investment adviser to the Janus Henderson mutual funds since 1970 and currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Janus Henderson mutual funds as well as the Janus Henderson exchange-traded funds, acts as subadviser for a number of private-label mutual funds, and provides separate account advisory services for institutional accounts and other unregistered products.

On December 22, 2025, Janus Henderson Group plc ("Janus Henderson"), the parent company of the Adviser to the Portfolio, Trian Fund Management, L.P. and its affiliated funds ("Trian"), and General Catalyst Group Management, LLC and its affiliated funds ("General Catalyst") announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Janus Henderson will be acquired by Trian and General Catalyst (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close in 2026, subject to customary closing conditions, including requisite regulatory approvals and client consents. Janus Henderson shareholders approved the Transaction on April 16, 2026.

The closing of the Transaction will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the Adviser. As a result, the closing of the Transaction will cause the advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its respective terms. On February 11, 2026, the Trustees approved a new advisory agreement with the Adviser. The new agreement will be presented to the Portfolio's shareholders for approval, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon the closing of the Transaction or such later time as shareholder approval is obtained.

The Trust and the Adviser have received an exemptive order from the SEC that permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Trustees, to appoint or replace certain subadvisers to manage all or a portion of the Portfolio's assets and enter into, amend, or terminate a subadvisory agreement with certain subadvisers without obtaining shareholder approval (a "manager-of-managers structure"). The manager-of-managers structure applies to subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser ("non-affiliated subadvisers"), as well as any subadviser that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Adviser or of another company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Adviser (collectively, "wholly-owned subadvisers").

Pursuant to the order, the Adviser, with the approval of the Trustees, has the discretion to terminate any subadviser and allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate the Portfolio's assets among the Adviser and any other non-affiliated subadvisers or wholly-owned subadvisers (including terminating a non-affiliated subadviser and replacing it with a wholly-owned subadviser). To the extent that the Portfolio's assets are allocated to one or more subadvisers, the Adviser, subject to oversight by the Trustees, would have the responsibility to oversee such subadviser(s) to the Portfolio and to recommend for approval by the Trustees, the hiring, termination, and replacement of a subadviser for the Portfolio. In the event that the Adviser hires a subadviser pursuant to the manager-of-managers structure, the Portfolio would provide shareholders with information about the subadviser and subadvisory agreement within 90 days.

The Adviser furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses the Adviser for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent the Adviser seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of the Adviser's employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, that provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services the Adviser provides to the Portfolio.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Portfolio pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee and incurs expenses, including administrative services fees payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, any other transfer agent and custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees

and expenses. The Portfolio's investment advisory fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The Portfolio's advisory agreement details the investment advisory fee and other expenses that the Portfolio must pay.

The following table reflects the Portfolio's contractual investment advisory fee rate (expressed as an annual rate), as well as the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. The rate shown is a fixed rate based on the Portfolio's average daily net assets.

Portfolio Name	Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio	Contractual Investment Advisory Fee (%) (annual rate)	Actual Compensation Rate Paid to Adviser (%) (for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025)
Balanced Portfolio	All Asset Levels	0.55	0.55

A discussion regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is included in the Portfolio's financial statements located in Form N-CSR for the periods ending December 31 and June 30. This information is available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT, under "Financial Statements and Other Information," or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. You may also request this information, free of charge, by contacting your plan sponsor, broker-dealer, or financial intermediary.

Fee Waiver

The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive and/or reimburse a portion of the Portfolio's management fee in an amount equal to the management fee it earns as an investment adviser to any affiliated ETFs in which the Portfolio invests. Pursuant to this agreement, the waiver amount is equal to the amount of the Portfolio's assets invested in the affiliated ETFs, multiplied by an amount equal to the current daily unitary management fee of the affiliated ETF, less certain asset-based operating fees and expenses incurred on a per-fund basis and paid by the Adviser with respect to the affiliated ETFs (including, but not limited to custody, sub-administration, transfer agency, legal, and audit fees).

This contractual waiver may be modified or terminated only at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. For information about how the fee waiver affects the total expenses of the Portfolio, if applicable, see the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The Adviser has agreed to continue the waiver for at least a one-year period commencing on April 30, 2026.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Balanced Portfolio

Co-Portfolio Managers Jeremiah Buckley, Michael Keough, and Greg Wilensky are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. Messrs. Keough and Wilensky focus on the fixed-income portion of the Portfolio. Mr. Buckley focuses on the equity portion of the Portfolio.

Jeremiah Buckley, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Balanced Portfolio, which he has co-managed since December 2015. Mr. Buckley is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Dartmouth College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Michael Keough is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Balanced Portfolio, which he has co-managed since December 2019. Mr. Keough is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business/Management from the United States Air Force Academy.

Greg Wilensky, CFA, is Head of U.S. Fixed-Income and Head of Core Plus at Janus Henderson Investors. He is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Balanced Portfolio, which he has co-managed since February 2020. Mr. Wilensky is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Washington University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago. Mr. Wilensky holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Information about portfolio management's compensation structure and other accounts managed, as well as the aggregate range of their individual ownership in the Portfolio(s) that they manage, is included in the SAI.

Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser manages other funds and numerous other accounts, which may include separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds. Side-by-side management of multiple accounts, including the management of a cash collateral pool for securities lending and investing the Janus Henderson funds' cash, may give rise to conflicts of interest among those accounts, and may create potential risks, such as the risk that investment activity in one account may adversely affect another account. For example, short sale activity in an account could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more other accounts (and vice versa). Side-by-side management may raise additional potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. A further discussion of potential conflicts of interest and a discussion of certain procedures intended to mitigate such potential conflicts are contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

OTHER INFORMATION

CLASSES OF SHARES

Only Institutional Shares are offered by this Prospectus. The Shares are available only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans, that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and/or administrative services to contract owners and plan participants. Because the expenses of each class may differ, the performance of each class is expected to differ. If you would like additional information about the Service Shares, please call 1-800-525-0020. In addition, for an analysis of fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit www.finra.org/fundanalyzer.

CLOSED PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio may limit sales of its Shares to new investors. If sales of the Portfolio are limited, it is expected that existing shareholders invested in the Portfolio would be permitted to continue to purchase Shares through their existing Portfolio accounts and to reinvest any dividends or capital gains distributions in such accounts, absent highly unusual circumstances. Requests for new accounts into a closed portfolio would be reviewed by management, taking into consideration eligibility requirements and whether the addition to the portfolio is believed to negatively impact existing portfolio shareholders. The closed portfolio may decline opening new accounts, including eligible new accounts, if it would be in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. If applicable, additional information regarding general policies and exceptions can be found in a closed portfolio's prospectuses.

LIQUIDATION/REORGANIZATION OF A PORTFOLIO

It is important to know that, pursuant to the Trust's Amended and Restated Trust Instrument, the Trustees have the authority to merge, liquidate, and/or reorganize a portfolio into another portfolio without seeking shareholder vote or consent.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio is distributed by Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). To obtain information about FINRA member firms and their associated persons, you may contact FINRA at www.finra.org, or 1-800-289-9999.

DISTRIBUTIONS

To avoid taxation of the Portfolio, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") requires the Portfolio to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income and any net capital gains realized on its investments at least annually. The Portfolio's income from certain dividends, interest, and any net realized short-term capital gains are paid to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. Net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are paid to shareholders as capital gains distributions, regardless of how long Shares of the Portfolio have been held. A portion of the Portfolio's distributions received from REITs may be classified as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Portfolio is more likely to make distributions that are treated as returns of capital, and possibly in greater amounts, than a portfolio that does not invest in REITs. Distributions are made at the class level, so they may vary from class to class within a single portfolio.

Distribution Schedule

Dividends for the Portfolio are normally declared and distributed in June and December. Capital gains are normally declared and distributed in June. However, in certain situations it may be necessary for the Portfolio to declare and distribute capital gains in December. If necessary, dividends and net capital gains may be distributed at other times as well. Unless otherwise instructed, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains, if any, are automatically reinvested in additional Shares of the Portfolio.

How Distributions Affect the Portfolio's NAV

Distributions are paid to shareholders as of the record date of a distribution of the Portfolio, regardless of how long the Shares have been held. Undistributed dividends and net capital gains are included in the Portfolio's daily net asset value ("NAV"). The share price of the Portfolio drops by the amount of the distribution, net of any subsequent market fluctuations. For example, assume that on December 31, the Portfolio declared a dividend in the amount of $0.25 per share. If the Portfolio's share price was $10.00 on December 30, the Portfolio's share price on December 31 would be $9.75, barring market fluctuations.

TAXES

Taxes on Distributions

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. Generally, withdrawals from such contracts or plans may be subject to federal income tax at ordinary income rates and, if withdrawals are made from a retirement plan before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may be imposed. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract. Further information may be found in your plan documents or in the prospectus of the separate account offering such contract.

Taxation of the Portfolio

Dividends, interest, and some capital gains received by the Portfolio on foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax withholding or other foreign taxes. If the Portfolio is eligible, it may from year to year make the election permitted under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders. If such an election is not made, any foreign taxes paid or accrued will represent an expense to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio does not expect to pay any federal income or excise taxes because it intends to meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, because the Shares of the Portfolio are sold in connection with variable insurance contracts, the Portfolio intends to satisfy the diversification requirements applicable to insurance company separate accounts under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Portfolio invests in partnerships, it may be subject to state tax liabilities.

Investors may not purchase or redeem Shares of the Portfolio directly. Shares may be purchased or redeemed only through variable insurance contracts offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. **Refer to the prospectus for the participating insurance company's separate account or your plan documents for instructions on purchasing or selling variable insurance contracts and on how to select the Portfolio as an investment option for a contract or a qualified retirement plan.**

With certain exceptions, the Portfolio is generally available only to shareholders residing in the United States and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. For purposes of this policy, the Portfolio requires that a shareholder and/or entity be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory (including overseas U.S. military or diplomatic addresses) or a resident alien residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number to open an account with the Portfolio.

PRICING OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The per share NAV for each class is computed by dividing the total value of assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Portfolio's NAV is calculated as of the close of the trading session of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time) each day that the NYSE is open ("business day"). However, the time at which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated may be changed if trading on the NYSE is restricted, the NYSE closes at a different time, or as permitted by the SEC. Foreign securities held by the Portfolio may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed and the NAV is therefore not calculated. Accordingly, the value of the Portfolio's holdings may change on days that are not business days in the United States and on which you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Portfolio's Shares.

All purchases and redemptions will be duly processed at the NAV next calculated after a request is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. In order to receive a day's price, an order must be received in good order by the Portfolio (or insurance company or plan sponsor) or its agents by the close of the trading session of the NYSE.

Portfolio holdings are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). To the extent available, domestic and foreign equity securities traded on a securities exchange, including exchange-traded funds, are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which are (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. Most fixed-income securities are typically valued using an evaluated bid price supplied by an Adviser- approved pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term instruments maturing within 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If a market quotation or evaluated price for a security is not readily available or is deemed unreliable, or if an event that is expected to affect the value of the security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, a fair value of the security will be determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Such events include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a non-significant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. This type of fair valuation may be more commonly used with foreign equity securities, but it may also be used with, among other things, thinly-traded domestic securities or fixed-income securities. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are generally translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. The methodologies employed when fair valuing Portfolio holdings may change from time to time. Because fair value pricing involves subjective judgments, it is possible that the fair value determination for a security may be different than the value that could be realized when selling that security.

Due to the subjective nature of systematic fair valuation, the value of a particular security may be different from the last quoted market price. Systematic fair valuation may reduce arbitrage activity involving the frequent buying and selling of

mutual fund shares by investors seeking to take advantage of a perceived lag between a change in the value of the Portfolio's securities and the reflection of such change in the Portfolio's NAV, as further described in the "Excessive Trading" section of this Prospectus. While funds that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for arbitrage activity, such activity may also arise in funds which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities or high-yield fixed-income securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the valuation of a security is different from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders buying and/or selling shares of the Portfolio may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. The Valuation Procedures and the Trust's excessive trading policies and procedures may not completely eliminate short-term trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries.

The value of the securities of other mutual funds held by the Portfolio, if any, will be calculated using the NAV of such mutual funds, and the prospectuses for such mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they use fair valuation and the effects of using fair valuation.

Generally, futures contracts and/or options on futures are valued at the actual settlement price on valuation date on the exchange as reported by an approved vendor. In the event actual settlement price is unavailable or is deemed unreliable, then the reported settlement price (there can be different settlement prices at different times), early settlement price or the last trade price shall be used. Option contracts are valued using an evaluated price from an approved vendor. Evaluated prices can be derived using an option pricing model, including inputs derived from volatility surfaces, market data and characteristics of the portfolio investment. In cases when an approved vendor cannot provide coverage for an option, a broker quotation or an internal valuation using the Black-Scholes model, or other appropriate option pricing model shall be used. Index swaps, credit default swaps, and interest rate swaps are typically valued using an evaluated price from an approved vendor. Evaluated prices will generally have a fixed and floating leg with the present value of each being calculated based on the terms of the trade.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

From its own assets, the Adviser or its affiliates pay fees to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market, or promote the Portfolio or perform related services for contract owners and plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

The Adviser or its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, and other financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services (including payments for processing transactions via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other means) in connection with investments in the Janus Henderson funds. These fees are in addition to any fees that may be paid by the Janus Henderson funds for these types of services or other services.

In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates periodically share certain marketing expenses with selected intermediaries, or pay for or sponsor informational meetings, seminars, client awareness events, support for marketing materials, sales reporting, or business building programs for such intermediaries to raise awareness of the Portfolio. The Adviser or its affiliates make payments to participate in selected intermediary marketing support programs which may provide the Adviser or its affiliates

with one or more of the following benefits: attendance at sales conferences, participation in meetings or training sessions, access to or information about intermediary personnel, use of an intermediary's marketing and communication infrastructure, fund analysis tools, data, business planning and strategy sessions with intermediary personnel, information on industry- or platform-specific developments, trends and service providers, and other marketing-related services. Such payments may be in addition to, or in lieu of, the fees described above. These payments are intended to promote the sales of Janus Henderson funds and to reimburse financial intermediaries, directly or indirectly, for the costs that they or their salespersons incur in connection with educational seminars, meetings, and training efforts about the Janus Henderson funds to enable the intermediaries and their salespersons to make suitable recommendations, provide useful services, and maintain the necessary infrastructure to make the Janus Henderson funds available to their customers.

The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) fees or reimbursements and other forms of compensation described above may provide a financial intermediary and its salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) or to favor sales of one class of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of another Janus Henderson funds' share class, with respect to which the financial intermediary does not receive such payments or receives them in a lower amount. The receipt of these payments may cause certain financial intermediaries to elevate the prominence of the Janus Henderson funds within such financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or the provision of preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the Janus Henderson funds in various ways within such financial intermediary's organization.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolio and, if applicable, when considering which share class of the Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

PURCHASES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Refer to the prospectus of the appropriate insurance company separate account or your plan documents for information on how to invest in the Shares of the Portfolio. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may permit an in-kind purchase of Shares. Participating insurance companies and certain other designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Portfolio's behalf. As discussed under "Payments to Financial Intermediaries by the Adviser or its Affiliates," the Adviser and its affiliates make payments to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that were instrumental in the acquisition or retention of accounts for the Portfolio or that provide services in connection with investments in the Portfolio. You should consider such arrangements when evaluating any recommendation of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject any purchase order, including exchange purchases, for any reason. The Portfolio is not intended for excessive trading. For more information about the Portfolio's policy on excessive trading, refer to "Excessive Trading."

The Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Shares to redeem those investments if the plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser, is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

In compliance with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"), your insurance company or plan sponsor is required to verify certain information on your account application as part of its Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be required to provide your full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and permanent street address to assist in verifying your identity. You may also be asked to provide documents that may help to establish your identity. Until verification of your identity is made, your insurance company or plan sponsor may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, your insurance company or plan sponsor may close an account if they are unable to verify a shareholder's identity. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor if you need additional assistance when completing your application or additional information about the insurance company or plan sponsor's Anti-Money Laundering Program.

In an effort to ensure compliance with this law, the Adviser's Anti-Money Laundering Program (the "Program") provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Potential Conflicts

Although the Portfolio does not currently anticipate any disadvantages to policy owners because the Portfolio offers its Shares to unaffiliated variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies that are unaffiliated with the Adviser and to certain qualified retirement plans, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise. The Trustees monitor events in an effort to identify any disadvantages or material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response. If a material disadvantage or conflict is identified, the Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts or qualified plans to withdraw its investments in the Portfolio or substitute Shares of another portfolio. If this occurs, the Portfolio may be forced to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices. In addition, the Portfolio may refuse to sell its Shares to any separate account or qualified plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of the Portfolio's Shares if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders. It is possible that a qualified plan investing in the Portfolio could lose its qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code, which could have adverse tax consequences on insurance company separate accounts investing in the Portfolio. The Adviser intends to monitor such qualified plans, and the Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Portfolio to redeem those investments if a plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. Please refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

Shares of the Portfolio may be redeemed on any business day on which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated. Redemptions are duly processed at the NAV next calculated after your redemption order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Redemption proceeds will normally be sent within two business days following receipt of the redemption order. The Portfolio typically expects to meet redemption requests by paying out proceeds from cash or cash equivalent portfolio holdings, or by selling portfolio holdings. In stressed market conditions, and other appropriate circumstances, redemption methods may include borrowing funds or redeeming in-kind.

The Portfolio reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Portfolio to redeem its Shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain large shareholders, such as other portfolios, participating insurance companies, accounts, and affiliates of the Adviser, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares. Redemptions by these large shareholders of their holdings in the Portfolio may cause the Portfolio to sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Portfolio's NAV and liquidity. Similarly, large Portfolio share purchases may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would. A large shareholder purchase or redemption may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Portfolio's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, which could lead to an increase in the Portfolio's expense ratio.

Redemptions In-Kind

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Portfolio retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of a portfolio, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. However, the Portfolio is required to redeem shares solely for cash up to the lesser of $250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Portfolio during any 90-day period for any one shareholder. Should redemptions by any shareholder exceed such limitation, the Portfolio will have the option of

redeeming the excess in cash or in-kind. In-kind payment means payment will be made in portfolio securities rather than cash, and may potentially include illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may not be able to be sold quickly or at a price that reflects full value, or there may not be a market for such investments, which could cause the redeeming shareholder to realize losses on the investment if it is sold at a price lower than that at which it had been valued. If the Portfolio makes an in-kind payment, the redeeming shareholder might incur brokerage or other transaction costs to convert the securities to cash, whereas such costs are borne by the Portfolio for cash redemptions.

While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's NAV and may increase brokerage costs.

EXCESSIVE TRADING

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures

The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures with respect to short-term and excessive trading of Portfolio shares ("excessive trading"). The Portfolio is intended for long-term investment purposes, and the Portfolio will take reasonable steps to attempt to detect and deter short-term and excessive trading. Transactions placed in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures may be cancelled or rescinded by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio. The trading history of accounts determined to be under common ownership or control within any of the Janus Henderson funds may be considered in enforcing these policies and procedures.

The Janus Henderson funds attempt to deter excessive trading through at least the following methods:

- fair valuation of securities as described under "Pricing of Portfolio Shares"; and
- trade monitoring.

The Portfolio monitors for patterns of shareholder short-term trading and may suspend or permanently terminate the purchase and exchange privilege (if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) of any investor who is identified as having a pattern of short-term trading. The Portfolio at all times reserves the right to reject any purchase or exchange request and to modify or terminate the purchase and exchange privileges for any investor for any reason without prior notice, in particular, if the trading activity in the account(s) is deemed to be disruptive to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio's Trustees may approve from time to time a redemption fee to be imposed by any Janus Henderson fund, subject to 60 days' notice to shareholders of that fund.

Investors in other share classes who place transactions through the same insurance company or plan sponsor on an omnibus basis may be deemed part of a group for the purpose of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Portfolio. Transactions accepted by an insurance company or plan sponsor in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies may be cancelled or revoked by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio.

In an attempt to deter excessive trading in omnibus accounts, the Portfolio or its agents may require intermediaries to impose restrictions on the trading activity of accounts traded through those intermediaries. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, requiring that trades be placed by U.S. mail, prohibiting future purchases by investors who have recently redeemed Portfolio shares, requiring intermediaries to report information about customers who purchase and redeem large amounts, and similar restrictions. The Portfolio's ability to impose such restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions, and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Generally, the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures do not apply to (i) a money market fund, although money market funds at all times reserve the right to reject any purchase request (including exchange purchases, if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) for any reason without prior notice; (ii) transactions in the Janus Henderson funds by a Janus Henderson "fund of funds"; (iii) periodic rebalancing and identifiable transactions by certain funds of funds and asset allocation programs to realign portfolio investments with existing target allocations; and (iv) systematic purchase, exchange, or redemption programs.

The Portfolio's policies and procedures regarding excessive trading may be modified at any time by the Portfolio's Trustees.

Excessive Trading Risks

Excessive trading may present risks to the Portfolio's long-term shareholders. Excessive trading into and out of the Portfolio may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may create taxable gains to remaining Portfolio shareholders, and may increase Portfolio expenses, all of which may negatively impact investment returns for all remaining shareholders, including long-term shareholders.

Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for excessive trading. Investors may attempt to take advantage of anticipated price movements in securities held by a portfolio based on events occurring after the close of a foreign market that may not be reflected in the portfolio's NAV (referred to as "price arbitrage"). Such arbitrage opportunities may also arise in portfolios which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the Portfolio's valuation of a security differs from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. There is potential for short-term arbitrage trades to dilute the value of the shares held by the Portfolio despite the Portfolio's adoption of policies and procedures intended to reduce the Portfolio's exposure to price arbitrage, stale pricing, and other potential pricing inefficiencies.

There is no assurance that the policies and procedures adopted by the Portfolio to detect and deter excessive trading will be effective in all circumstances. For example, the Portfolio may be unable to completely eliminate the possibility of excessive trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries. Omnibus accounts may effectively conceal the identity of individual investors and their transactions from the Portfolio and its agents. This makes the Portfolio's identification of excessive trading transactions in the Portfolio through an omnibus account difficult and makes the elimination of excessive trading in the account impractical without the assistance of the intermediary. Moreover, the contract between an insurance company and the owner of a variable insurance contract may govern the frequency with which the contract owner may cause the insurance company to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio encourages intermediaries to take necessary actions to detect and deter excessive trading, some intermediaries may be unable or unwilling to do so, and accordingly, the Portfolio cannot eliminate completely the possibility of excessive trading.

Shareholders that invest through an omnibus account should be aware that they may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance company or plan sponsor with respect to excessive trading in the Portfolio.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures adopted by the Adviser and all mutual funds managed within the Janus Henderson fund complex are designed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and to protect the confidentiality of the portfolios' holdings. The following describes policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings.

- ***Full Holdings.*** A schedule of the Portfolio's holdings, consisting of at least the names of the holdings, is generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag and is posted under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at janushenderson.com/VIT. A complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings is also available in the annual and semiannual financial statements located in Form N-CSR and, after the first and third fiscal quarters, in Form N-PORT. Information reported in Form N-CSR and in Form N-PORT will be made publicly available within 70 and 60 days, respectively, after the end of each fiscal quarter. The Portfolio's Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.
- ***Top Holdings.*** The Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of the Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- ***Other Information.*** The Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities and fixed-income issuers ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures may be made by the head of the applicable

investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate. Such exceptions may be made without prior notice to shareholders. A summary of the Portfolio's holdings disclosure policies and procedures, which includes a discussion of any exceptions, is contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Your insurance company or plan sponsor is responsible for providing annual and semiannual reports, including the financial statements of the Portfolio. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor to obtain these reports. The Trust's fiscal year ends December 31.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended December 31 of the fiscal years shown. Items "Net asset value, beginning of period" through "Net asset value, end of period" reflect financial results for a single Portfolio Share. The gross expense ratio reflects expenses prior to any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The net expense ratio reflects expenses after any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The information shown for the fiscal years ended December 31 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the Portfolio's Form N-CSR and is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions) but do not include charges and expenses attributable to any insurance product. If these charges and expenses had been included, the performance for the years shown would be lower. "Total return" information may include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, returns may differ from returns for shareholder transactions.

Balanced Portfolio – Institutional Shares

	Years ended December 31				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$51.22**	**$45.28**	**$40.01**	**$50.23**	**$43.58**
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)[1]	1.01	1.02	0.91	0.57	0.42
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	6.51	5.95	5.27	(8.87)	7.03
Total from Investment Operations	7.52	6.97	6.18	(8.30)	7.45
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(1.10)	(1.03)	(0.91)	(0.54)	(0.43)
Distributions (from capital gains)	(1.78)	—	—	(1.38)	(0.37)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(2.88)	(1.03)	(0.91)	(1.92)	(0.80)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$55.86**	**$51.22**	**$45.28**	**$40.01**	**$50.23**
Total Return*	15.11%	15.43%	15.53%	(16.50)%	17.22%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	$518,392	$468,474	$418,783	$391,354	$512,742
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	0.62%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	1.90%	2.08%	2.14%	1.32%	0.91%
Portfolio Turnover Rate[2]	79%	83%	97%	89%	56%

* Total return includes adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the year or period end and are not annualized for periods of less than one full year. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Janus Aspen Series serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

(2) Portfolio Turnover Rate excludes TBA (to be announced) purchase and sales commitments.

GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

This glossary provides a more detailed description of some of the types of securities, investment strategies, and other instruments in which the Portfolio may invest, as well as some general investment terms. The Portfolio may invest in these instruments to the extent permitted by its investment objective and policies. The Portfolio is not limited by this discussion and may invest in any other types of instruments not precluded by the policies discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

EQUITY AND DEBT SECURITIES

Bank loans include institutionally-traded floating and fixed-rate debt securities generally acquired as a participation interest in or assignment of a loan originated by a lender or financial institution. Assignments and participations involve credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk. Interest rates on floating rate securities adjust with interest rate changes and/or issuer credit quality.

Bonds are debt securities issued by a company, municipality, government, or government agency. The issuer of a bond is required to pay the holder the amount of the loan (or par value of the bond) at a specified maturity and to make scheduled interest payments.

Common stocks are equity securities representing shares of ownership in a company and usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stock, dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors.

Convertible securities are preferred stocks or bonds that pay a fixed dividend or interest payment and are convertible into common stock at a specified price or conversion ratio.

Credit Risk Transfer Securities ("CRTs") are unguaranteed and unsecured fixed or floating rate general obligations that are commonly issued by government sponsored enterprises. CRTs are not directly linked to or backed by the underlying mortgage loans, so investors such as the Portfolio have no direct recourse to the underlying mortgage loans in the event of a default.

Debt securities are securities representing money borrowed that must be repaid at a later date. Such securities have specific maturities and usually a specific rate of interest or an original purchase discount.

Depositary receipts are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation that entitle the holder to dividends and capital gains on the underlying security. Receipts include those issued by domestic banks (American Depositary Receipts), foreign banks (Global or European Depositary Receipts), and broker-dealers (depositary shares).

Duration is a measurement of price sensitivity to interest rate changes. Unlike average maturity, duration reflects both principal and interest payments. Generally, the higher the coupon rate on a bond, the lower its duration will be. The duration of a bond portfolio is calculated by averaging the duration of bonds held by the Portfolio with each duration "weighted" according to the percentage of net assets that it represents. Because duration accounts for interest payments, the Portfolio's duration is usually shorter than its average maturity. Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates, and are usually more volatile than securities with shorter duration. For example, the price of a bond portfolio with an average duration of five years would be expected to fall approximately 5% if interest rates rose by one percentage point. A portfolio with a longer portfolio duration is more likely to experience a decrease in its share price as interest rates rise.

Equity securities generally include domestic and foreign common stocks; preferred stocks; securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks; warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks; and other securities with equity characteristics.

Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are typically open-end investment companies, which may seek to track the performance of a specific index or be actively managed. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments.

Fixed-income securities are securities that pay a specified rate of return. The term generally includes short-and long-term government, corporate, and municipal obligations that pay a specified rate of interest, dividends, or coupons for a specified period of time. Coupon and dividend rates may be fixed for the life of the issue or, in the case of adjustable and floating rate securities, for a shorter period.

High-yield bonds are bonds that are rated below investment grade by NRSROs. Other terms commonly used to describe such bonds include "lower rated bonds," "non-investment grade bonds," and "junk bonds."

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are shares in a pool of mortgages or other debt instruments. These securities are generally pass-through securities, which means that principal and interest payments on the underlying securities (less servicing fees) are passed through to shareholders on a pro rata basis.

Passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are any foreign corporations which generate certain amounts of passive income or hold certain amounts of assets for the production of passive income. Passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and annuities. To avoid federal income taxes and interest that the Portfolio must pay if these investments are profitable, regardless of whether such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Portfolio to its holders of common stock, the Portfolio may make various elections (if available) permitted by the tax laws. These elections could require that the Portfolio recognize taxable income regardless of whether the Portfolio receives any distributions from such PFIC, which in turn must be distributed, before the securities are sold and before cash is received to pay the distributions.

Preferred stocks are equity securities that generally pay dividends at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation. Preferred stock generally does not carry voting rights.

Private placements are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT") is an investment trust that operates through the pooled capital of many investors who buy its shares. Investments are in direct ownership of either income property or mortgage loans. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

Rule 144A securities are securities that are not registered for sale to the general public under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but that may be resold to certain institutional investors.

Senior securities are securities that rank above an issuing company's other securities in the event of a bankruptcy or liquidation, which means the Portfolio would be in line to receive repayment of its investment before certain of the company's other creditors.

"To be announced" or "TBA" commitments are forward agreements for the purchase or sale of securities, including mortgage-backed securities, for a fixed price, with payment and delivery on an agreed upon future settlement date. The specific securities to be delivered are not identified at the trade date. However, delivered securities must meet specified terms, including issuer, rate, and mortgage terms. At the time the TBA commitment is made, the transaction is recorded and thereafter the value of such securities is reflected each day in determining the Portfolio's net asset value. Because the Portfolio is generally not required to pay for the security until the settlement date, if the Portfolio remains substantially fully invested at a time when TBA commitment purchases are outstanding, the purchases may result in a form of leverage.

U.S. Government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government that are supported by its full faith and credit. Treasury bills have initial maturities of less than one year, Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years, and Treasury bonds may be issued with any maturity but generally have maturities of at least ten years. U.S. Government securities also include indirect obligations of the U.S. Government that are issued by federal agencies and government sponsored entities. Unlike Treasury securities, agency securities generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Some agency securities are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations, and others are supported only by the credit of the sponsoring agency.

Variable and floating rate securities have variable or floating rates of interest and, under certain limited circumstances, may have varying principal amounts. Variable and floating rate securities pay interest at rates that are adjusted periodically according to a specified formula, usually with reference to some interest rate index or market interest rate. The floating rate tends to decrease the security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates.

FUTURES, OPTIONS, AND OTHER DERIVATIVES

Credit default swaps are a specific kind of counterparty agreement that allows the transfer of third party credit risk from one party to the other. One party in the swap is a lender and faces credit risk from a third party, and the counterparty in the credit default swap agrees to insure this risk in exchange for regular periodic payments.

Currency swaps involve the exchange of payments denominated in one currency for payments denominated in another. Payments are based on a notional principal amount, the value of which is fixed in exchange rate terms at the swap's inception.

Derivatives are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset (stock, bond, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index). Types of derivatives can include, but are not limited to options, forward foreign currency contracts, swaps, and futures contracts.

Equity swaps involve the exchange by two parties of future cash flow (e.g., one cash flow based on a referenced interest rate and the other based on the performance of stock or a stock index).

Forward contracts are contracts to purchase or sell a specified amount of a financial instrument for an agreed upon price at a specified time. Forward contracts are not currently exchange-traded and are typically negotiated on an individual basis. The Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for investment purposes or to hedge against declines in the value of securities denominated in, or whose value is tied to, a currency other than the U.S. dollar or to reduce the impact of currency appreciation on purchases of such securities. It may also enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell securities or other financial indices.

Futures contracts are contracts that obligate the buyer to receive and the seller to deliver an instrument or money at a specified price on a specified date. The Portfolio may buy and sell futures contracts on foreign currencies, securities, and financial indices including indices of U.S. Government, foreign government, equity, or fixed-income securities. Futures contracts are standardized and traded on designated exchanges.

Inflation index swaps involve the exchange by the Portfolio with another party of its respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments or an exchange of floating rate payments based on two different reference indices). By design, one of the reference indices is an inflation index, such as the Consumer Price Index.

Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by two parties of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments).

Options are the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of securities or other assets on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. The Portfolio may purchase and write put and call options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies. The Portfolio may purchase or write such options individually or in combination.

Total return swaps involve an exchange by two parties in which one party makes payments based on a set rate, either fixed or variable, while the other party makes payments based on the return of an underlying asset, which includes both the income it generates and any capital gains over the payment period. A fixed-income total return swap may be written on many different kinds of underlying reference assets, and may include different indices for various kinds of debt securities (e.g., U.S. investment grade bonds, high-yield bonds, or emerging market bonds).

OTHER INVESTMENTS, STRATEGIES, AND/OR TECHNIQUES

Cash sweep program is an arrangement in which the Portfolio's uninvested cash balance is used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that govern the operation of money market funds at the end of each day.

Diversification is a classification given to a portfolio under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Portfolios are classified as either diversified or nondiversified. To be classified as diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, a portfolio may not, with respect to 75% of its total assets, invest more than 5% of its total assets in any issuer and may not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on the other hand, has the flexibility to take larger positions in securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified.

Market capitalization is the most commonly used measure of the size and value of a company. It is computed by multiplying the current market price of a share of the company's stock by the total number of its shares outstanding. Market capitalization

is an important investment criterion for certain portfolios, while others do not emphasize investments in companies of any particular size.

Repatriation is the ability to move liquid financial assets from a foreign country to an investor's country of origin.

Repurchase agreements involve the purchase of a security by the Portfolio and a simultaneous agreement by the seller (generally a bank or dealer) to repurchase the security from the Portfolio at a specified date or upon demand. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash.

Short sales in which the Portfolio may engage may be either "short sales against the box" or other short sales. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility. If the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, the Portfolio loses the opportunity to participate in the gain.

When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. New issues of stocks and bonds, private placements, and U.S. Government securities may be sold in this manner.

You can make inquiries and request other information, including a Statement of Additional Information, annual report, semiannual report, or Portfolio financial statements (as they become available), free of charge, by contacting your insurance company or plan sponsor, or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information, most recent annual and semiannual reports and Portfolio financial statements are also available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's annual and semiannual reports and in Form N-CSR. In the Portfolio's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal period. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual financial statements. Other information is also available from financial intermediaries that sell Shares of the Portfolio.

The Statement of Additional Information provides detailed information about the Portfolio and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) Database on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

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Janus Henderson
INVESTORS

This Prospectus describes Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"). Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares. The Institutional Shares (the "Shares") are offered by this Prospectus in connection with investment in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "variable insurance contracts"), as well as certain qualified retirement plans.

This Prospectus contains information that a prospective purchaser of a variable insurance contract or plan participant should consider in conjunction with the accompanying separate account prospectus of the specific insurance company product before allocating purchase payments or premiums to the Portfolio. Each variable insurance contract involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. Refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding contract fees and expenses and any restrictions on purchases or allocations.

For the purpose of this Prospectus, any reference to the "Janus Henderson funds" is inclusive of all series of the Trust, collectively, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio

Ticker: JAAGX Institutional Shares

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio ("Enterprise Portfolio") seeks long-term growth of capital.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell Shares of the Portfolio. **Owners of variable insurance contracts that invest in the Shares should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses, as the following table and examples do not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses described below.**

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.64%
Other Expenses	0.08%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.72%

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares	$ 74	$ 230	$ 401	$ 894

Portfolio Turnover: The Portfolio 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. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks. The Portfolio normally invests at least 50% of its equity assets in medium-sized companies whose market capitalization falls within the 12-month capitalization range of companies in the Russell Midcap® Growth Index. The market capitalizations within the index will vary, but as of December 31, 2025, they ranged from approximately $122 million to $83.54 billion. The Portfolio may also invest in foreign securities.

Portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach in choosing investments. In other words, portfolio management looks at companies one at a time to determine if a company is an attractive investment opportunity and if it is consistent with the Portfolio's investment policies. Attributes considered in the process of securities selection may include growth potential and sustainable growth, return on invested capital, attractive valuation, strength of management, and competitive positioning. The Portfolio will generally consider selling a stock when, in portfolio management's opinion, there is a change in the company's or industry's fundamentals, there is a deterioration in a company's competitive positioning, or if a company reaches or exceeds its targeted value. The Portfolio will also consider selling a stock if a company's market capitalization exceeds the top of the medium-sized company range.

As part of its investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors include: corporate governance, company culture, exposure to climate change, and human capital management. To assess ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data, and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision.

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The biggest risk is that the Portfolio's returns will vary, and you could lose money. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors seeking an equity portfolio, including common stocks. The principal risks associated with investing in the Portfolio are set forth below.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease due to short-term market movements and over more prolonged market downturns. As a result, the Portfolio's net asset value may fluctuate and it may be more difficult to value or sell the Portfolio's holdings. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole. Market risk may be magnified if certain social, political, economic, and other conditions and events (such as financial institution failures, economic recessions, tariffs, trade disputes, terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, natural disasters, and epidemics and pandemics) adversely interrupt the global economy and financial markets. It is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, in response to changes in the market, and you could lose money.

Mid-Sized Companies Risk. Investments in securities issued by mid-sized companies may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Securities issued by mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

Growth Securities Risk. Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. If portfolio management's perception of a company's growth potential is not realized, the securities purchased may not perform as expected, reducing the Portfolio's returns. In addition, because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, "growth" stocks may perform differently from other types of securities and the market as a whole.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of an individual company or security, or multiple companies or securities, in the portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions or perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities the Portfolio holds participate.

Portfolio Management Risk. The Portfolio is an actively managed investment portfolio and is therefore subject to the risk that the investment strategies and research process employed for the Portfolio may fail to produce the intended results. Accordingly, the Portfolio may underperform benchmark indices or other funds with similar investment objectives.

Industry and Sector Risk. Although the Portfolio does not concentrate its investments in specific industries, it may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting similar business or businesses within the same economic sector. Companies in the same industry or economic sector may be similarly affected by negative economic or market events, making the Portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable developments than portfolios that invest more broadly. As the Portfolio's holdings become more concentrated, the Portfolio is less able to spread risk and potentially reduce the risk of loss and volatility. As the Portfolio's holdings change over time, the Portfolio's exposure to a particular economic sector may fluctuate.

- ***Industrials Sector Risk.*** The industrials sector is comprised of companies that produce capital goods used in construction and manufacturing, such as companies that make and sell machinery, equipment and supplies that are used to produce other goods. Companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by changes in government regulation and spending, import controls, and worldwide competition. In addition, companies may be adversely affected by environmental damages, product liability claims and exchange rates, and may face product obsolescence due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Foreign markets can be more volatile than the U.S. market. As a result, the Portfolio's returns and net asset value may be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates or political or economic conditions in a particular country. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, a market swing in one or more countries or regions where the Portfolio has invested a significant amount of its assets may have a greater effect on the Portfolio's performance than it would in a more geographically diversified portfolio.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from funds that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. Information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop and may be incomplete or inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies, or be applied differently across issuers and industries.

Securities Lending Risk. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

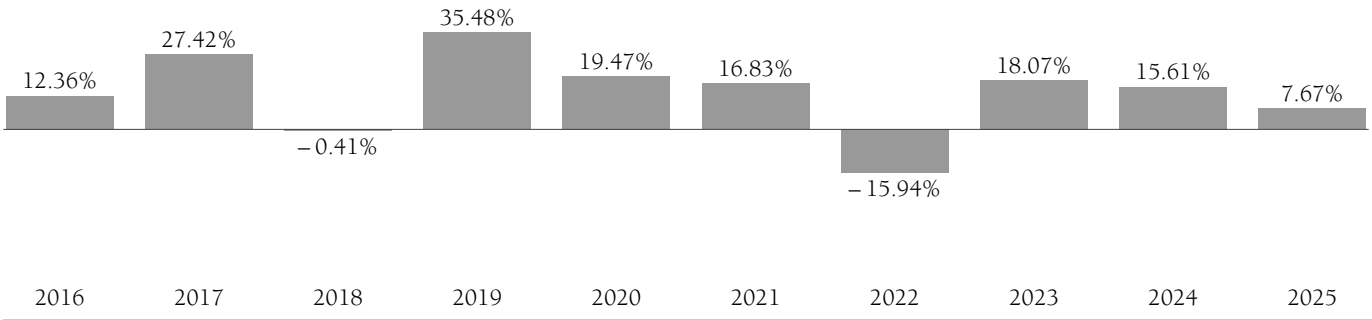
An investment in the Portfolio is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing how the Portfolio's performance has varied over time. The bar chart depicts the change in performance from year to year during the periods indicated. Total return figures include the effect of the Portfolio's expenses, but do not include charges or expenses attributable to any insurance product, which would lower the performance illustrated. The table compares the average annual returns for the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio for the periods indicated to a broad-based securities market index, as well as to one or more additional indices that have investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. All figures assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

The Portfolio's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at janushenderson.com/VITperformance or by calling 1-877-335-2687.

Annual Total Returns for Institutional Shares (calendar year-end)



Best Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2020 **23.10%** **Worst Quarter:** 1st Quarter 2020 **– 24.39%**

Average Annual Total Returns (periods ended 12/31/25)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Enterprise Portfolio			
Institutional Shares	7.67%	7.62%	12.79%
Russell 3000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.15%	13.15%	14.29%
Russell Midcap® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	8.66%	6.65%	12.49%

The Portfolio's broad-based benchmark index is the Russell 3000 Index due to regulatory requirements. The Portfolio's additional benchmark is the Russell Midcap Growth Index, which has investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. The indices are described below.

- The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies.
- The Russell Midcap Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000® Growth Index.

MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser: Janus Henderson Investors US LLC

Portfolio Management: **Brian Demain**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Lead Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has managed or co-managed since November 2007. **Cody Wheaton**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since July 2016.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through qualified retirement plans. Requests are duly processed at the net asset value next calculated after an order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

TAX INFORMATION

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract.

PAYMENTS TO INSURERS, BROKER-DEALERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Portfolio shares are generally available only through an insurer's variable contracts, or through certain employer or other retirement plans (Retirement Products). Retirement Products are generally purchased through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. The Portfolio or its distributor (or its affiliates) may make payments to the insurer and/or its related companies for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary, or be a factor in the insurer's decision to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult your insurance contract prospectus for more information.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Please refer to the following important information when reviewing the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The fees and expenses shown were determined based on average net assets as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

- "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are paid out of the Portfolio's assets and include fees for portfolio management and administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, and other shareholder services. You do not pay these fees directly but, as the Example in the Portfolio Summary shows, these costs are borne indirectly by all shareholders.
- The "Management Fee" is the investment advisory fee rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. Refer to "Management Expenses" in this Prospectus for additional information with further description in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").
- "Other Expenses"
  - include an administrative services fee of 0.05% of the average daily net assets to compensate insurance companies or other financial intermediaries for services provided to contract owners and plan participants.
  - include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are indirect expenses the Portfolio may incur as a result of investing in shares of an underlying fund, to the extent such expenses are less than 0.01%. "Acquired Fund" refers to any underlying fund (including, but not limited to, exchange-traded funds) in which a portfolio invests or has invested during the period. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in Acquired Funds, the Portfolio's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" may not correlate to the "Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets" presented in the Financial Highlights table because that ratio includes only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio, not the indirect costs of investing in Acquired Funds. Such amounts are less than 0.01%.
  - may include reimbursement to Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), the Portfolio's transfer agent, of its out-of-pocket costs for serving as transfer agent and providing servicing to shareholders, including servicing provided by third parties.
  - include custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses.
- All expenses in the Portfolio's "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table are shown without the effect of expense offset arrangements. Pursuant to such arrangements, credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce custodian and transfer agent expenses.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GENERAL PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio's Board of Trustees ("Trustees") may change the Portfolio's investment objective or non-fundamental principal investment strategies without a shareholder vote. The Portfolio will notify you in writing at least 60 days before making any such change it considers material. If there is a material change to the Portfolio's investment objective or principal investment strategies, you should consider whether the Portfolio remains an appropriate investment for you. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

Unless otherwise stated, the following section provides additional information about the investment strategies and general policies that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section, including the types of securities the Portfolio may invest in when pursuing its investment objective. This section also describes investment strategies and policies that the Portfolio may use to a lesser extent. These non-principal investment strategies and policies may become more important in the future since the Portfolio's composition can change over time. Except for the Portfolio's policies with respect to illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, the percentage limitations included in these policies and elsewhere in this Prospectus and/or the SAI normally apply only at the time of purchase of a security. So, for example, if the Portfolio exceeds a limit, other than illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, as a result of market fluctuations or the sale of other securities, it will not be required to dispose of any securities. The "Glossary of Investment Terms" includes descriptions of investment terms used throughout the Prospectus.

Security Selection

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks and normally invests at least 50% of its equity assets in medium-sized companies, as determined by reference to the Russell Midcap Growth Index. Portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach in choosing investments. In other words, portfolio management looks at

companies one at a time to determine if a company is an attractive investment opportunity and if it is consistent with the Portfolio's investment policies. Attributes considered in the process of securities selection may include growth potential and sustainable growth, return on invested capital, attractive valuation, strength of management, and competitive positioning. The Portfolio will generally consider selling a stock when, in portfolio management's opinion, there is a change in the company's or industry's fundamentals, there is a deterioration in a company's competitive positioning, or if a company reaches or exceeds its targeted value. The Portfolio will also consider selling a stock if a company's market capitalization exceeds the top of the medium-sized company range.

Cash Position

The Portfolio may not always stay fully invested. For example, when portfolio management believes that market conditions are unfavorable for investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Portfolio's cash or similar investments may increase. When the Portfolio's investments in cash or similar investments increase, it may not participate in market advances or declines to the same extent that it would if the Portfolio remained more fully invested. To the extent the Portfolio invests its uninvested cash through a sweep program (meaning its uninvested cash is pooled with uninvested cash of other funds and invested in certain securities such as repurchase agreements), it is subject to the risks of the account or fund into which it is investing, including liquidity issues that may delay the Portfolio from accessing its cash.

In addition, the Portfolio may temporarily increase its cash position under certain unusual circumstances, such as to protect its assets or maintain liquidity in certain circumstances to meet unusually large redemptions. The Portfolio's cash position may also increase temporarily due to unusually large cash inflows. Under unusual circumstances such as these, the Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or similar investments. In this case, the Portfolio may take positions that are inconsistent with its investment policies. As a result, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective.

Derivatives

The Portfolio may invest in derivatives, which are financial instruments whose value is derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset, instrument, currency, or index. The Portfolio may take long and short positions in derivatives. Derivatives can be used for hedging purposes or for non-hedging purposes, such as seeking to earn income and enhance return, to protect unrealized gains, or to avoid realizing losses. Such techniques may also be used to adjust currency exposure relative to a benchmark index, to gain exposure to the market pending investment of cash balances, or to meet liquidity needs.

Emerging Markets

Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index℠.

ESG Integration

As part of the Portfolio's investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors may include corporate governance, political governance, executive pay, board structure and diversity, business ethics, corporate reporting, company culture, human capital management and diversity, community relations, human rights, exposure to climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation. Portfolio management focuses on the ESG Factors it considers most likely to have a material impact on the long-term financial performance of the issuer, which includes identifying ESG Factors attributable to a particular region, sector, industry, or issuer. To facilitate its assessment of ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision. Portfolio management may assess the relevance of ESG Factors to its fundamental research process differently across issuers, sectors, regions, and asset classes.

Foreign Securities

The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities. Portfolio management seeks investments that meet the selection criteria, regardless of where an issuer or company is located. Foreign securities, which are investments in securities of issuers or companies that are economically tied to different countries outside of the United States, are generally selected on a security-by-security basis without regard to any predetermined allocation among countries or geographic regions. However, certain factors, such as expected levels of inflation, government policies influencing business conditions, the outlook for currency relationships, and prospects for economic growth among countries, regions, or geographic areas, may warrant greater

consideration in selecting foreign securities. An issuer is deemed to be economically tied to a country or countries if one or more of the following tests are met: (i) the issuer is organized in, or its primary business office or principal trading market of its equity is located in, the country; (ii) a majority of the issuer's revenues are derived from one or more countries; or (iii) a majority of the issuer's assets are located in one or more countries.

Illiquid Investments

The Portfolio will not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Portfolio would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. An illiquid investment is any investment that the Portfolio reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings

The Portfolio may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company's initial public offering ("IPO"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. An IPO is the first sale of stock by a private company to the public. IPOs are often issued by smaller, younger companies seeking the capital to expand, but can also be done by large privately-owned companies looking to become publicly traded. The Portfolio may also purchase shares in offerings made by companies that are publicly traded ("secondary offerings"). Secondary offerings may be made by companies for a number of reasons, including as part of a refinancing, to raise capital for growth, and/or to provide existing shareholders with a way to register and sell restricted shares.

Leverage

Certain of the Portfolio's investments, including derivatives and short sale transactions, involve the use of leverage. Leverage is investment exposure which exceeds the initial amount invested. Leverage occurs when the Portfolio increases its assets available for investment using derivatives, short sales, when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment transactions, or other similar transactions. The use of other investment techniques can also create a leveraging effect on the Portfolio.

Portfolio Turnover

In general, the Portfolio intends to purchase securities for long-term investment, although, to a limited extent, the Portfolio may purchase securities in anticipation of relatively short-term gains. Short-term transactions may also result from liquidity needs, securities having reached a price or yield objective, changes in interest rates or the credit standing of an issuer, or by reason of economic or other developments not foreseen at the time of the initial investment decision. The Portfolio may also sell one security and simultaneously purchase the same or a comparable security to take advantage of short-term differentials in bond yields or securities prices. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the size of the Portfolio (including due to shareholder purchases and redemptions), the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style of portfolio management. Changes are normally made in the Portfolio's holdings whenever portfolio management believes such changes are desirable. Portfolio turnover rates are generally not a factor in making buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio.

Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher costs for brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, and other transaction costs. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover also may have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. The "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus shows the Portfolio's historical turnover rates.

REITs and Real Estate-Related Securities

The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. These securities may include common stocks, preferred stocks, and other securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and similar REIT-like entities (such as real estate operating companies ("REOCs")). A REIT is an entity that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are often categorized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT, the most common type of REIT, invests primarily in the fee ownership of land and buildings. An equity REIT derives its income primarily from rental income but may also realize capital gains or losses by selling real estate properties in its portfolio that have appreciated or depreciated in value. A mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure construction, development, or long-term loans. A mortgage REIT generally derives its income from interest payments on the credit it has extended. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate.

Similar to REITs, REOCs are publicly-traded real estate companies that typically engage in the development, management or financing of real estate, such as homebuilders, hotel management companies, land developers and brokers. REOCs, however, have not elected (or are not eligible) to be taxed as a REIT. The reasons for not making such an election include the (i) availability of tax-loss carry-forwards, (ii) operation in non-REIT-qualifying lines of business, and (iii) ability to retain earnings. Instead, REOCs are generally structured as "C" corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, as a result, are not required to distribute any portion of their income. In this regard, although REOCs do not receive the same favorable tax treatment that is accorded to REITs, REOCs are typically subject to fewer restrictions than REITs, including the ability to retain and/or reinvest funds from operations and more flexibility in terms of the real estate investments they can make.

Securities Lending

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. When the Portfolio lends its securities, it receives collateral (including cash collateral), at least equal to the value of securities loaned. The Portfolio may earn income by investing this collateral in one or more affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles or in time deposits. It is also possible that, due to a decline in the value of a cash management vehicle in which collateral is invested, the Portfolio may lose money. There is also the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase a replacement security in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could be insufficient to cover the cost of the replacement security resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In certain circumstances, individual loan transactions could yield negative returns. The Adviser intends to manage a portion of the cash collateral in an affiliated cash management vehicle and will receive an investment advisory fee for managing such assets.

Short Sales

The Portfolio may invest in short positions through short sales of stocks and structured products, and through derivatives that include swaps, uncovered written calls, and futures. The Portfolio may also engage in short sales "against the box" and options for hedging purposes. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility.

A short sale is generally a transaction in which the Portfolio sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. To complete the transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. A short sale is subject to the risk that if the price of the security sold short increases in value, the Portfolio will incur a loss because it will have to replace the security sold short by purchasing it at a higher price. In addition, the Portfolio may not always be able to close out a short position at a particular time or at an acceptable price. A lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the borrowed securities be returned to the lender on short notice, and the Portfolio may have to buy the borrowed securities at an unfavorable price. If this occurs at a time when other short sellers of the same security also want to close out their positions, a "short squeeze" can occur, which means that the demand is greater than the supply for the security sold short. If a short squeeze occurs, it is more likely that the Portfolio will have to cover its short sale at an unfavorable price and potentially reduce or eliminate any gain, or cause a loss, as a result of the short sale. Because there is no upper limit to the price a borrowed security may reach prior to closing a short position, the Portfolio's losses are potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. The Portfolio's gains and losses will also be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of any dividends, interest, or expenses, including transaction costs and borrowing fees, the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. Such payments may result in the Portfolio having higher expenses than a portfolio that does not engage in short sales and may negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to an underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Special Situations

The Portfolio may invest in companies that demonstrate special situations or turnarounds, meaning companies that have experienced significant business problems but are believed to have favorable prospects for recovery. For example, a special situation or turnaround may arise when, in the opinion of portfolio management, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized as undervalued by the market and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer. Special situations may include significant changes in a company's allocation of its existing capital, a restructuring of assets, or a redirection of free cash flow. For example, issuers undergoing significant capital changes may include companies involved in spin-offs, sales of divisions, mergers or acquisitions, companies involved in bankruptcy proceedings, or companies initiating large changes in their debt to equity ratio. Companies that are redirecting cash flows may be reducing debt, repurchasing shares, or paying dividends. Special situations may also result from: (i) significant changes in industry structure through regulatory developments or shifts in competition; (ii) a new or improved product, service, operation, or technological advance; (iii) changes in senior management or other extraordinary corporate event; (iv) differences in market supply of and demand for the security; or (v) significant changes in cost structure.

Other Types of Investments

Unless otherwise stated within its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may also invest in other types of domestic and foreign securities and use other investment strategies. These securities and strategies are not intended to be principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. If successful, they may benefit the Portfolio by earning a return on the Portfolio's assets or reducing risk; however, they may not achieve the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities and strategies may include:

- debt securities (such as bonds, notes, sovereign debt, and debentures)
- preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks
- indexed/structured securities (such as commercial and residential mortgage- and asset-backed securities)
- securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis
- equity and fixed-income securities issued in private placement transactions

RISKS OF THE PORTFOLIO

The value of your investment will vary over time, sometimes significantly, and you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio. To varying degrees, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities, fixed-income securities, money market instruments or cash/cash equivalents, and derivatives. The following information is intended to help you better understand some of the risks of investing in the Portfolio, including the principal risks that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section. This information also includes descriptions of other risks the Portfolio may be subject to as a result of additional investment strategies and general policies that may apply to the Portfolio. The impact of the following risks on the Portfolio may vary depending on the Portfolio's investments. The greater the Portfolio's investment in a particular security, the greater the Portfolio's exposure to the risks associated with that security. Before investing in the Portfolio, you should consider carefully the risks that you assume when investing in the Portfolio.

Convertible Securities Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities that are convertible into preferred and common stocks, and thus, is subject to the risks of investments in both debt and equity securities. The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying preferred and common stocks and, therefore, also will react to variations in the general market for equity securities.

Counterparty Risk. Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk to the extent it participates in lending its securities to third parties and/or cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one or more types of cash management vehicles or in time deposits. In addition, the Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty

risk through its investments in certain securities, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives (including various types of forwards, swaps, futures, and options). The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that the Adviser believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that the Adviser's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions. To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

Derivatives Risk. Derivatives can be volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities or asset. Gains or losses from a derivative investment can be substantially greater than the derivative's original cost, and can therefore involve leverage. Leverage may cause the Portfolio to be more volatile than if it had not used leverage.

The Portfolio may use short sales, futures, options, swap agreements (including, but not limited to, equity, interest rate, credit default, and total return), and other derivative instruments individually or in combination to "hedge" or protect its portfolio from adverse movements in securities prices and interest rates. The Portfolio may also use a variety of currency hedging techniques, including the use of forward foreign currency contracts, to manage currency risk. There is no guarantee that portfolio management's use of derivative investments will benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio's performance could be worse than if the Portfolio had not used such instruments. Use of such investments may instead increase risk to the Portfolio, rather than reduce risk.

Derivatives can be complex instruments and may involve analysis that differs from that required for other investment types used by the Portfolio. If the value of a derivative does not correlate well with the particular market or other asset class to which the derivative is intended to provide exposure, the derivative may not produce the anticipated result. Derivatives can also reduce the opportunity for gain or result in losses by offsetting positive returns in other investments.

Emerging Markets Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant amount of its assets in one or more of these countries, its returns and net asset value may be affected to a large degree by events and economic conditions in such countries. The risks of foreign investing are heightened when investing in emerging markets, which may result in the price of investments in emerging markets experiencing sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets, making these investments potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio's investments.

The securities markets of many of these emerging market countries may also be smaller, less liquid, and subject to greater price volatility than those in the United States. In the event of a default on any investments in foreign debt obligations, it may be more difficult for the Portfolio to obtain or to enforce a judgment against the issuers of such securities. In addition, the Portfolio's investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore, changes in the value of a country's currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may be subject to emerging markets risk to the extent that it invests in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process, may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from portfolios that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. While portfolio management believes that the consideration of financially material ESG Factors has the potential to provide better risk-adjusted returns, ESG Factors may not be considered for every investment decision and there is no guarantee that the consideration of ESG Factors will result in better performance. There can be no guarantee that all relevant ESG Factors will be identified and considered. In addition, information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop, and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies or be applied differently across issuers and industries. Further, the U.S. regulatory landscape regarding the use of ESG Factors in investing is still developing and future rules and regulations may require the Portfolio to modify or alter its investment process and/or how it discloses its consideration of ESG Factors which could result in increased compliance costs or risks to the Portfolio.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in foreign debt and equity securities either indirectly (e.g., depositary receipts, depositary shares, and passive foreign investment companies) or directly in foreign markets, including emerging markets. Investments in foreign securities, including securities of foreign and emerging market governments, may involve greater risks than investing in domestic securities because the Portfolio's performance may depend on factors other than the performance of a particular company. These factors include:

- ***Currency Risk.*** As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.
- ***Foreign Market Risk.*** Foreign securities markets, particularly those of emerging market countries, may be less liquid and more volatile than domestic markets. These securities markets may trade a small number of securities, may have a limited number of issuers and a high proportion of shares, or may be held by a relatively small number of persons or institutions. Local securities markets may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of substantial holdings difficult or impossible at times. It is also possible that certain markets may require payment for securities before delivery, and delays may be encountered in settling securities transactions. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, securities of issuers located in or economically tied to countries with emerging markets may have limited marketability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements which could also have a negative effect on the Portfolio. Such factors may hinder the Portfolio's ability to buy and sell emerging market securities in a timely manner, affecting the Portfolio's investment strategies and potentially affecting the value of the Portfolio.
- ***Political and Economic Risk.*** Foreign investments may be subject to increased political and economic risks, including the imposition of economic and other sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on other countries or persons or issuers operating in such countries could restrict the Portfolio's ability to buy affected securities or force the Portfolio to dispose of any affected securities it has previously purchased at an inopportune time. As a result, the Portfolio may experience a greater risk of loss with respect to securities impacted by such sanctions.

  Political and economic risks may be heightened in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments, immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, social instability, and different and/or developing legal systems. In some countries, there is the risk that the government may take over the assets or operations of a company or that the government may impose withholding and other taxes or limits on the removal of the Portfolio's assets from that country. In addition, the economies of emerging markets may be predominantly based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.
- ***Regulatory Risk.*** There may be less government supervision of foreign markets. As a result, foreign issuers may not be subject to the uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to domestic issuers, and there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers.
- ***Transaction Costs Risk.*** Costs of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

Geographic Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or region, the economic, political, social, regulatory, or other developments or conditions within such country or region will generally have a greater effect on the Portfolio than they would on a more geographically diversified portfolio, which may result in greater losses and volatility. Adverse developments in certain regions could also adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated and could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance.

Industry and Sector Risk. Industry and sector risk is the possibility that a group of related securities will decline in price due to industry-specific or economic sector-specific developments. Companies in the same or similar industries and economic sectors may share common characteristics and are more likely to react similarly to industry-specific market or economic

developments. The Portfolio's investments, if any, in multiple companies in a particular industry or economic sector may increase the Portfolio's exposure to industry and sector risk.

- ***Industrials Sector Risk.*** The industrials sector is comprised of companies that produce capital goods used in construction and manufacturing, such as companies that make and sell machinery, equipment and supplies that are used to produce other goods. Companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by changes in government regulation and spending, import controls, and worldwide competition. In addition, companies may be adversely affected by environmental damages, product liability claims and exchange rates, and may face product obsolescence due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction.

Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering Risk. The Portfolio's purchase of shares issued in an IPO exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. Attractive IPOs are often oversubscribed and may not be available to the Portfolio, or may be available only in very limited quantities. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated up and down significantly over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will identify favorable IPO investment opportunities. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of portfolios to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one portfolio may decrease. In addition, as the portfolio increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the portfolio's performance will generally decrease.

The Portfolio may purchase shares in secondary offerings. Secondary offerings may expose the Portfolio to some of the risks of IPOs. Participation in secondary offerings may have a magnified impact on the performance of a portfolio to the extent that it has a small asset base and the portfolio may not experience similar performance as its assets grow. Secondary offering shares frequently are volatile in price. As a result, the Portfolio may hold secondary offering shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the portfolio turnover rate of the Portfolio and may lead to increased expenses for the Portfolio, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, secondary offering shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

Leverage Risk. Some transactions may give rise to a form of economic leverage. These transactions may include, among others, derivatives, and may expose the Portfolio to greater risk and increase its costs. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules thereunder. Increases and decreases in the value of the Portfolio's holdings will be magnified when the Portfolio uses leverage.

Liquidity Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities or instruments that do not trade actively or in large volumes, and may make investments that are less liquid than other investments. Also, the Portfolio may make investments that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. When there is no willing buyer and investments cannot be readily sold at the desired time or price, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell the security or instrument at all. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced). An inability to sell one or more portfolio positions can adversely affect the Portfolio's value or prevent the Portfolio from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities.

Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's net asset value and may increase brokerage costs.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of one or more issuers in the Portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions, including, but not limited to, a general decline in prices on the stock markets, a general decline in real estate markets, a decline in commodities prices, or if the market favors different types of securities than the types of securities in which the Portfolio invests. If the value of the Portfolio's holdings decreases,

the Portfolio's net asset value will also decrease, which means if you sell your shares in the Portfolio you may lose money. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole.

The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, tariffs, trade disputes, financial institution failures, and economic recessions, could reduce consumer demand or economic output, result in market closures, travel restrictions and/or quarantines, and generally have a significant and negative impact on the global economies and financial markets.

- ***Armed Conflicts Risk.*** Armed conflicts between countries or in a geographic region, such as the ongoing armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, have the potential to adversely impact the Portfolio. The extent and duration of each conflict, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in each region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect, including significant negative impacts on the United States and broader global economy and the markets for certain securities and commodities.

Market Capitalization Risk. To the extent the Portfolio focuses its investments in small-, mid-, or large-sized companies, it may be subject to associated risks. At any given time, any of these market capitalizations may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions.

- ***Small- and Mid-Sized Companies Risk.*** Investments in securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies, which can include smaller companies offering emerging products or services, may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. For example, small- and mid-sized companies may suffer more significant losses as a result of their narrow product lines, limited operating history, greater exposure to competitive threats, limited financial resources, limited trading markets, and the potential lack of management depth. Securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile and somewhat more speculative than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.
- ***Large-Sized Companies Risk.*** Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of, or reduce the rate of prepayments on, both commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates ("extension risk"). As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the price of mortgage-backed securities may fall, causing the Portfolio to exhibit additional volatility. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio will have to reinvest that money at lower prevailing interest rates. Investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

CMBS are subject to certain other risks. The market for CMBS developed more recently than that for RMBS and is relatively small in terms of outstanding principal amount of issues compared to the RMBS market. CMBS are also subject to risks associated with a lack of standardized terms, shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans, and payment of all or substantially all of the principal at maturity, rather than regular amortization of principal. Moreover, the type and use of a particular commercial property may add to the risk of CMBS investments. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances are more likely to have an adverse impact on mortgage-backed securities secured by loans on commercial properties than on those secured by residential properties.

Similarly, the value of the Portfolio's investments in asset-backed securities may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the

entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds, or other credit or liquidity enhancements, and/or the market's assessment of the quality of the underlying assets. Generally, the originating bank or credit provider is neither the obligor nor the guarantor of the security, and interest and principal payments ultimately depend upon payment of the underlying loans by individuals. The Portfolio could incur a loss if the underlying loans are not paid. In addition, most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and sensitive to changing interest rates.

Operational Risk. An investment in the Portfolio can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in key personnel, technology and/or service providers, and errors caused by third party service providers. Among other things, these errors or failures, as well as other technological issues, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to calculate its net asset value, process portfolio orders, execute portfolio trades or perform other essential tasks in a timely manner, including over a potentially extended period of time. These errors or failures may also result in a loss or compromise of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio. Although business continuity plans are intended to mitigate or remediate adverse effects in these circumstances, implementation of such plans by the Portfolio, the Adviser or third-party service providers in response to disruptive events such as cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest may increase these operational risks to the Portfolio. While the Portfolio seeks to minimize such events through internal controls and oversight of third-party service providers, there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will not suffer losses if such events occur.

Preferred Stocks Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio holds preferred stock, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with preferred stock. Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to debt securities in an issuer's capital structure. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions. Because preferred stocks generally pay dividends only after the issuing company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt, the value of preferred stocks generally is more sensitive than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

Private Placements and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could decrease the Portfolio's liquidity profile or prevent the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available. Transaction costs may be higher for these securities, and the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other security exempt from certain registration requirements.

REIT and Real Estate-Related Securities Risk. To the extent the Portfolio holds REITs and REIT-like entities, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with REIT and REIT-like investments. REITs and REIT-like entities are subject to heavy cash flow dependency to allow them to make distributions to their shareholders. The prices of equity REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, changes in capital markets and interest rates, management skill in running a REIT, and the creditworthiness of the REIT. The prices of mortgage REITs are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages. In addition, mortgage REITs (similar to direct investments in mortgage-backed securities) are subject to prepayment risk. Equity REITs and mortgage REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REIT or lessees of a property that a REIT owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. While equity REITs and mortgage REITs may provide exposure to a large number of properties, such properties may be concentrated in a particular industry, region, or housing type, making such investments more vulnerable to unfavorable developments to economic or market events. Certain "special purpose" REITs in which the Portfolio may invest focus their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotels, shopping malls, nursing homes, or warehouses, and are therefore subject to the specific risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors. The Portfolio's shareholders will indirectly bear their proportionate share of the REIT's expenses, in addition to their proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. The value of investments in REOCs will generally be affected by the

same factors that adversely affect REIT investments; however, REOCs may also be adversely affected by income streams derived from businesses other than real estate ownership.

Additionally, a REIT that fails to comply with federal tax requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, affecting REITs may be subject to federal income taxation at the entity level, or the federal tax requirement that a REIT distribute substantially all of its net income to its shareholders may result in a REIT having insufficient capital for future expenditures. REITs are also subject to certain provisions under federal tax law and the failure of a company to qualify as a REIT could have adverse consequences for the Portfolio, including significantly reducing the return to the Portfolio on its investment in such company.

Sovereign Debt Risk. The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Investments in sovereign debt, especially the debt of certain emerging market countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Special Situations Risk. Investments in companies that seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, reorganizations, liquidations, bankruptcies, restructurings, or other unusual events, can carry the risk that certain of such situations may not happen as anticipated or the market may react differently than expected to such situations. The securities of companies involved in special situations may be more volatile than the securities of more stable companies, may at times be illiquid, or may be difficult to value. It also may be difficult to obtain complete financial or other information about companies involved in certain special situations and management of such companies may be addressing a situation with which it has little experience. Additionally, the terms of certain special situation investments may be subject to restrictions that prevent the Portfolio from selling its position until the special situation is largely resolved, which may limit the Portfolio's ability to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery, and Forward Commitment Transactions Risk. When-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments involve the risk that the security the Portfolio buys will lose value prior to its delivery. There also is the risk that the security will not be issued or that the other party to the transaction will not meet its obligation. If this occurs, the Portfolio may lose both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, is the investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio and furnishes continuous advice and recommendations concerning the Portfolio's investments. The Adviser also provides certain administration and other services and is responsible for other business affairs of the Portfolio.

The Adviser (together with its predecessors and affiliates) has served as investment adviser to the Janus Henderson mutual funds since 1970 and currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Janus Henderson mutual funds as well as the Janus Henderson exchange-traded funds, acts as subadviser for a number of private-label mutual funds, and provides separate account advisory services for institutional accounts and other unregistered products.

On December 22, 2025, Janus Henderson Group plc ("Janus Henderson"), the parent company of the Adviser to the Portfolio, Trian Fund Management, L.P. and its affiliated funds ("Trian"), and General Catalyst Group Management, LLC and its affiliated funds ("General Catalyst") announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Janus Henderson will be acquired by Trian and General Catalyst (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close in 2026, subject to customary closing conditions, including requisite regulatory approvals and client consents. Janus Henderson shareholders approved the Transaction on April 16, 2026.

The closing of the Transaction will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the Adviser. As a result, the closing of the Transaction will cause the advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its respective terms. On February 11, 2026, the Trustees approved a new advisory agreement with the Adviser. The new agreement will be presented to the Portfolio's shareholders for approval, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon the closing of the Transaction or such later time as shareholder approval is obtained.

The Trust and the Adviser have received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Trustees, to appoint or replace certain subadvisers to manage all or a portion of the Portfolio's assets and enter into, amend, or terminate a subadvisory agreement with certain subadvisers without obtaining shareholder approval (a "manager-of-managers structure"). The manager-of-managers structure applies to subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser ("non-affiliated subadvisers"), as well as any subadviser that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Adviser or of another company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Adviser (collectively, "wholly-owned subadvisers").

Pursuant to the order, the Adviser, with the approval of the Trustees, has the discretion to terminate any subadviser and allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate the Portfolio's assets among the Adviser and any other non-affiliated subadvisers or wholly-owned subadvisers (including terminating a non-affiliated subadviser and replacing it with a wholly-owned subadviser). To the extent that the Portfolio's assets are allocated to one or more subadvisers, the Adviser, subject to oversight by the Trustees, would have the responsibility to oversee such subadviser(s) to the Portfolio and to recommend for approval by the Trustees, the hiring, termination, and replacement of a subadviser for the Portfolio. In the event that the Adviser hires a subadviser pursuant to the manager-of-managers structure, the Portfolio would provide shareholders with information about the subadviser and subadvisory agreement within 90 days.

The Adviser furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses the Adviser for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent the Adviser seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of the Adviser's employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, that provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services the Adviser provides to the Portfolio.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Portfolio pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee and incurs expenses, including administrative services fees payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, any other transfer agent and custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees,

printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses. The Portfolio's investment advisory fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The Portfolio's advisory agreement details the investment advisory fee and other expenses that the Portfolio must pay.

The following table reflects the Portfolio's contractual investment advisory fee rate (expressed as an annual rate), as well as the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. The rate shown is a fixed rate based on the Portfolio's average daily net assets.

Portfolio Name	Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio	Contractual Investment Advisory Fee (%) (annual rate)	Actual Compensation Rate Paid to Adviser (%) (for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025)
Enterprise Portfolio	All Asset Levels	0.64	0.64

A discussion regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is included in the Portfolio's financial statements located in Form N-CSR for the periods ending December 31 and June 30. This information is available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT, under "Financial Statements and Other Information," or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. You may also request this information, free of charge, by contacting your plan sponsor, broker-dealer, or financial intermediary.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Enterprise Portfolio

Co-Portfolio Managers Brian Demain and Cody Wheaton are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. Mr. Demain, as Lead Portfolio Manager, has the authority to exercise final decision-making on the overall portfolio.

Brian Demain, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Lead Portfolio Manager of Enterprise Portfolio, which he has managed or co-managed since November 2007. Mr. Demain is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (summa cum laude) in Economics from Princeton University, where he was a recipient of the Daniel L. Rubinfeld '67 Prize in Empirical Economics for his senior thesis. Mr. Demain holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Cody Wheaton, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Enterprise Portfolio, which he has co-managed since July 2016. Mr. Wheaton is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Government from Dartmouth College. Mr. Wheaton holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Information about portfolio management's compensation structure and other accounts managed, as well as the aggregate range of their individual ownership in the Portfolio(s) that they manage, is included in the SAI.

Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser manages other funds and numerous other accounts, which may include separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds. Side-by-side management of multiple accounts, including the management of a cash collateral pool for securities lending and investing the Janus Henderson funds' cash, may give rise to conflicts of interest among those accounts, and may create potential risks, such as the risk that investment activity in one account may adversely affect another account. For example, short sale activity in an account could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more other accounts (and vice versa). Side-by-side management may raise additional potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. A further discussion of potential conflicts of interest and a discussion of certain procedures intended to mitigate such potential conflicts are contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

OTHER INFORMATION

CLASSES OF SHARES

Only Institutional Shares are offered by this Prospectus. The Shares are available only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans, that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and/or administrative services to contract owners and plan participants. Because the expenses of each class may differ, the performance of each class is expected to differ. If you would like additional information about the Service Shares, please call 1-800-525-0020. In addition, for an analysis of fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit www.finra.org/fundanalyzer.

CLOSED PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio may limit sales of its Shares to new investors. If sales of the Portfolio are limited, it is expected that existing shareholders invested in the Portfolio would be permitted to continue to purchase Shares through their existing Portfolio accounts and to reinvest any dividends or capital gains distributions in such accounts, absent highly unusual circumstances. Requests for new accounts into a closed portfolio would be reviewed by management, taking into consideration eligibility requirements and whether the addition to the portfolio is believed to negatively impact existing portfolio shareholders. The closed portfolio may decline opening new accounts, including eligible new accounts, if it would be in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. If applicable, additional information regarding general policies and exceptions can be found in a closed portfolio's prospectuses.

LIQUIDATION/REORGANIZATION OF A PORTFOLIO

It is important to know that, pursuant to the Trust's Amended and Restated Trust Instrument, the Trustees have the authority to merge, liquidate, and/or reorganize a portfolio into another portfolio without seeking shareholder vote or consent.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio is distributed by Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). To obtain information about FINRA member firms and their associated persons, you may contact FINRA at www.finra.org, or 1-800-289-9999.

DISTRIBUTIONS

To avoid taxation of the Portfolio, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") requires the Portfolio to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income and any net capital gains realized on its investments at least annually. The Portfolio's income from certain dividends, interest, and any net realized short-term capital gains are paid to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. Net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are paid to shareholders as capital gains distributions, regardless of how long Shares of the Portfolio have been held. A portion of the Portfolio's distributions received from REITs may be classified as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Portfolio is more likely to make distributions that are treated as returns of capital, and possibly in greater amounts, than a portfolio that does not invest in REITs. Distributions are made at the class level, so they may vary from class to class within a single portfolio.

Distribution Schedule

Dividends for the Portfolio are normally declared and distributed in June and December. Capital gains are normally declared and distributed in June. However, in certain situations it may be necessary for the Portfolio to declare and distribute capital gains in December. If necessary, dividends and net capital gains may be distributed at other times as well. Unless otherwise instructed, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains, if any, are automatically reinvested in additional Shares of the Portfolio.

How Distributions Affect the Portfolio's NAV

Distributions are paid to shareholders as of the record date of a distribution of the Portfolio, regardless of how long the Shares have been held. Undistributed dividends and net capital gains are included in the Portfolio's daily net asset value ("NAV"). The share price of the Portfolio drops by the amount of the distribution, net of any subsequent market fluctuations. For example, assume that on December 31, the Portfolio declared a dividend in the amount of $0.25 per share. If the Portfolio's share price was $10.00 on December 30, the Portfolio's share price on December 31 would be $9.75, barring market fluctuations.

TAXES

Taxes on Distributions

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. Generally, withdrawals from such contracts or plans may be subject to federal income tax at ordinary income rates and, if withdrawals are made from a retirement plan before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may be imposed. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract. Further information may be found in your plan documents or in the prospectus of the separate account offering such contract.

Taxation of the Portfolio

Dividends, interest, and some capital gains received by the Portfolio on foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax withholding or other foreign taxes. If the Portfolio is eligible, it may from year to year make the election permitted under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders. If such an election is not made, any foreign taxes paid or accrued will represent an expense to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio does not expect to pay any federal income or excise taxes because it intends to meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, because the Shares of the Portfolio are sold in connection with variable insurance contracts, the Portfolio intends to satisfy the diversification requirements applicable to insurance company separate accounts under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Portfolio invests in partnerships, it may be subject to state tax liabilities.

Investors may not purchase or redeem Shares of the Portfolio directly. Shares may be purchased or redeemed only through variable insurance contracts offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. **Refer to the prospectus for the participating insurance company's separate account or your plan documents for instructions on purchasing or selling variable insurance contracts and on how to select the Portfolio as an investment option for a contract or a qualified retirement plan.**

With certain exceptions, the Portfolio is generally available only to shareholders residing in the United States and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. For purposes of this policy, the Portfolio requires that a shareholder and/or entity be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory (including overseas U.S. military or diplomatic addresses) or a resident alien residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number to open an account with the Portfolio.

PRICING OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The per share NAV for each class is computed by dividing the total value of assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Portfolio's NAV is calculated as of the close of the trading session of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time) each day that the NYSE is open ("business day"). However, the time at which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated may be changed if trading on the NYSE is restricted, the NYSE closes at a different time, or as permitted by the SEC. Foreign securities held by the Portfolio may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed and the NAV is therefore not calculated. Accordingly, the value of the Portfolio's holdings may change on days that are not business days in the United States and on which you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Portfolio's Shares.

All purchases and redemptions will be duly processed at the NAV next calculated after a request is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. In order to receive a day's price, an order must be received in good order by the Portfolio (or insurance company or plan sponsor) or its agents by the close of the trading session of the NYSE.

Portfolio holdings are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). To the extent available, domestic and foreign equity securities traded on a securities exchange, including exchange-traded funds, are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which are (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. Most fixed-income securities are typically valued using an evaluated bid price supplied by an Adviser- approved pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term instruments maturing within 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If a market quotation or evaluated price for a security is not readily available or is deemed unreliable, or if an event that is expected to affect the value of the security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, a fair value of the security will be determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Such events include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a non-significant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. This type of fair valuation may be more commonly used with foreign equity securities, but it may also be used with, among other things, thinly-traded domestic securities or fixed-income securities. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are generally translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. The methodologies employed when fair valuing Portfolio holdings may change from time to time. Because fair value pricing involves subjective judgments, it is possible that the fair value determination for a security may be different than the value that could be realized when selling that security.

Due to the subjective nature of systematic fair valuation, the value of a particular security may be different from the last quoted market price. Systematic fair valuation may reduce arbitrage activity involving the frequent buying and selling of

mutual fund shares by investors seeking to take advantage of a perceived lag between a change in the value of the Portfolio's securities and the reflection of such change in the Portfolio's NAV, as further described in the "Excessive Trading" section of this Prospectus. While funds that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for arbitrage activity, such activity may also arise in funds which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities or high-yield fixed-income securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the valuation of a security is different from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders buying and/or selling shares of the Portfolio may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. The Valuation Procedures and the Trust's excessive trading policies and procedures may not completely eliminate short-term trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries.

The value of the securities of other mutual funds held by the Portfolio, if any, will be calculated using the NAV of such mutual funds, and the prospectuses for such mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they use fair valuation and the effects of using fair valuation.

Generally, futures contracts and/or options on futures are valued at the actual settlement price on valuation date on the exchange as reported by an approved vendor. In the event actual settlement price is unavailable or is deemed unreliable, then the reported settlement price (there can be different settlement prices at different times), early settlement price or the last trade price shall be used. Option contracts are valued using an evaluated price from an approved vendor. Evaluated prices can be derived using an option pricing model, including inputs derived from volatility surfaces, market data and characteristics of the portfolio investment. In cases when an approved vendor cannot provide coverage for an option, a broker quotation or an internal valuation using the Black-Scholes model, or other appropriate option pricing model shall be used. Index swaps, credit default swaps, and interest rate swaps are typically valued using an evaluated price from an approved vendor. Evaluated prices will generally have a fixed and floating leg with the present value of each being calculated based on the terms of the trade.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

From its own assets, the Adviser or its affiliates pay fees to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market, or promote the Portfolio or perform related services for contract owners and plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

The Adviser or its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, and other financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services (including payments for processing transactions via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other means) in connection with investments in the Janus Henderson funds. These fees are in addition to any fees that may be paid by the Janus Henderson funds for these types of services or other services.

In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates periodically share certain marketing expenses with selected intermediaries, or pay for or sponsor informational meetings, seminars, client awareness events, support for marketing materials, sales reporting, or business building programs for such intermediaries to raise awareness of the Portfolio. The Adviser or its affiliates make payments to participate in selected intermediary marketing support programs which may provide the Adviser or its affiliates

with one or more of the following benefits: attendance at sales conferences, participation in meetings or training sessions, access to or information about intermediary personnel, use of an intermediary's marketing and communication infrastructure, fund analysis tools, data, business planning and strategy sessions with intermediary personnel, information on industry- or platform-specific developments, trends and service providers, and other marketing-related services. Such payments may be in addition to, or in lieu of, the fees described above. These payments are intended to promote the sales of Janus Henderson funds and to reimburse financial intermediaries, directly or indirectly, for the costs that they or their salespersons incur in connection with educational seminars, meetings, and training efforts about the Janus Henderson funds to enable the intermediaries and their salespersons to make suitable recommendations, provide useful services, and maintain the necessary infrastructure to make the Janus Henderson funds available to their customers.

The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) fees or reimbursements and other forms of compensation described above may provide a financial intermediary and its salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) or to favor sales of one class of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of another Janus Henderson funds' share class, with respect to which the financial intermediary does not receive such payments or receives them in a lower amount. The receipt of these payments may cause certain financial intermediaries to elevate the prominence of the Janus Henderson funds within such financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or the provision of preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the Janus Henderson funds in various ways within such financial intermediary's organization.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolio and, if applicable, when considering which share class of the Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

PURCHASES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Refer to the prospectus of the appropriate insurance company separate account or your plan documents for information on how to invest in the Shares of the Portfolio. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may permit an in-kind purchase of Shares. Participating insurance companies and certain other designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Portfolio's behalf. As discussed under "Payments to Financial Intermediaries by the Adviser or its Affiliates," the Adviser and its affiliates make payments to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that were instrumental in the acquisition or retention of accounts for the Portfolio or that provide services in connection with investments in the Portfolio. You should consider such arrangements when evaluating any recommendation of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject any purchase order, including exchange purchases, for any reason. The Portfolio is not intended for excessive trading. For more information about the Portfolio's policy on excessive trading, refer to "Excessive Trading."

The Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Shares to redeem those investments if the plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser, is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

In compliance with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"), your insurance company or plan sponsor is required to verify certain information on your account application as part of its Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be required to provide your full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and permanent street address to assist in verifying your identity. You may also be asked to provide documents that may help to establish your identity. Until verification of your identity is made, your insurance company or plan sponsor may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, your insurance company or plan sponsor may close an account if they are unable to verify a shareholder's identity. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor if you need additional assistance when completing your application or additional information about the insurance company or plan sponsor's Anti-Money Laundering Program.

In an effort to ensure compliance with this law, the Adviser's Anti-Money Laundering Program (the "Program") provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Potential Conflicts

Although the Portfolio does not currently anticipate any disadvantages to policy owners because the Portfolio offers its Shares to unaffiliated variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies that are unaffiliated with the Adviser and to certain qualified retirement plans, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise. The Trustees monitor events in an effort to identify any disadvantages or material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response. If a material disadvantage or conflict is identified, the Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts or qualified plans to withdraw its investments in the Portfolio or substitute Shares of another portfolio. If this occurs, the Portfolio may be forced to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices. In addition, the Portfolio may refuse to sell its Shares to any separate account or qualified plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of the Portfolio's Shares if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders. It is possible that a qualified plan investing in the Portfolio could lose its qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code, which could have adverse tax consequences on insurance company separate accounts investing in the Portfolio. The Adviser intends to monitor such qualified plans, and the Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Portfolio to redeem those investments if a plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. Please refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

Shares of the Portfolio may be redeemed on any business day on which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated. Redemptions are duly processed at the NAV next calculated after your redemption order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Redemption proceeds will normally be sent within two business days following receipt of the redemption order. The Portfolio typically expects to meet redemption requests by paying out proceeds from cash or cash equivalent portfolio holdings, or by selling portfolio holdings. In stressed market conditions, and other appropriate circumstances, redemption methods may include borrowing funds or redeeming in-kind.

The Portfolio reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Portfolio to redeem its Shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain large shareholders, such as other portfolios, participating insurance companies, accounts, and affiliates of the Adviser, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares. Redemptions by these large shareholders of their holdings in the Portfolio may cause the Portfolio to sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Portfolio's NAV and liquidity. Similarly, large Portfolio share purchases may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would. A large shareholder purchase or redemption may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Portfolio's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, which could lead to an increase in the Portfolio's expense ratio.

Redemptions In-Kind

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Portfolio retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of a portfolio, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. However, the Portfolio is required to redeem shares solely for cash up to the lesser of $250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Portfolio during any 90-day period for any one shareholder. Should redemptions by any shareholder exceed such limitation, the Portfolio will have the option of

redeeming the excess in cash or in-kind. In-kind payment means payment will be made in portfolio securities rather than cash, and may potentially include illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may not be able to be sold quickly or at a price that reflects full value, or there may not be a market for such investments, which could cause the redeeming shareholder to realize losses on the investment if it is sold at a price lower than that at which it had been valued. If the Portfolio makes an in-kind payment, the redeeming shareholder might incur brokerage or other transaction costs to convert the securities to cash, whereas such costs are borne by the Portfolio for cash redemptions.

While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's NAV and may increase brokerage costs.

EXCESSIVE TRADING

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures

The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures with respect to short-term and excessive trading of Portfolio shares ("excessive trading"). The Portfolio is intended for long-term investment purposes, and the Portfolio will take reasonable steps to attempt to detect and deter short-term and excessive trading. Transactions placed in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures may be cancelled or rescinded by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio. The trading history of accounts determined to be under common ownership or control within any of the Janus Henderson funds may be considered in enforcing these policies and procedures.

The Janus Henderson funds attempt to deter excessive trading through at least the following methods:

- fair valuation of securities as described under "Pricing of Portfolio Shares"; and
- trade monitoring.

The Portfolio monitors for patterns of shareholder short-term trading and may suspend or permanently terminate the purchase and exchange privilege (if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) of any investor who is identified as having a pattern of short-term trading. The Portfolio at all times reserves the right to reject any purchase or exchange request and to modify or terminate the purchase and exchange privileges for any investor for any reason without prior notice, in particular, if the trading activity in the account(s) is deemed to be disruptive to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio's Trustees may approve from time to time a redemption fee to be imposed by any Janus Henderson fund, subject to 60 days' notice to shareholders of that fund.

Investors in other share classes who place transactions through the same insurance company or plan sponsor on an omnibus basis may be deemed part of a group for the purpose of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Portfolio. Transactions accepted by an insurance company or plan sponsor in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies may be cancelled or revoked by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio.

In an attempt to deter excessive trading in omnibus accounts, the Portfolio or its agents may require intermediaries to impose restrictions on the trading activity of accounts traded through those intermediaries. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, requiring that trades be placed by U.S. mail, prohibiting future purchases by investors who have recently redeemed Portfolio shares, requiring intermediaries to report information about customers who purchase and redeem large amounts, and similar restrictions. The Portfolio's ability to impose such restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions, and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Generally, the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures do not apply to (i) a money market fund, although money market funds at all times reserve the right to reject any purchase request (including exchange purchases, if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) for any reason without prior notice; (ii) transactions in the Janus Henderson funds by a Janus Henderson "fund of funds"; (iii) periodic rebalancing and identifiable transactions by certain funds of funds and asset allocation programs to realign portfolio investments with existing target allocations; and (iv) systematic purchase, exchange, or redemption programs.

The Portfolio's policies and procedures regarding excessive trading may be modified at any time by the Portfolio's Trustees.

Excessive Trading Risks

Excessive trading may present risks to the Portfolio's long-term shareholders. Excessive trading into and out of the Portfolio may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may create taxable gains to remaining Portfolio shareholders, and may increase Portfolio expenses, all of which may negatively impact investment returns for all remaining shareholders, including long-term shareholders.

Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for excessive trading. Investors may attempt to take advantage of anticipated price movements in securities held by a portfolio based on events occurring after the close of a foreign market that may not be reflected in the portfolio's NAV (referred to as "price arbitrage"). Such arbitrage opportunities may also arise in portfolios which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the Portfolio's valuation of a security differs from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. There is potential for short-term arbitrage trades to dilute the value of the shares held by the Portfolio despite the Portfolio's adoption of policies and procedures intended to reduce the Portfolio's exposure to price arbitrage, stale pricing, and other potential pricing inefficiencies.

There is no assurance that the policies and procedures adopted by the Portfolio to detect and deter excessive trading will be effective in all circumstances. For example, the Portfolio may be unable to completely eliminate the possibility of excessive trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries. Omnibus accounts may effectively conceal the identity of individual investors and their transactions from the Portfolio and its agents. This makes the Portfolio's identification of excessive trading transactions in the Portfolio through an omnibus account difficult and makes the elimination of excessive trading in the account impractical without the assistance of the intermediary. Moreover, the contract between an insurance company and the owner of a variable insurance contract may govern the frequency with which the contract owner may cause the insurance company to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio encourages intermediaries to take necessary actions to detect and deter excessive trading, some intermediaries may be unable or unwilling to do so, and accordingly, the Portfolio cannot eliminate completely the possibility of excessive trading.

Shareholders that invest through an omnibus account should be aware that they may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance company or plan sponsor with respect to excessive trading in the Portfolio.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures adopted by the Adviser and all mutual funds managed within the Janus Henderson fund complex are designed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and to protect the confidentiality of the portfolios' holdings. The following describes policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings.

- ***Full Holdings.*** A schedule of the Portfolio's holdings, consisting of at least the names of the holdings, is generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag and is posted under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at janushenderson.com/VIT. A complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings is also available in the annual and semiannual financial statements located in Form N-CSR and, after the first and third fiscal quarters, in Form N-PORT. Information reported in Form N-CSR and in Form N-PORT will be made publicly available within 70 and 60 days, respectively, after the end of each fiscal quarter. The Portfolio's Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.
- ***Top Holdings.*** The Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of the Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- ***Other Information.*** The Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures may be made by the head of the applicable

investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate. Such exceptions may be made without prior notice to shareholders. A summary of the Portfolio's holdings disclosure policies and procedures, which includes a discussion of any exceptions, is contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Your insurance company or plan sponsor is responsible for providing annual and semiannual reports, including the financial statements of the Portfolio. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor to obtain these reports. The Trust's fiscal year ends December 31.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended December 31 of the fiscal years shown. Items "Net asset value, beginning of period" through "Net asset value, end of period" reflect financial results for a single Portfolio Share. The gross expense ratio reflects expenses prior to any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The net expense ratio reflects expenses after any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The information shown for the fiscal years ended December 31 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the Portfolio's Form N-CSR and is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions) but do not include charges and expenses attributable to any insurance product. If these charges and expenses had been included, the performance for the years shown would be lower. "Total return" information may include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, returns may differ from returns for shareholder transactions.

Enterprise Portfolio – Institutional Shares

	Years ended December 31				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$84.18**	**$76.52**	**$69.58**	**$100.51**	**$94.21**
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)[1]	0.19	0.27	0.36	0.20	0.22
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	5.88	11.31	11.85	(16.86)	14.99
Total from Investment Operations	6.07	11.58	12.21	(16.66)	15.21
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.17)	(0.62)	(0.12)	(0.17)	(0.33)
Distributions (from capital gains)	(6.50)	(3.30)	(5.15)	(14.10)	(8.58)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(6.67)	(3.92)	(5.27)	(14.27)	(8.91)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$83.58**	**$84.18**	**$76.52**	**$69.58**	**$100.51**
Total Return*	7.67%	15.61%	18.07%	(15.94)%	16.83%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	$679,320	$683,126	$636,056	$565,810	$736,679
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.71%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.71%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	0.23%	0.34%	0.49%	0.28%	0.22%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	21%	14%	13%	15%	17%

* Total return includes adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the year or period end and are not annualized for periods of less than one full year. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Janus Aspen Series serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

This glossary provides a more detailed description of some of the types of securities, investment strategies, and other instruments in which the Portfolio may invest, as well as some general investment terms. The Portfolio may invest in these instruments to the extent permitted by its investment objective and policies. The Portfolio is not limited by this discussion and may invest in any other types of instruments not precluded by the policies discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

EQUITY AND DEBT SECURITIES

Bonds are debt securities issued by a company, municipality, government, or government agency. The issuer of a bond is required to pay the holder the amount of the loan (or par value of the bond) at a specified maturity and to make scheduled interest payments.

Common stocks are equity securities representing shares of ownership in a company and usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stock, dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors.

Convertible securities are preferred stocks or bonds that pay a fixed dividend or interest payment and are convertible into common stock at a specified price or conversion ratio.

Debt securities are securities representing money borrowed that must be repaid at a later date. Such securities have specific maturities and usually a specific rate of interest or an original purchase discount.

Depositary receipts are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation that entitle the holder to dividends and capital gains on the underlying security. Receipts include those issued by domestic banks (American Depositary Receipts), foreign banks (Global or European Depositary Receipts), and broker-dealers (depositary shares).

Equity securities generally include domestic and foreign common stocks; preferred stocks; securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks; warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks; and other securities with equity characteristics.

Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are typically open-end investment companies, which may seek to track the performance of a specific index or be actively managed. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments.

Fixed-income securities are securities that pay a specified rate of return. The term generally includes short-and long-term government, corporate, and municipal obligations that pay a specified rate of interest, dividends, or coupons for a specified period of time. Coupon and dividend rates may be fixed for the life of the issue or, in the case of adjustable and floating rate securities, for a shorter period.

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are shares in a pool of mortgages or other debt instruments. These securities are generally pass-through securities, which means that principal and interest payments on the underlying securities (less servicing fees) are passed through to shareholders on a pro rata basis.

Passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are any foreign corporations which generate certain amounts of passive income or hold certain amounts of assets for the production of passive income. Passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and annuities. To avoid federal income taxes and interest that the Portfolio must pay if these investments are profitable, regardless of whether such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Portfolio to its holders of common stock, the Portfolio may make various elections (if available) permitted by the tax laws. These elections could require that the Portfolio recognize taxable income regardless of whether the Portfolio receives any distributions from such PFIC, which in turn must be distributed, before the securities are sold and before cash is received to pay the distributions.

Preferred stocks are equity securities that generally pay dividends at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation. Preferred stock generally does not carry voting rights.

Private placements are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT") is an investment trust that operates through the pooled capital of many investors who buy its shares. Investments are in direct ownership of either income property or mortgage loans. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

U.S. Government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government that are supported by its full faith and credit. Treasury bills have initial maturities of less than one year, Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years, and Treasury bonds may be issued with any maturity but generally have maturities of at least ten years. U.S. Government securities also include indirect obligations of the U.S. Government that are issued by federal agencies and government sponsored entities. Unlike Treasury securities, agency securities generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Some agency securities are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations, and others are supported only by the credit of the sponsoring agency.

FUTURES, OPTIONS, AND OTHER DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset (stock, bond, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index). Types of derivatives can include, but are not limited to options, forward foreign currency contracts, swaps, and futures contracts.

Forward contracts are contracts to purchase or sell a specified amount of a financial instrument for an agreed upon price at a specified time. Forward contracts are not currently exchange-traded and are typically negotiated on an individual basis. The Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for investment purposes or to hedge against declines in the value of securities denominated in, or whose value is tied to, a currency other than the U.S. dollar or to reduce the impact of currency appreciation on purchases of such securities. It may also enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell securities or other financial indices.

Futures contracts are contracts that obligate the buyer to receive and the seller to deliver an instrument or money at a specified price on a specified date. The Portfolio may buy and sell futures contracts on foreign currencies, securities, and financial indices including indices of U.S. Government, foreign government, equity, or fixed-income securities. Futures contracts are standardized and traded on designated exchanges.

Indexed/structured securities are typically short- to intermediate-term debt securities whose value at maturity or interest rate is linked to currencies, interest rates, equity securities, indices, commodity prices, or other financial indicators. Such securities may be positively or negatively indexed (e.g., their value may increase or decrease if the reference index or instrument appreciates). Indexed/structured securities may have return characteristics similar to direct investments in the underlying instruments and may be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

Options are the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of securities or other assets on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. The Portfolio may purchase and write put and call options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies. The Portfolio may purchase or write such options individually or in combination.

OTHER INVESTMENTS, STRATEGIES, AND/OR TECHNIQUES

Cash sweep program is an arrangement in which the Portfolio's uninvested cash balance is used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that govern the operation of money market funds at the end of each day.

Market capitalization is the most commonly used measure of the size and value of a company. It is computed by multiplying the current market price of a share of the company's stock by the total number of its shares outstanding. Market capitalization is an important investment criterion for certain portfolios, while others do not emphasize investments in companies of any particular size.

Repatriation is the ability to move liquid financial assets from a foreign country to an investor's country of origin.

Repurchase agreements involve the purchase of a security by the Portfolio and a simultaneous agreement by the seller (generally a bank or dealer) to repurchase the security from the Portfolio at a specified date or upon demand. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash.

Short sales in which the Portfolio may engage may be either "short sales against the box" or other short sales. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against

anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility. If the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, the Portfolio loses the opportunity to participate in the gain.

When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. New issues of stocks and bonds, private placements, and U.S. Government securities may be sold in this manner.

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You can make inquiries and request other information, including a Statement of Additional Information, annual report, semiannual report, or Portfolio financial statements (as they become available), free of charge, by contacting your insurance company or plan sponsor, or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information, most recent annual and semiannual reports and Portfolio financial statements are also available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's annual and semiannual reports and in Form N-CSR. In the Portfolio's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal period. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual financial statements. Other information is also available from financial intermediaries that sell Shares of the Portfolio.

The Statement of Additional Information provides detailed information about the Portfolio and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) Database on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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INVESTORS

This Prospectus describes Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"). Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares. The Institutional Shares (the "Shares") are offered by this Prospectus in connection with investment in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "variable insurance contracts"), as well as certain qualified retirement plans.

This Prospectus contains information that a prospective purchaser of a variable insurance contract or plan participant should consider in conjunction with the accompanying separate account prospectus of the specific insurance company product before allocating purchase payments or premiums to the Portfolio. Each variable insurance contract involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. Refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding contract fees and expenses and any restrictions on purchases or allocations.

For the purpose of this Prospectus, any reference to the "Janus Henderson funds" is inclusive of all series of the Trust, collectively, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio

Ticker: JACAX Institutional Shares

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio ("Forty Portfolio") seeks long-term growth of capital.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell Shares of the Portfolio. **Owners of variable insurance contracts that invest in the Shares should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses, as the following table and examples do not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses described below.**

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees[(1)]	0.54%
Other Expenses	0.08%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.62%

(1) This fee may adjust up or down monthly based on the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index over the performance measurement period. For more information regarding performance-based advisory fees, refer to "Management Expenses" in the Portfolio's Prospectus.

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares	$ 63	$ 199	$ 346	$ 774

Portfolio Turnover: The Portfolio 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. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 30% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by normally investing in a portfolio of 30-40 common stocks. The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size but will invest primarily in larger, well-established companies. The Portfolio may also invest in foreign securities. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified, which allows it to hold larger positions in more securities as compared to a portfolio that is classified as diversified. As of December 31, 2025, the Portfolio held stocks of 31 companies. Of these holdings, 15 comprised approximately 75.28% of the Portfolio's holdings.

Portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach that focuses on fundamental research and considers, among other factors, a company's sustainable competitive advantages, long-term growth potential, and shareholder value. The Portfolio will generally consider selling a security when, in portfolio management's opinion, there is a deterioration in a company's financials, the investment thesis for owning the position has changed, or if the security exceeds its targeted value.

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The biggest risk is that the Portfolio's returns will vary, and you could lose money. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors seeking an equity portfolio, including common stocks. The principal risks associated with investing in the Portfolio are set forth below.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease due to short-term market movements and over more prolonged market downturns. As a result, the Portfolio's net asset value may fluctuate and it may be more difficult to value or sell the Portfolio's holdings. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole. Market risk may be magnified if certain social, political, economic, and other conditions and events (such as financial institution failures, economic recessions, tariffs, trade disputes, terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, natural disasters, and epidemics and pandemics) adversely interrupt the global economy and financial markets. It is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, in response to changes in the market, and you could lose money.

Portfolio Management Risk. The Portfolio is an actively managed investment portfolio and is therefore subject to the risk that the investment strategies and research process employed for the Portfolio may fail to produce the intended results. Accordingly, the Portfolio may underperform benchmark indices or other funds with similar investment objectives.

Growth Securities Risk. Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. If portfolio management's perception of a company's growth potential is not realized, the securities purchased may not perform as expected, reducing the Portfolio's returns. In addition, because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, "growth" stocks may perform differently from other types of securities and the market as a whole.

Large-Sized Companies Risk. Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of an individual company or security, or multiple companies or securities, in the portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions or perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities the Portfolio holds participate.

Nondiversification Risk. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. This gives portfolio management more flexibility to hold larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of a single security held by the Portfolio may have a greater impact on the Portfolio's net asset value and total return.

Issuer Concentration Risk. The Portfolio's holdings may be comprised of a relatively small number of issuers in comparison to other portfolios. As a result, the Portfolio may be subject to greater risks than a portfolio that invests in a greater number of issuers. A change in the value of any single investment held by the Portfolio may affect the overall value of the Portfolio more than it would affect a portfolio that holds more investments. In particular, the Portfolio may be more susceptible to adverse developments affecting any single issuer held by the Portfolio and may be susceptible to greater losses because of these developments. The Portfolio's policy of concentrating its portfolio in a smaller number of holdings could result in more volatility in the Portfolio's performance and share price.

Industry and Sector Risk. Although the Portfolio does not concentrate its investments in specific industries, it may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting similar business or businesses within the same economic sector. Companies in the same industry or economic sector may be similarly affected by negative economic or market events, making the Portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable developments than portfolios that invest more broadly. As the Portfolio's holdings become more concentrated, the Portfolio is less able to spread risk and potentially reduce the risk of loss and volatility. As the Portfolio's holdings change over time, the Portfolio's exposure to a particular economic sector may fluctuate.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Foreign markets can be more volatile than the U.S. market. As a result, the Portfolio's returns and net asset value may be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates or political or economic conditions in a particular country. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, a market swing in one or more countries or regions where the Portfolio has invested a significant amount of its assets may have a greater effect on the Portfolio's performance than it would in a more geographically diversified portfolio.

Mid-Sized Companies Risk. Investments in securities issued by mid-sized companies may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Securities issued by mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

Securities Lending Risk. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

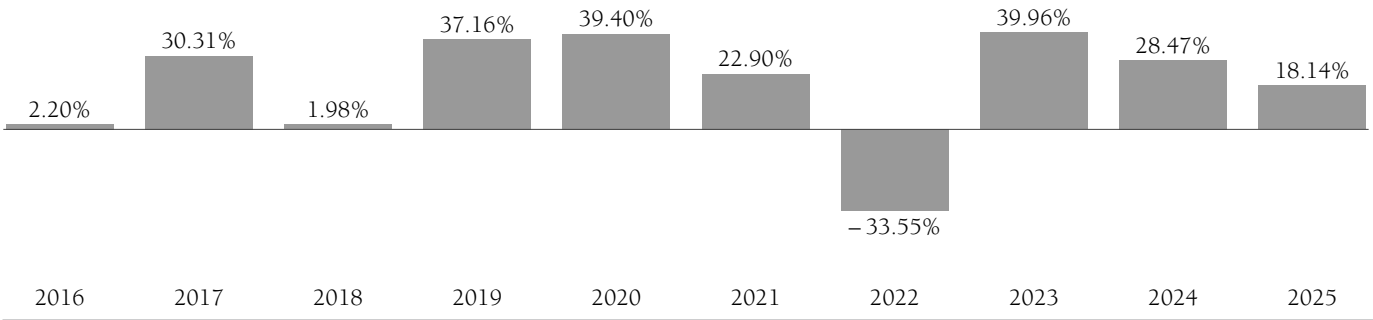
An investment in the Portfolio is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing how the Portfolio's performance has varied over time. The bar chart depicts the change in performance from year to year during the periods indicated. Total return figures include the effect of the Portfolio's expenses, but do not include charges or expenses attributable to any insurance product, which would lower the performance illustrated. The table compares the average annual returns for the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio for the periods indicated to a broad-based securities market index, as well as to one or more additional indices that have investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. All figures assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

The Portfolio's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at janushenderson.com/VITperformance or by calling 1-877-335-2687.

Annual Total Returns for Institutional Shares (calendar year-end)



Best Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2020 **26.77%** **Worst Quarter:** 2nd Quarter 2022 **– 25.47%**

Average Annual Total Returns (periods ended 12/31/25)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Forty Portfolio			
Institutional Shares	18.14%	11.65%	16.24%
Russell 1000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.37%	13.59%	14.59%
Russell 1000® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	18.56%	15.32%	18.13%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.88%	14.42%	14.82%

The Portfolio's broad-based benchmark index is the Russell 1000 Index due to regulatory requirements. The Portfolio's additional benchmark index is the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which has investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. The Portfolio's additional benchmark index is the S&P 500 Index. The indices are described below.

- The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe.
- The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- The S&P 500 Index is a commonly recognized, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 widely held equity securities, designed to measure broad U.S. equity performance.

MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser: Janus Henderson Investors US LLC

Portfolio Management: Brian Recht is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since March 2022. **Nick Schommer**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2016.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through qualified retirement plans. Requests are duly processed at the net asset value next calculated after an order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

TAX INFORMATION

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract.

PAYMENTS TO INSURERS, BROKER-DEALERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Portfolio shares are generally available only through an insurer's variable contracts, or through certain employer or other retirement plans (Retirement Products). Retirement Products are generally purchased through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. The Portfolio or its distributor (or its affiliates) may make payments to the insurer and/or its related companies for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary, or be a factor in the insurer's decision to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult your insurance contract prospectus for more information.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Please refer to the following important information when reviewing the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The fees and expenses shown were determined based on average net assets as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

- "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are paid out of the Portfolio's assets and include fees for portfolio management and administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, and other shareholder services. You do not pay these fees directly but, as the Example in the Portfolio Summary shows, these costs are borne indirectly by all shareholders.
- The "Management Fee" is the investment advisory fee rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. Forty Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that adjusts up or down by a variable rate of up to 0.15% (assuming constant assets) on a monthly basis based upon the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index during a measurement period. This base fee rate, prior to any performance adjustment, is 0.64%. Refer to "Management Expenses" in this Prospectus for additional information with further description in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").
- "Other Expenses"
  - include an administrative services fee of 0.05% of the average daily net assets to compensate insurance companies or other financial intermediaries for services provided to contract owners and plan participants.
  - include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are indirect expenses the Portfolio may incur as a result of investing in shares of an underlying fund, to the extent such expenses are less than 0.01%. "Acquired Fund" refers to any underlying fund (including, but not limited to, exchange-traded funds) in which a portfolio invests or has invested during the period. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in Acquired Funds, the Portfolio's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" may not correlate to the "Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets" presented in the Financial Highlights table because that ratio includes only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio, not the indirect costs of investing in Acquired Funds. Such amounts are less than 0.01%.
  - may include reimbursement to Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), the Portfolio's transfer agent, of its out-of-pocket costs for serving as transfer agent and providing servicing to shareholders, including servicing provided by third parties.
  - include custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses.
- All expenses in the Portfolio's "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table are shown without the effect of expense offset arrangements. Pursuant to such arrangements, credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce custodian and transfer agent expenses.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GENERAL PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio's Board of Trustees ("Trustees") may change the Portfolio's investment objective or non-fundamental principal investment strategies without a shareholder vote. The Portfolio will notify you in writing at least 60 days before making any such change it considers material. If there is a material change to the Portfolio's investment objective or principal investment strategies, you should consider whether the Portfolio remains an appropriate investment for you. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

Unless otherwise stated, the following section provides additional information about the investment strategies and general policies that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section, including the types of securities the Portfolio may invest in when pursuing its investment objective. This section also describes investment strategies and policies that the Portfolio may use to a lesser extent. These non-principal investment strategies and policies may become more important in the future since the Portfolio's composition can change over time. Except for the Portfolio's policies with respect to illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, the percentage limitations included in these policies and elsewhere in this Prospectus and/or the SAI normally apply only at the time of purchase of a security. So, for example, if the Portfolio exceeds a limit, other than illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, as a result of market fluctuations or the sale of other securities, it will not be required to dispose of any securities. The "Glossary of Investment Terms" includes descriptions of investment terms used throughout the Prospectus.

Security Selection
The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by normally investing in a portfolio of 30-40 common stocks. Portfolio management applies a "bottom-up" approach that focuses on fundamental research and considers, among other factors, a company's sustainable competitive advantages, long-term growth potential, and shareholder value. The Portfolio will generally consider selling a security when, in portfolio management's opinion, there is a deterioration in a company's financial, the investment thesis for owning the position has changed, or if the security exceeds its targeted value.

Cash Position
The Portfolio may not always stay fully invested. For example, when portfolio management believes that market conditions are unfavorable for investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Portfolio's cash or similar investments may increase. When the Portfolio's investments in cash or similar investments increase, it may not participate in market advances or declines to the same extent that it would if the Portfolio remained more fully invested. To the extent the Portfolio invests its uninvested cash through a sweep program (meaning its uninvested cash is pooled with uninvested cash of other funds and invested in certain securities such as repurchase agreements), it is subject to the risks of the account or fund into which it is investing, including liquidity issues that may delay the Portfolio from accessing its cash.

In addition, the Portfolio may temporarily increase its cash position under certain unusual circumstances, such as to protect its assets or maintain liquidity in certain circumstances to meet unusually large redemptions. The Portfolio's cash position may also increase temporarily due to unusually large cash inflows. Under unusual circumstances such as these, the Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or similar investments. In this case, the Portfolio may take positions that are inconsistent with its investment policies. As a result, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective.

Emerging Markets
Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index℠.

ESG Integration
As part of the Portfolio's investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors may include corporate governance, political governance, executive pay, board structure and diversity, business ethics, corporate reporting, company culture, human capital management and diversity, community relations, human rights, exposure to climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation. Portfolio management focuses on the ESG Factors it considers most likely to have a material impact on the long-term financial performance of the issuer, which includes identifying ESG Factors attributable to a particular region, sector, industry, or issuer. To facilitate its assessment of ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision. Portfolio management may assess the relevance of ESG Factors to its fundamental research process differently across issuers, sectors, regions, and asset classes.

Foreign Securities
The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities. Portfolio management seeks investments that meet the selection criteria, regardless of where an issuer or company is located. Foreign securities, which are investments in securities of issuers or companies that are economically tied to different countries outside of the United States, are generally selected on a security-by-security basis without regard to any predetermined allocation among countries or geographic regions. However, certain factors, such as expected levels of inflation, government policies influencing business conditions, the outlook for currency relationships, and prospects for economic growth among countries, regions, or geographic areas, may warrant greater consideration in selecting foreign securities. An issuer is deemed to be economically tied to a country or countries if one or more of the following tests are met: (i) the issuer is organized in, or its primary business office or principal trading market of its equity is located in, the country; (ii) a majority of the issuer's revenues are derived from one or more countries; or (iii) a majority of the issuer's assets are located in one or more countries.

Illiquid Investments
The Portfolio will not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Portfolio would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. An illiquid investment is any investment that the

Portfolio reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings

The Portfolio may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company's initial public offering ("IPO"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. An IPO is the first sale of stock by a private company to the public. IPOs are often issued by smaller, younger companies seeking the capital to expand, but can also be done by large privately-owned companies looking to become publicly traded. The Portfolio may also purchase shares in offerings made by companies that are publicly traded ("secondary offerings"). Secondary offerings may be made by companies for a number of reasons, including as part of a refinancing, to raise capital for growth, and/or to provide existing shareholders with a way to register and sell restricted shares.

Nondiversification

Diversification is a way to reduce risk by investing in a broad range of stocks or other securities. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified has the ability to take larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. This gives a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified more flexibility to focus its investments in companies that portfolio management has identified as the most attractive for the investment objective and strategy of the portfolio. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified. This fluctuation, if significant, may affect the performance of the portfolio.

Portfolio Turnover

In general, the Portfolio intends to purchase securities for long-term investment, although, to a limited extent, the Portfolio may purchase securities in anticipation of relatively short-term gains. Short-term transactions may also result from liquidity needs, securities having reached a price or yield objective, changes in interest rates or the credit standing of an issuer, or by reason of economic or other developments not foreseen at the time of the initial investment decision. The Portfolio may also sell one security and simultaneously purchase the same or a comparable security to take advantage of short-term differentials in bond yields or securities prices. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the size of the Portfolio (including due to shareholder purchases and redemptions), the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style of portfolio management. Changes are normally made in the Portfolio's holdings whenever portfolio management believes such changes are desirable. Portfolio turnover rates are generally not a factor in making buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio.

Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher costs for brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, and other transaction costs. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover also may have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. The "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus shows the Portfolio's historical turnover rates.

REITs and Real Estate-Related Securities

The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. These securities may include common stocks, preferred stocks, and other securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and similar REIT-like entities (such as real estate operating companies ("REOCs")). A REIT is an entity that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are often categorized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT, the most common type of REIT, invests primarily in the fee ownership of land and buildings. An equity REIT derives its income primarily from rental income but may also realize capital gains or losses by selling real estate properties in its portfolio that have appreciated or depreciated in value. A mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure construction, development, or long-term loans. A mortgage REIT generally derives its income from interest payments on the credit it has extended. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate.

Similar to REITs, REOCs are publicly-traded real estate companies that typically engage in the development, management or financing of real estate, such as homebuilders, hotel management companies, land developers and brokers. REOCs, however, have not elected (or are not eligible) to be taxed as a REIT. The reasons for not making such an election include the (i) availability of tax-loss carry-forwards, (ii) operation in non-REIT-qualifying lines of business, and (iii) ability to retain earnings. Instead, REOCs are generally structured as "C" corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,

and, as a result, are not required to distribute any portion of their income. In this regard, although REOCs do not receive the same favorable tax treatment that is accorded to REITs, REOCs are typically subject to fewer restrictions than REITs, including the ability to retain and/or reinvest funds from operations and more flexibility in terms of the real estate investments they can make.

Securities Lending

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. When the Portfolio lends its securities, it receives collateral (including cash collateral), at least equal to the value of securities loaned. The Portfolio may earn income by investing this collateral in one or more affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles or in time deposits. It is also possible that, due to a decline in the value of a cash management vehicle in which collateral is invested, the Portfolio may lose money. There is also the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase a replacement security in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could be insufficient to cover the cost of the replacement security resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In certain circumstances, individual loan transactions could yield negative returns. The Adviser intends to manage a portion of the cash collateral in an affiliated cash management vehicle and will receive an investment advisory fee for managing such assets.

Short Sales

The Portfolio may invest in short positions through short sales of stocks and structured products, and through derivatives that include swaps, uncovered written calls, and futures. The Portfolio may also engage in short sales "against the box" and options for hedging purposes. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility.

A short sale is generally a transaction in which the Portfolio sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. To complete the transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. A short sale is subject to the risk that if the price of the security sold short increases in value, the Portfolio will incur a loss because it will have to replace the security sold short by purchasing it at a higher price. In addition, the Portfolio may not always be able to close out a short position at a particular time or at an acceptable price. A lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the borrowed securities be returned to the lender on short notice, and the Portfolio may have to buy the borrowed securities at an unfavorable price. If this occurs at a time when other short sellers of the same security also want to close out their positions, a "short squeeze" can occur, which means that the demand is greater than the supply for the security sold short. If a short squeeze occurs, it is more likely that the Portfolio will have to cover its short sale at an unfavorable price and potentially reduce or eliminate any gain, or cause a loss, as a result of the short sale. Because there is no upper limit to the price a borrowed security may reach prior to closing a short position, the Portfolio's losses are potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. The Portfolio's gains and losses will also be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of any dividends, interest, or expenses, including transaction costs and borrowing fees, the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. Such payments may result in the Portfolio having higher expenses than a portfolio that does not engage in short sales and may negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to an underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Special Situations

The Portfolio may invest in companies that demonstrate special situations or turnarounds, meaning companies that have experienced significant business problems but are believed to have favorable prospects for recovery. For example, a special situation or turnaround may arise when, in the opinion of portfolio management, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized as undervalued by the market and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer.

Special situations may include significant changes in a company's allocation of its existing capital, a restructuring of assets, or a redirection of free cash flow. For example, issuers undergoing significant capital changes may include companies involved in spin-offs, sales of divisions, mergers or acquisitions, companies involved in bankruptcy proceedings, or companies initiating large changes in their debt to equity ratio. Companies that are redirecting cash flows may be reducing debt, repurchasing shares, or paying dividends. Special situations may also result from: (i) significant changes in industry structure through regulatory developments or shifts in competition; (ii) a new or improved product, service, operation, or technological advance; (iii) changes in senior management or other extraordinary corporate event; (iv) differences in market supply of and demand for the security; or (v) significant changes in cost structure.

Other Types of Investments

Unless otherwise stated within its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may also invest in other types of domestic and foreign securities and use other investment strategies. These securities and strategies are not intended to be principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. If successful, they may benefit the Portfolio by earning a return on the Portfolio's assets or reducing risk; however, they may not achieve the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities and strategies may include:

- debt securities (such as bonds, notes, sovereign debt, and debentures)
- preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks
- indexed/structured securities (such as commercial and residential mortgage- and asset-backed securities)
- securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis
- equity and fixed-income securities issued in private placement transactions

RISKS OF THE PORTFOLIO

The value of your investment will vary over time, sometimes significantly, and you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio. To varying degrees, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities, fixed-income securities, money market instruments or cash/cash equivalents, and derivatives. The following information is intended to help you better understand some of the risks of investing in the Portfolio, including the principal risks that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section. This information also includes descriptions of other risks the Portfolio may be subject to as a result of additional investment strategies and general policies that may apply to the Portfolio. The impact of the following risks on the Portfolio may vary depending on the Portfolio's investments. The greater the Portfolio's investment in a particular security, the greater the Portfolio's exposure to the risks associated with that security. Before investing in the Portfolio, you should consider carefully the risks that you assume when investing in the Portfolio.

Convertible Securities Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities that are convertible into preferred and common stocks, and thus, is subject to the risks of investments in both debt and equity securities. The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying preferred and common stocks and, therefore, also will react to variations in the general market for equity securities.

Counterparty Risk. Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk to the extent it participates in lending its securities to third parties and/or cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one or more types of cash management vehicles or in time deposits. In addition, the Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk through its investments in certain securities, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives (including various types of forwards, swaps, futures, and options). The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that the Adviser believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that the Adviser's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions.

To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

Emerging Markets Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant amount of its assets in one or more of these countries, its returns and net asset value may be affected to a large degree by events and economic conditions in such countries. The risks of foreign investing are heightened when investing in emerging markets, which may result in the price of investments in emerging markets experiencing sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets, making these investments potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio's investments.

The securities markets of many of these emerging market countries may also be smaller, less liquid, and subject to greater price volatility than those in the United States. In the event of a default on any investments in foreign debt obligations, it may be more difficult for the Portfolio to obtain or to enforce a judgment against the issuers of such securities. In addition, the Portfolio's investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore, changes in the value of a country's currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may be subject to emerging markets risk to the extent that it invests in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process, may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from portfolios that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. While portfolio management believes that the consideration of financially material ESG Factors has the potential to provide better risk-adjusted returns, ESG Factors may not be considered for every investment decision and there is no guarantee that the consideration of ESG Factors will result in better performance. There can be no guarantee that all relevant ESG Factors will be identified and considered. In addition, information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop, and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies or be applied differently across issuers and industries. Further, the U.S. regulatory landscape regarding the use of ESG Factors in investing is still developing and future rules and regulations may require the Portfolio to modify or alter its investment process and/or how it discloses its consideration of ESG Factors which could result in increased compliance costs or risks to the Portfolio.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in foreign debt and equity securities either indirectly (e.g., depositary receipts, depositary shares, and passive foreign investment companies) or directly in foreign markets, including emerging markets. Investments in foreign securities, including securities of foreign and emerging market governments, may involve greater risks than investing in domestic securities because the Portfolio's performance may depend on factors other than the performance of a particular company. These factors include:

- ***Currency Risk.*** As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.
- ***Foreign Market Risk.*** Foreign securities markets, particularly those of emerging market countries, may be less liquid and more volatile than domestic markets. These securities markets may trade a small number of securities, may have a limited number of issuers and a high proportion of shares, or may be held by a relatively small number of persons or institutions. Local securities markets may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of substantial holdings difficult or impossible at times. It is also possible that certain markets may require payment for securities before delivery, and delays may be encountered in settling securities transactions. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the

Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, securities of issuers located in or economically tied to countries with emerging markets may have limited marketability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements which could also have a negative effect on the Portfolio. Such factors may hinder the Portfolio's ability to buy and sell emerging market securities in a timely manner, affecting the Portfolio's investment strategies and potentially affecting the value of the Portfolio.

- ***Political and Economic Risk.*** Foreign investments may be subject to increased political and economic risks, including the imposition of economic and other sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on other countries or persons or issuers operating in such countries could restrict the Portfolio's ability to buy affected securities or force the Portfolio to dispose of any affected securities it has previously purchased at an inopportune time. As a result, the Portfolio may experience a greater risk of loss with respect to securities impacted by such sanctions.

  Political and economic risks may be heightened in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments, immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, social instability, and different and/or developing legal systems. In some countries, there is the risk that the government may take over the assets or operations of a company or that the government may impose withholding and other taxes or limits on the removal of the Portfolio's assets from that country. In addition, the economies of emerging markets may be predominantly based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.

- ***Regulatory Risk.*** There may be less government supervision of foreign markets. As a result, foreign issuers may not be subject to the uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to domestic issuers, and there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers.

- ***Transaction Costs Risk.*** Costs of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

Geographic Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or region, the economic, political, social, regulatory, or other developments or conditions within such country or region will generally have a greater effect on the Portfolio than they would on a more geographically diversified portfolio, which may result in greater losses and volatility. Adverse developments in certain regions could also adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated and could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance.

Industry and Sector Risk. Industry and sector risk is the possibility that a group of related securities will decline in price due to industry-specific or economic sector-specific developments. Companies in the same or similar industries and economic sectors may share common characteristics and are more likely to react similarly to industry-specific market or economic developments. The Portfolio's investments, if any, in multiple companies in a particular industry or economic sector may increase the Portfolio's exposure to industry and sector risk.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering Risk. The Portfolio's purchase of shares issued in an IPO exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. Attractive IPOs are often oversubscribed and may not be available to the Portfolio, or may be available only in very limited quantities. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated up and down significantly over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will identify favorable IPO investment opportunities. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of portfolios to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one portfolio may decrease. In addition, as the portfolio increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the portfolio's performance will generally decrease.

The Portfolio may purchase shares in secondary offerings. Secondary offerings may expose the Portfolio to some of the risks of IPOs. Participation in secondary offerings may have a magnified impact on the performance of a portfolio to the extent that it has a small asset base and the portfolio may not experience similar performance as its assets grow. Secondary offering

shares frequently are volatile in price. As a result, the Portfolio may hold secondary offering shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the portfolio turnover rate of the Portfolio and may lead to increased expenses for the Portfolio, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, secondary offering shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

Liquidity Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities or instruments that do not trade actively or in large volumes, and may make investments that are less liquid than other investments. Also, the Portfolio may make investments that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. When there is no willing buyer and investments cannot be readily sold at the desired time or price, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell the security or instrument at all. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced). An inability to sell one or more portfolio positions can adversely affect the Portfolio's value or prevent the Portfolio from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities.

Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's net asset value and may increase brokerage costs.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of one or more issuers in the Portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions, including, but not limited to, a general decline in prices on the stock markets, a general decline in real estate markets, a decline in commodities prices, or if the market favors different types of securities than the types of securities in which the Portfolio invests. If the value of the Portfolio's holdings decreases, the Portfolio's net asset value will also decrease, which means if you sell your shares in the Portfolio you may lose money. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole.

The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, tariffs, trade disputes, financial institution failures, and economic recessions, could reduce consumer demand or economic output, result in market closures, travel restrictions and/or quarantines, and generally have a significant and negative impact on the global economies and financial markets.

- ***Armed Conflicts Risk.*** Armed conflicts between countries or in a geographic region, such as the ongoing armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, have the potential to adversely impact the Portfolio. The extent and duration of each conflict, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in each region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect, including significant negative impacts on the United States and broader global economy and the markets for certain securities and commodities.

Market Capitalization Risk. To the extent the Portfolio focuses its investments in small-, mid-, or large-sized companies, it may be subject to associated risks. At any given time, any of these market capitalizations may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions.

- ***Small- and Mid-Sized Companies Risk.*** Investments in securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies, which can include smaller companies offering emerging products or services, may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. For example, small- and mid-sized companies may suffer more significant losses as a result of their narrow product lines, limited operating history, greater exposure to competitive threats, limited financial resources, limited trading markets, and the potential lack of management depth. Securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile and somewhat more speculative than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings

are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

- ***Large-Sized Companies Risk.*** Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of, or reduce the rate of prepayments on, both commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates ("extension risk"). As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the price of mortgage-backed securities may fall, causing the Portfolio to exhibit additional volatility. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio will have to reinvest that money at lower prevailing interest rates. Investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

CMBS are subject to certain other risks. The market for CMBS developed more recently than that for RMBS and is relatively small in terms of outstanding principal amount of issues compared to the RMBS market. CMBS are also subject to risks associated with a lack of standardized terms, shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans, and payment of all or substantially all of the principal at maturity, rather than regular amortization of principal. Moreover, the type and use of a particular commercial property may add to the risk of CMBS investments. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances are more likely to have an adverse impact on mortgage-backed securities secured by loans on commercial properties than on those secured by residential properties.

Similarly, the value of the Portfolio's investments in asset-backed securities may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds, or other credit or liquidity enhancements, and/or the market's assessment of the quality of the underlying assets. Generally, the originating bank or credit provider is neither the obligor nor the guarantor of the security, and interest and principal payments ultimately depend upon payment of the underlying loans by individuals. The Portfolio could incur a loss if the underlying loans are not paid. In addition, most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and sensitive to changing interest rates.

Nondiversification Risk. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of a single security held by the Portfolio may have a greater impact on the Portfolio's net asset value and total return. Being nondiversified may also make the Portfolio more susceptible to financial, economic, political, or other developments that may impact a security. Although the Portfolio may satisfy the requirements for a diversified portfolio, and has from time to time operated as diversified, its nondiversified classification gives portfolio management more flexibility to hold larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified.

Operational Risk. An investment in the Portfolio can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in key personnel, technology and/or service providers, and errors caused by third party service providers. Among other things, these errors or failures, as well as other technological issues, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to calculate its net asset value, process portfolio orders, execute portfolio trades or perform other essential tasks in a timely manner, including over a potentially extended period of time. These errors or failures may also result in a loss or compromise of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio. Although business continuity plans are intended to mitigate or remediate adverse effects in these circumstances, implementation of such plans by the Portfolio, the Adviser or third-party service providers in response to disruptive events such as cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest may increase these operational risks to the Portfolio. While the Portfolio seeks to minimize such events through

internal controls and oversight of third-party service providers, there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will not suffer losses if such events occur.

Preferred Stocks Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio holds preferred stock, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with preferred stock. Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to debt securities in an issuer's capital structure. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions. Because preferred stocks generally pay dividends only after the issuing company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt, the value of preferred stocks generally is more sensitive than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

Private Placements and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could decrease the Portfolio's liquidity profile or prevent the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available. Transaction costs may be higher for these securities, and the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other security exempt from certain registration requirements.

REIT and Real Estate-Related Securities Risk. To the extent the Portfolio holds REITs and REIT-like entities, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with REIT and REIT-like investments. REITs and REIT-like entities are subject to heavy cash flow dependency to allow them to make distributions to their shareholders. The prices of equity REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, changes in capital markets and interest rates, management skill in running a REIT, and the creditworthiness of the REIT. The prices of mortgage REITs are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages. In addition, mortgage REITs (similar to direct investments in mortgage-backed securities) are subject to prepayment risk. Equity REITs and mortgage REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REIT or lessees of a property that a REIT owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. While equity REITs and mortgage REITs may provide exposure to a large number of properties, such properties may be concentrated in a particular industry, region, or housing type, making such investments more vulnerable to unfavorable developments to economic or market events. Certain "special purpose" REITs in which the Portfolio may invest focus their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotels, shopping malls, nursing homes, or warehouses, and are therefore subject to the specific risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors. The Portfolio's shareholders will indirectly bear their proportionate share of the REIT's expenses, in addition to their proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. The value of investments in REOCs will generally be affected by the same factors that adversely affect REIT investments; however, REOCs may also be adversely affected by income streams derived from businesses other than real estate ownership.

Additionally, a REIT that fails to comply with federal tax requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, affecting REITs may be subject to federal income taxation at the entity level, or the federal tax requirement that a REIT distribute substantially all of its net income to its shareholders may result in a REIT having insufficient capital for future expenditures. REITs are also subject to certain provisions under federal tax law and the failure of a company to qualify as a REIT could have adverse consequences for the Portfolio, including significantly reducing the return to the Portfolio on its investment in such company.

Sovereign Debt Risk. The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Investments in sovereign debt, especially the debt of certain emerging market countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the

cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Special Situations Risk. Investments in companies that seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, reorganizations, liquidations, bankruptcies, restructurings, or other unusual events, can carry the risk that certain of such situations may not happen as anticipated or the market may react differently than expected to such situations. The securities of companies involved in special situations may be more volatile than the securities of more stable companies, may at times be illiquid, or may be difficult to value. It also may be difficult to obtain complete financial or other information about companies involved in certain special situations and management of such companies may be addressing a situation with which it has little experience. Additionally, the terms of certain special situation investments may be subject to restrictions that prevent the Portfolio from selling its position until the special situation is largely resolved, which may limit the Portfolio's ability to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery, and Forward Commitment Transactions Risk. When-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments involve the risk that the security the Portfolio buys will lose value prior to its delivery. There also is the risk that the security will not be issued or that the other party to the transaction will not meet its obligation. If this occurs, the Portfolio may lose both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, is the investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio and furnishes continuous advice and recommendations concerning the Portfolio's investments. The Adviser also provides certain administration and other services and is responsible for other business affairs of the Portfolio.

The Adviser (together with its predecessors and affiliates) has served as investment adviser to the Janus Henderson mutual funds since 1970 and currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Janus Henderson mutual funds as well as the Janus Henderson exchange-traded funds, acts as subadviser for a number of private-label mutual funds, and provides separate account advisory services for institutional accounts and other unregistered products.

On December 22, 2025, Janus Henderson Group plc ("Janus Henderson"), the parent company of the Adviser to the Portfolio, Trian Fund Management, L.P. and its affiliated funds ("Trian"), and General Catalyst Group Management, LLC and its affiliated funds ("General Catalyst") announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Janus Henderson will be acquired by Trian and General Catalyst (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close in 2026, subject to customary closing conditions, including requisite regulatory approvals and client consents. Janus Henderson shareholders approved the Transaction on April 16, 2026.

The closing of the Transaction will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the Adviser. As a result, the closing of the Transaction will cause the advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its respective terms. On February 11, 2026, the Trustees approved a new advisory agreement with the Adviser. The new agreement will be presented to the Portfolio's shareholders for approval, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon the closing of the Transaction or such later time as shareholder approval is obtained.

The Trust and the Adviser have received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Trustees, to appoint or replace certain subadvisers to manage all or a portion of the Portfolio's assets and enter into, amend, or terminate a subadvisory agreement with certain subadvisers without obtaining shareholder approval (a "manager-of-managers structure"). The manager-of-managers structure applies to subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser ("non-affiliated subadvisers"), as well as any subadviser that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Adviser or of another company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Adviser (collectively, "wholly-owned subadvisers").

Pursuant to the order, the Adviser, with the approval of the Trustees, has the discretion to terminate any subadviser and allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate the Portfolio's assets among the Adviser and any other non-affiliated subadvisers or wholly-owned subadvisers (including terminating a non-affiliated subadviser and replacing it with a wholly-owned subadviser). To the extent that the Portfolio's assets are allocated to one or more subadvisers, the Adviser, subject to oversight by the Trustees, would have the responsibility to oversee such subadviser(s) to the Portfolio and to recommend for approval by the Trustees, the hiring, termination, and replacement of a subadviser for the Portfolio. In the event that the Adviser hires a subadviser pursuant to the manager-of-managers structure, the Portfolio would provide shareholders with information about the subadviser and subadvisory agreement within 90 days.

The Adviser furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses the Adviser for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent the Adviser seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of the Adviser's employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, that provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services the Adviser provides to the Portfolio.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Portfolio pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee and incurs expenses, including administrative services fees payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, any other transfer agent and custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees,

printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses. The Portfolio's investment advisory fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The Portfolio's advisory agreement details the investment advisory fee and other expenses that the Portfolio must pay.

Forty Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that may adjust up or down based on the Portfolio's performance relative to the cumulative investment record of its performance fee benchmark index (referred to in this section as the "benchmark index"), the Russell 1000 Growth Index, over a rolling 36-month performance measurement period.

The table below reflects the Portfolio's base fee rate (expressed as an annual rate), as well as the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. The third column shows the full performance rate for outperformance or underperformance during the measurement period relative to the Portfolio's benchmark index. The fourth column shows the performance adjusted investment advisory fee rate, which is equal to the Portfolio's base fee rate plus or minus the performance adjustment over the period. This fourth column shows the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio as of the end of the fiscal year.

As an example, if the Portfolio outperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would increase by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Conversely, if the Portfolio underperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would decrease by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Actual performance within the full range of the full performance rate may result in positive or negative incremental adjustments to the advisory fee of greater or less than 0.15%. Additional details discussing the performance fee are included below with further description in the SAI.

Portfolio Name	Base Fee Rate (%)	Full Performance Rate vs. Benchmark Index	Performance Adjusted Investment Advisory Fee Rate/ Actual Compensation Rate Paid to Adviser (%) (for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025)
Forty Portfolio	0.64	± 8.50%	0.54

The investment advisory fee rate is determined by calculating a base fee (shown in the previous table) and applying a performance adjustment (described in further detail below). The performance adjustment either increases or decreases the base fee depending on how well the Portfolio has performed relative to the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

The calculation of the performance adjustment applies as follows:

Investment Advisory Fee = Base Fee Rate +/– Performance Adjustment

The investment advisory fee rate paid to the Adviser by the Portfolio consists of two components: (1) a base fee calculated by applying the contractual fixed rate of the advisory fee to the Portfolio's average daily net assets during the previous month ("Base Fee Rate"), plus or minus (2) a performance-fee adjustment ("Performance Adjustment") calculated by applying a variable rate of up to 0.15% (positive or negative) to the Portfolio's average daily net assets based on the Portfolio's relative performance compared to the cumulative investment record of its benchmark index over a 36-month rolling performance measurement period.

No Performance Adjustment is applied unless the difference between the Portfolio's investment performance and the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index is 0.50% or greater (positive or negative) during the applicable performance measurement period. The Base Fee Rate is subject to an upward or downward Performance Adjustment for every full 0.50% increment by which the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index. Because the Performance Adjustment is tied to the Portfolio's relative performance compared to its benchmark index (and not its absolute performance), the Performance Adjustment could increase the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares lose value during the performance measurement period and could decrease the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares increase in value during the performance measurement period. For purposes of computing the Base Fee Rate and the Performance Adjustment, net assets are averaged over different periods (average daily net assets during the previous month for the Base Fee Rate, versus average daily net assets during the performance measurement period for the Performance Adjustment). Performance of the Portfolio is calculated net of expenses whereas the Portfolio's benchmark index does not have any fees or

expenses. Reinvestment of dividends and distributions is included in calculating both the performance of the Portfolio and the Portfolio's benchmark index. The Base Fee Rate is calculated and accrued daily. The Performance Adjustment is calculated monthly in arrears and is accrued throughout the month. The investment advisory fee is paid monthly in arrears. Under extreme circumstances involving underperformance by a rapidly shrinking Portfolio, the dollar amount of the Performance Adjustment could be more than the dollar amount of the Base Fee Rate. In such circumstances, the Adviser would reimburse the Portfolio.

The investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares for the performance measurement period is used to calculate the Performance Adjustment. After the Adviser determines whether the Portfolio's performance was above or below its benchmark index by comparing the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares against the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index, the Adviser applies the same Performance Adjustment (positive or negative) across each other class of shares of the Portfolio, as applicable. It is not possible to predict the effect of the Performance Adjustment on future overall compensation to the Adviser since it depends on the performance of the Portfolio relative to the record of the Portfolio's benchmark index and future changes to the size of the Portfolio.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is included in the Portfolio's financial statements located in Form N-CSR for the periods ending December 31 and June 30. This information is available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT, under "Financial Statements and Other Information," or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. You may also request this information, free of charge, by contacting your plan sponsor, broker-dealer, or financial intermediary.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Forty Portfolio

Co-Portfolio Managers Brian Recht and Nick Schommer jointly share responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio, with no limitation on the authority of one co-portfolio manager in relation to the other.

Brian Recht is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Forty Portfolio, which he has co-managed since March 2022. Mr. Recht is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He joined the Adviser in 2015. Mr. Recht holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (summa cum laude) in Government from Dartmouth College where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School.

Nick Schommer, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Forty Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2016. Mr. Schommer is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he was recognized as a Distinguished Cadet and Phi Kappa Phi, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Mr. Schommer holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Information about portfolio management's compensation structure and other accounts managed, as well as the aggregate range of their individual ownership in the Portfolio(s) that they manage, is included in the SAI.

Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser manages other funds and numerous other accounts, which may include separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds. Side-by-side management of multiple accounts, including the management of a cash collateral pool for securities lending and investing the Janus Henderson funds' cash, may give rise to conflicts of interest among those accounts, and may create potential risks, such as the risk that investment activity in one account may adversely affect another account. For example, short sale activity in an account could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more other accounts (and vice versa). Side-by-side management may raise additional potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. A further discussion of potential conflicts of interest and a discussion of certain procedures intended to mitigate such potential conflicts are contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

OTHER INFORMATION

CLASSES OF SHARES

Only Institutional Shares are offered by this Prospectus. The Shares are available only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans, that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and/or administrative services to contract owners and plan participants. Because the expenses of each class may differ, the performance of each class is expected to differ. If you would like additional information about the Service Shares, please call 1-800-525-0020. In addition, for an analysis of fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit www.finra.org/fundanalyzer.

CLOSED PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio may limit sales of its Shares to new investors. If sales of the Portfolio are limited, it is expected that existing shareholders invested in the Portfolio would be permitted to continue to purchase Shares through their existing Portfolio accounts and to reinvest any dividends or capital gains distributions in such accounts, absent highly unusual circumstances. Requests for new accounts into a closed portfolio would be reviewed by management, taking into consideration eligibility requirements and whether the addition to the portfolio is believed to negatively impact existing portfolio shareholders. The closed portfolio may decline opening new accounts, including eligible new accounts, if it would be in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. If applicable, additional information regarding general policies and exceptions can be found in a closed portfolio's prospectuses.

LIQUIDATION/REORGANIZATION OF A PORTFOLIO

It is important to know that, pursuant to the Trust's Amended and Restated Trust Instrument, the Trustees have the authority to merge, liquidate, and/or reorganize a portfolio into another portfolio without seeking shareholder vote or consent.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio is distributed by Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). To obtain information about FINRA member firms and their associated persons, you may contact FINRA at www.finra.org, or 1-800-289-9999.

DISTRIBUTIONS

To avoid taxation of the Portfolio, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") requires the Portfolio to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income and any net capital gains realized on its investments at least annually. The Portfolio's income from certain dividends, interest, and any net realized short-term capital gains are paid to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. Net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are paid to shareholders as capital gains distributions, regardless of how long Shares of the Portfolio have been held. A portion of the Portfolio's distributions received from REITs may be classified as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Portfolio is more likely to make distributions that are treated as returns of capital, and possibly in greater amounts, than a portfolio that does not invest in REITs. Distributions are made at the class level, so they may vary from class to class within a single portfolio.

Distribution Schedule

Dividends for the Portfolio are normally declared and distributed in June and December. Capital gains are normally declared and distributed in June. However, in certain situations it may be necessary for the Portfolio to declare and distribute capital gains in December. If necessary, dividends and net capital gains may be distributed at other times as well. Unless otherwise instructed, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains, if any, are automatically reinvested in additional Shares of the Portfolio.

How Distributions Affect the Portfolio's NAV

Distributions are paid to shareholders as of the record date of a distribution of the Portfolio, regardless of how long the Shares have been held. Undistributed dividends and net capital gains are included in the Portfolio's daily net asset value ("NAV"). The share price of the Portfolio drops by the amount of the distribution, net of any subsequent market fluctuations. For example, assume that on December 31, the Portfolio declared a dividend in the amount of $0.25 per share. If the Portfolio's share price was $10.00 on December 30, the Portfolio's share price on December 31 would be $9.75, barring market fluctuations.

TAXES

Taxes on Distributions

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. Generally, withdrawals from such contracts or plans may be subject to federal income tax at ordinary income rates and, if withdrawals are made from a retirement plan before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may be imposed. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract. Further information may be found in your plan documents or in the prospectus of the separate account offering such contract.

Taxation of the Portfolio

Dividends, interest, and some capital gains received by the Portfolio on foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax withholding or other foreign taxes. If the Portfolio is eligible, it may from year to year make the election permitted under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders. If such an election is not made, any foreign taxes paid or accrued will represent an expense to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio does not expect to pay any federal income or excise taxes because it intends to meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, because the Shares of the Portfolio are sold in connection with variable insurance contracts, the Portfolio intends to satisfy the diversification requirements applicable to insurance company separate accounts under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Portfolio invests in partnerships, it may be subject to state tax liabilities.

Investors may not purchase or redeem Shares of the Portfolio directly. Shares may be purchased or redeemed only through variable insurance contracts offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. **Refer to the prospectus for the participating insurance company's separate account or your plan documents for instructions on purchasing or selling variable insurance contracts and on how to select the Portfolio as an investment option for a contract or a qualified retirement plan.**

With certain exceptions, the Portfolio is generally available only to shareholders residing in the United States and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. For purposes of this policy, the Portfolio requires that a shareholder and/or entity be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory (including overseas U.S. military or diplomatic addresses) or a resident alien residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number to open an account with the Portfolio.

PRICING OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The per share NAV for each class is computed by dividing the total value of assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Portfolio's NAV is calculated as of the close of the trading session of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time) each day that the NYSE is open ("business day"). However, the time at which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated may be changed if trading on the NYSE is restricted, the NYSE closes at a different time, or as permitted by the SEC. Foreign securities held by the Portfolio may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed and the NAV is therefore not calculated. Accordingly, the value of the Portfolio's holdings may change on days that are not business days in the United States and on which you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Portfolio's Shares.

All purchases and redemptions will be duly processed at the NAV next calculated after a request is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. In order to receive a day's price, an order must be received in good order by the Portfolio (or insurance company or plan sponsor) or its agents by the close of the trading session of the NYSE.

Portfolio holdings are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). To the extent available, domestic and foreign equity securities traded on a securities exchange, including exchange-traded funds, are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which are (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. Most fixed-income securities are typically valued using an evaluated bid price supplied by an Adviser- approved pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term instruments maturing within 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If a market quotation or evaluated price for a security is not readily available or is deemed unreliable, or if an event that is expected to affect the value of the security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, a fair value of the security will be determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Such events include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a non-significant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. This type of fair valuation may be more commonly used with foreign equity securities, but it may also be used with, among other things, thinly-traded domestic securities or fixed-income securities. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are generally translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. The methodologies employed when fair valuing Portfolio holdings may change from time to time. Because fair value pricing involves subjective judgments, it is possible that the fair value determination for a security may be different than the value that could be realized when selling that security.

Due to the subjective nature of systematic fair valuation, the value of a particular security may be different from the last quoted market price. Systematic fair valuation may reduce arbitrage activity involving the frequent buying and selling of

mutual fund shares by investors seeking to take advantage of a perceived lag between a change in the value of the Portfolio's securities and the reflection of such change in the Portfolio's NAV, as further described in the "Excessive Trading" section of this Prospectus. While funds that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for arbitrage activity, such activity may also arise in funds which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities or high-yield fixed-income securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the valuation of a security is different from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders buying and/or selling shares of the Portfolio may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. The Valuation Procedures and the Trust's excessive trading policies and procedures may not completely eliminate short-term trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries.

The value of the securities of other mutual funds held by the Portfolio, if any, will be calculated using the NAV of such mutual funds, and the prospectuses for such mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they use fair valuation and the effects of using fair valuation.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

From its own assets, the Adviser or its affiliates pay fees to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market, or promote the Portfolio or perform related services for contract owners and plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

The Adviser or its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, and other financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services (including payments for processing transactions via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other means) in connection with investments in the Janus Henderson funds. These fees are in addition to any fees that may be paid by the Janus Henderson funds for these types of services or other services.

In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates periodically share certain marketing expenses with selected intermediaries, or pay for or sponsor informational meetings, seminars, client awareness events, support for marketing materials, sales reporting, or business building programs for such intermediaries to raise awareness of the Portfolio. The Adviser or its affiliates make payments to participate in selected intermediary marketing support programs which may provide the Adviser or its affiliates with one or more of the following benefits: attendance at sales conferences, participation in meetings or training sessions, access to or information about intermediary personnel, use of an intermediary's marketing and communication infrastructure, fund analysis tools, data, business planning and strategy sessions with intermediary personnel, information on industry- or platform-specific developments, trends and service providers, and other marketing-related services. Such payments may be in addition to, or in lieu of, the fees described above. These payments are intended to promote the sales of Janus Henderson funds and to reimburse financial intermediaries, directly or indirectly, for the costs that they or their salespersons incur in connection with educational seminars, meetings, and training efforts about the Janus Henderson funds to enable the intermediaries and their salespersons to make suitable recommendations, provide useful services, and maintain the necessary infrastructure to make the Janus Henderson funds available to their customers.

The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) fees or reimbursements and other forms of compensation described above may provide a financial intermediary and its salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) or to favor sales of one class of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of another Janus Henderson funds' share class, with respect to which the financial intermediary does not receive such payments or receives them in a lower amount. The receipt of these payments may cause certain financial intermediaries to elevate the prominence of the Janus Henderson funds within such financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or the provision of preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the Janus Henderson funds in various ways within such financial intermediary's organization.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolio and, if applicable, when considering which share class of the Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

PURCHASES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Refer to the prospectus of the appropriate insurance company separate account or your plan documents for information on how to invest in the Shares of the Portfolio. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may permit an in-kind purchase of Shares. Participating insurance companies and certain other designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Portfolio's behalf. As discussed under "Payments to Financial Intermediaries by the Adviser or its Affiliates," the Adviser and its affiliates make payments to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that were instrumental in the acquisition or retention of accounts for the Portfolio or that provide services in connection with investments in the Portfolio. You should consider such arrangements when evaluating any recommendation of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject any purchase order, including exchange purchases, for any reason. The Portfolio is not intended for excessive trading. For more information about the Portfolio's policy on excessive trading, refer to "Excessive Trading."

The Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Shares to redeem those investments if the plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser, is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

In compliance with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"), your insurance company or plan sponsor is required to verify certain information on your account application as part of its Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be required to provide your full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and permanent street address to assist in verifying your identity. You may also be asked to provide documents that may help to establish your identity. Until verification of your identity is made, your insurance company or plan sponsor may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, your insurance company or plan sponsor may close an account if they are unable to verify a shareholder's identity. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor if you need additional assistance when completing your application or additional information about the insurance company or plan sponsor's Anti-Money Laundering Program.

In an effort to ensure compliance with this law, the Adviser's Anti-Money Laundering Program (the "Program") provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Potential Conflicts

Although the Portfolio does not currently anticipate any disadvantages to policy owners because the Portfolio offers its Shares to unaffiliated variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies that are unaffiliated with the Adviser and to certain qualified retirement plans, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise. The Trustees monitor events in an effort to identify any disadvantages or material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any,

should be taken in response. If a material disadvantage or conflict is identified, the Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts or qualified plans to withdraw its investments in the Portfolio or substitute Shares of another portfolio. If this occurs, the Portfolio may be forced to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices. In addition, the Portfolio may refuse to sell its Shares to any separate account or qualified plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of the Portfolio's Shares if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders. It is possible that a qualified plan investing in the Portfolio could lose its qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code, which could have adverse tax consequences on insurance company separate accounts investing in the Portfolio. The Adviser intends to monitor such qualified plans, and the Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Portfolio to redeem those investments if a plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. Please refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

Shares of the Portfolio may be redeemed on any business day on which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated. Redemptions are duly processed at the NAV next calculated after your redemption order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Redemption proceeds will normally be sent within two business days following receipt of the redemption order. The Portfolio typically expects to meet redemption requests by paying out proceeds from cash or cash equivalent portfolio holdings, or by selling portfolio holdings. In stressed market conditions, and other appropriate circumstances, redemption methods may include borrowing funds or redeeming in-kind.

The Portfolio reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Portfolio to redeem its Shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain large shareholders, such as other portfolios, participating insurance companies, accounts, and affiliates of the Adviser, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares. Redemptions by these large shareholders of their holdings in the Portfolio may cause the Portfolio to sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Portfolio's NAV and liquidity. Similarly, large Portfolio share purchases may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would. A large shareholder purchase or redemption may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Portfolio's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, which could lead to an increase in the Portfolio's expense ratio.

Redemptions In-Kind

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Portfolio retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of a portfolio, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. However, the Portfolio is required to redeem shares solely for cash up to the lesser of $250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Portfolio during any 90-day period for any one shareholder. Should redemptions by any shareholder exceed such limitation, the Portfolio will have the option of redeeming the excess in cash or in-kind. In-kind payment means payment will be made in portfolio securities rather than cash, and may potentially include illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may not be able to be sold quickly or at a price that reflects full value, or there may not be a market for such investments, which could cause the redeeming shareholder to realize losses on the investment if it is sold at a price lower than that at which it had been valued. If the Portfolio makes an in-kind payment, the redeeming shareholder might incur brokerage or other transaction costs to convert the securities to cash, whereas such costs are borne by the Portfolio for cash redemptions.

While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's NAV and may increase brokerage costs.

EXCESSIVE TRADING

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures

The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures with respect to short-term and excessive trading of Portfolio shares ("excessive trading"). The Portfolio is intended for long-term investment purposes, and the Portfolio will take reasonable steps to attempt to detect and deter short-term and excessive trading. Transactions placed in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures may be cancelled or rescinded by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio. The trading history of accounts determined to be under common ownership or control within any of the Janus Henderson funds may be considered in enforcing these policies and procedures.

The Janus Henderson funds attempt to deter excessive trading through at least the following methods:

- fair valuation of securities as described under "Pricing of Portfolio Shares"; and
- trade monitoring.

The Portfolio monitors for patterns of shareholder short-term trading and may suspend or permanently terminate the purchase and exchange privilege (if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) of any investor who is identified as having a pattern of short-term trading. The Portfolio at all times reserves the right to reject any purchase or exchange request and to modify or terminate the purchase and exchange privileges for any investor for any reason without prior notice, in particular, if the trading activity in the account(s) is deemed to be disruptive to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio's Trustees may approve from time to time a redemption fee to be imposed by any Janus Henderson fund, subject to 60 days' notice to shareholders of that fund.

Investors in other share classes who place transactions through the same insurance company or plan sponsor on an omnibus basis may be deemed part of a group for the purpose of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Portfolio. Transactions accepted by an insurance company or plan sponsor in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies may be cancelled or revoked by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio.

In an attempt to deter excessive trading in omnibus accounts, the Portfolio or its agents may require intermediaries to impose restrictions on the trading activity of accounts traded through those intermediaries. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, requiring that trades be placed by U.S. mail, prohibiting future purchases by investors who have recently redeemed Portfolio shares, requiring intermediaries to report information about customers who purchase and redeem large amounts, and similar restrictions. The Portfolio's ability to impose such restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions, and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Generally, the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures do not apply to (i) a money market fund, although money market funds at all times reserve the right to reject any purchase request (including exchange purchases, if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) for any reason without prior notice; (ii) transactions in the Janus Henderson funds by a Janus Henderson "fund of funds"; (iii) periodic rebalancing and identifiable transactions by certain funds of funds and asset allocation programs to realign portfolio investments with existing target allocations; and (iv) systematic purchase, exchange, or redemption programs.

The Portfolio's policies and procedures regarding excessive trading may be modified at any time by the Portfolio's Trustees.

Excessive Trading Risks

Excessive trading may present risks to the Portfolio's long-term shareholders. Excessive trading into and out of the Portfolio may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may create taxable gains to remaining Portfolio shareholders, and may increase Portfolio expenses, all of which may negatively impact investment returns for all remaining shareholders, including long-term shareholders.

Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for excessive trading. Investors may attempt to take advantage of anticipated price movements in securities held by a portfolio based on events occurring after the close of a foreign market that may not be reflected in the portfolio's NAV (referred to as "price arbitrage"). Such arbitrage opportunities may also arise in portfolios which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the Portfolio's valuation of a security differs from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. There is potential for short-term arbitrage trades to dilute the value of the shares held by the Portfolio despite the Portfolio's adoption of policies and procedures intended to reduce the Portfolio's exposure to price arbitrage, stale pricing, and other potential pricing inefficiencies.

There is no assurance that the policies and procedures adopted by the Portfolio to detect and deter excessive trading will be effective in all circumstances. For example, the Portfolio may be unable to completely eliminate the possibility of excessive trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries. Omnibus accounts may effectively conceal the identity of individual investors and their transactions from the Portfolio and its agents. This makes the Portfolio's identification of excessive trading transactions in the Portfolio through an omnibus account difficult and makes the elimination of excessive trading in the account impractical without the assistance of the intermediary. Moreover, the contract between an insurance company and the owner of a variable insurance contract may govern the frequency with which the contract owner may cause the insurance company to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio encourages intermediaries to take necessary actions to detect and deter excessive trading, some intermediaries may be unable or unwilling to do so, and accordingly, the Portfolio cannot eliminate completely the possibility of excessive trading.

Shareholders that invest through an omnibus account should be aware that they may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance company or plan sponsor with respect to excessive trading in the Portfolio.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures adopted by the Adviser and all mutual funds managed within the Janus Henderson fund complex are designed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and to protect the confidentiality of the portfolios' holdings. The following describes policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings.

- ***Full Holdings.*** A schedule of the Portfolio's holdings, consisting of at least the names of the holdings, is generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag and is posted under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at janushenderson.com/VIT. A complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings is also available in the annual and semiannual financial statements located in Form N-CSR and, after the first and third fiscal quarters, in Form N-PORT. Information reported in Form N-CSR and in Form N-PORT will be made publicly available within 70 and 60 days, respectively, after the end of each fiscal quarter. The Portfolio's Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.
- ***Top Holdings.*** The Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of the Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- ***Other Information.*** The Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures may be made by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate. Such exceptions may be made without prior notice to shareholders. A summary of the Portfolio's holdings disclosure policies and procedures, which includes a discussion of any exceptions, is contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Your insurance company or plan sponsor is responsible for providing annual and semiannual reports, including the financial statements of the Portfolio. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor to obtain these reports. The Trust's fiscal year ends December 31.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended December 31 of the fiscal years shown. Items "Net asset value, beginning of period" through "Net asset value, end of period" reflect financial results for a single Portfolio Share. The gross expense ratio reflects expenses prior to any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The net expense ratio reflects expenses after any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The information shown for the fiscal years ended December 31 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the Portfolio's Form N-CSR and is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions) but do not include charges and expenses attributable to any insurance product. If these charges and expenses had been included, the performance for the years shown would be lower. "Total return" information may include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, returns may differ from returns for shareholder transactions.

Forty Portfolio – Institutional Shares

	Years ended December 31				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$57.38**	**$47.35**	**$33.89**	**$61.75**	**$57.00**
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)[1]	(0.02)	0.09	0.16	0.10	(0.15)
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	9.43	13.14	13.38	(20.82)	12.39
Total from Investment Operations	9.41	13.23	13.54	(20.72)	12.24
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.07)	—
Distributions (from capital gains)	(7.33)	(3.14)	—	(7.07)	(7.49)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(7.37)	(3.20)	(0.08)	(7.14)	(7.49)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$59.42**	**$57.38**	**$47.35**	**$33.89**	**$61.75**
Total Return*	18.14%	28.47%	39.96%	(33.55)%	22.90%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	$528,293	$501,366	$418,209	$317,938	$523,822
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.62%	0.58%	0.55%	0.55%	0.77%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.62%	0.58%	0.55%	0.55%	0.77%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	(0.03)%	0.17%	0.39%	0.25%	(0.25)%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	30%	36%	36%	39%	31%

* Total return includes adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the year or period end and are not annualized for periods of less than one full year. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Janus Aspen Series serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

This glossary provides a more detailed description of some of the types of securities, investment strategies, and other instruments in which the Portfolio may invest, as well as some general investment terms. The Portfolio may invest in these instruments to the extent permitted by its investment objective and policies. The Portfolio is not limited by this discussion and may invest in any other types of instruments not precluded by the policies discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

EQUITY AND DEBT SECURITIES

Bonds are debt securities issued by a company, municipality, government, or government agency. The issuer of a bond is required to pay the holder the amount of the loan (or par value of the bond) at a specified maturity and to make scheduled interest payments.

Common stocks are equity securities representing shares of ownership in a company and usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stock, dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors.

Convertible securities are preferred stocks or bonds that pay a fixed dividend or interest payment and are convertible into common stock at a specified price or conversion ratio.

Debt securities are securities representing money borrowed that must be repaid at a later date. Such securities have specific maturities and usually a specific rate of interest or an original purchase discount.

Depositary receipts are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation that entitle the holder to dividends and capital gains on the underlying security. Receipts include those issued by domestic banks (American Depositary Receipts), foreign banks (Global or European Depositary Receipts), and broker-dealers (depositary shares).

Equity securities generally include domestic and foreign common stocks; preferred stocks; securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks; warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks; and other securities with equity characteristics.

Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are typically open-end investment companies, which may seek to track the performance of a specific index or be actively managed. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments.

Fixed-income securities are securities that pay a specified rate of return. The term generally includes short-and long-term government, corporate, and municipal obligations that pay a specified rate of interest, dividends, or coupons for a specified period of time. Coupon and dividend rates may be fixed for the life of the issue or, in the case of adjustable and floating rate securities, for a shorter period.

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are shares in a pool of mortgages or other debt instruments. These securities are generally pass-through securities, which means that principal and interest payments on the underlying securities (less servicing fees) are passed through to shareholders on a pro rata basis.

Passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are any foreign corporations which generate certain amounts of passive income or hold certain amounts of assets for the production of passive income. Passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and annuities. To avoid federal income taxes and interest that the Portfolio must pay if these investments are profitable, regardless of whether such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Portfolio to its holders of common stock, the Portfolio may make various elections (if available) permitted by the tax laws. These elections could require that the Portfolio recognize taxable income regardless of whether the Portfolio receives any distributions from such PFIC, which in turn must be distributed, before the securities are sold and before cash is received to pay the distributions.

Preferred stocks are equity securities that generally pay dividends at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation. Preferred stock generally does not carry voting rights.

Private placements are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT") is an investment trust that operates through the pooled capital of many investors who buy its shares. Investments are in direct ownership of either income property or mortgage loans. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

U.S. Government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government that are supported by its full faith and credit. Treasury bills have initial maturities of less than one year, Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years, and Treasury bonds may be issued with any maturity but generally have maturities of at least ten years. U.S. Government securities also include indirect obligations of the U.S. Government that are issued by federal agencies and government sponsored entities. Unlike Treasury securities, agency securities generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Some agency securities are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations, and others are supported only by the credit of the sponsoring agency.

Warrants are securities, typically issued with preferred stock or bonds, which give the holder the right to buy a proportionate amount of common stock at a specified price. The specified price is usually higher than the market price at the time of issuance of the warrant. The right may last for a period of years or indefinitely.

FUTURES, OPTIONS, AND OTHER DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset (stock, bond, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index). Types of derivatives can include, but are not limited to options, forward foreign currency contracts, swaps, and futures contracts.

Forward contracts are contracts to purchase or sell a specified amount of a financial instrument for an agreed upon price at a specified time. Forward contracts are not currently exchange-traded and are typically negotiated on an individual basis. The Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for investment purposes or to hedge against declines in the value of securities denominated in, or whose value is tied to, a currency other than the U.S. dollar or to reduce the impact of currency appreciation on purchases of such securities. It may also enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell securities or other financial indices.

Futures contracts are contracts that obligate the buyer to receive and the seller to deliver an instrument or money at a specified price on a specified date. The Portfolio may buy and sell futures contracts on foreign currencies, securities, and financial indices including indices of U.S. Government, foreign government, equity, or fixed-income securities. Futures contracts are standardized and traded on designated exchanges.

Indexed/structured securities are typically short- to intermediate-term debt securities whose value at maturity or interest rate is linked to currencies, interest rates, equity securities, indices, commodity prices, or other financial indicators. Such securities may be positively or negatively indexed (e.g., their value may increase or decrease if the reference index or instrument appreciates). Indexed/structured securities may have return characteristics similar to direct investments in the underlying instruments and may be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

Options are the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of securities or other assets on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. The Portfolio may purchase and write put and call options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies. The Portfolio may purchase or write such options individually or in combination.

OTHER INVESTMENTS, STRATEGIES, AND/OR TECHNIQUES

Cash sweep program is an arrangement in which the Portfolio's uninvested cash balance is used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that govern the operation of money market funds at the end of each day.

Diversification is a classification given to a portfolio under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Portfolios are classified as either diversified or nondiversified. To be classified as diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, a portfolio may not, with respect to 75% of its total assets, invest more than 5% of its total assets in any issuer and may not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on the other hand, has the flexibility to take larger positions in securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified.

Market capitalization is the most commonly used measure of the size and value of a company. It is computed by multiplying the current market price of a share of the company's stock by the total number of its shares outstanding. Market capitalization is an important investment criterion for certain portfolios, while others do not emphasize investments in companies of any particular size.

Repatriation is the ability to move liquid financial assets from a foreign country to an investor's country of origin.

Repurchase agreements involve the purchase of a security by the Portfolio and a simultaneous agreement by the seller (generally a bank or dealer) to repurchase the security from the Portfolio at a specified date or upon demand. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash.

Short sales in which the Portfolio may engage may be either "short sales against the box" or other short sales. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility. If the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, the Portfolio loses the opportunity to participate in the gain.

When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. New issues of stocks and bonds, private placements, and U.S. Government securities may be sold in this manner.

You can make inquiries and request other information, including a Statement of Additional Information, annual report, semiannual report, or Portfolio financial statements (as they become available), free of charge, by contacting your insurance company or plan sponsor, or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information, most recent annual and semiannual reports and Portfolio financial statements are also available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's annual and semiannual reports and in Form N-CSR. In the Portfolio's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal period. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual financial statements. Other information is also available from financial intermediaries that sell Shares of the Portfolio.

The Statement of Additional Information provides detailed information about the Portfolio and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) Database on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

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This Prospectus describes Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"). Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares. The Institutional Shares (the "Shares") are offered by this Prospectus in connection with investment in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "variable insurance contracts"), as well as certain qualified retirement plans.

This Prospectus contains information that a prospective purchaser of a variable insurance contract or plan participant should consider in conjunction with the accompanying separate account prospectus of the specific insurance company product before allocating purchase payments or premiums to the Portfolio. Each variable insurance contract involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. Refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding contract fees and expenses and any restrictions on purchases or allocations.

For the purpose of this Prospectus, any reference to the "Janus Henderson funds" is inclusive of all series of the Trust, collectively, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio

Ticker: JAWGX Institutional Shares

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio ("Global Research Portfolio") seeks long-term growth of capital.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell Shares of the Portfolio. **Owners of variable insurance contracts that invest in the Shares should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses, as the following table and examples do not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses described below.**

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees[(1)]	0.72%
Other Expenses	0.10%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.82%

(1) This fee may adjust up or down monthly based on the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index over the performance measurement period. For more information regarding performance-based advisory fees, refer to "Management Expenses" in the Portfolio's Prospectus.

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares	$ 84	$ 262	$ 455	$ 1,014

Portfolio Turnover: The Portfolio 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. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks. The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size located anywhere in the world, from larger, well-established companies to smaller, emerging growth companies. The Portfolio typically invests at least 40% of its net assets in securities of issuers or companies that are economically tied to different countries throughout the world, excluding the United States. Because the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities are partially based on the composition of the Portfolio's benchmark index, the MSCI World Index℠, the Portfolio's exposure to foreign markets may fluctuate in connection with variations in the foreign exposure of the benchmark index.

The Adviser's equity research analysts (the "Central Research Team") select investments for the Portfolio that represent the Central Research Team's high-conviction investment ideas in all market capitalizations, styles, and geographies. The Central Research Team conducts fundamental analysis with a focus on "bottom-up" research, quantitative modeling, and valuation analysis. Using this research process, analysts rate their stocks based upon attractiveness. Stocks considered to be attractive may have all or some of the following characteristics: (i) good and preferably growing free cash flow, (ii) strong and defensible market position, (iii) healthy risk/return profile, (iv) exemplary governance, (v) attractive valuation, and (vi) growth

potential. Analysts bring their high-conviction ideas to their respective sector teams. Each sector team compares the appreciation and risk potential of its high-conviction ideas and constructs a sector sleeve that is intended to maximize the best risk-reward opportunities. The sector sleeves are then combined to form the Portfolio's overall portfolio. The Portfolio Oversight Team, which includes portfolio management, oversees the overall portfolio to manage unintended style risks.

Positions may be sold when, among other things, there is no longer high conviction in the return potential of the investment, if the risk characteristics have caused a re-evaluation of the opportunity, or if the investment thesis for owning a position has changed. This may occur if the stock has appreciated and reflects the anticipated value, if another company represents a better risk-reward opportunity, or if the investment's fundamental characteristics deteriorate. Securities may also be sold from the portfolio to rebalance sector weightings.

Portfolio management, which includes two analysts on the Central Research Team, oversees the investment process and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio's exposure to certain sectors may be higher than to others, it is expected that the Portfolio will be broadly diversified among a variety of sectors. The Portfolio intends to be fully invested under normal circumstances. However, under unusual circumstances, if the Central Research Team does not have high conviction in enough investment opportunities, the Portfolio's uninvested assets may be held in cash or similar instruments.

As part of its investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors include: corporate governance, company culture, exposure to climate change, and human capital management. To assess ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data, and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision.

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The biggest risk is that the Portfolio's returns will vary, and you could lose money. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors seeking an equity portfolio, including common stocks. The principal risks associated with investing in the Portfolio are set forth below.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease due to short-term market movements and over more prolonged market downturns. As a result, the Portfolio's net asset value may fluctuate and it may be more difficult to value or sell the Portfolio's holdings. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole. Market risk may be magnified if certain social, political, economic, and other conditions and events (such as financial institution failures, economic recessions, tariffs, trade disputes, terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, natural disasters, and epidemics and pandemics) adversely interrupt the global economy and financial markets. It is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, in response to changes in the market, and you could lose money.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of an individual company or security, or multiple companies or securities, in the portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions or perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities the Portfolio holds participate.

Growth Securities Risk. Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. If portfolio management's perception of a company's growth potential is not realized, the securities purchased may not perform as expected, reducing the Portfolio's returns. In addition, because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, "growth" stocks may perform differently from other types of securities and the market as a whole.

Large-Sized Companies Risk. Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with

smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Foreign markets can be more volatile than the U.S. market. As a result, the Portfolio's returns and net asset value may be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates or political or economic conditions in a particular country. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, a market swing in one or more countries or regions where the Portfolio has invested a significant amount of its assets may have a greater effect on the Portfolio's performance than it would in a more geographically diversified portfolio.

Portfolio Management Risk. The Portfolio is an actively managed investment portfolio and is therefore subject to the risk that the investment strategies and research process employed for the Portfolio may fail to produce the intended results. Accordingly, the Portfolio may underperform benchmark indices or other funds with similar investment objectives.

Industry and Sector Risk. Although the Portfolio does not concentrate its investments in specific industries, it may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting similar business or businesses within the same economic sector. Companies in the same industry or economic sector may be similarly affected by negative economic or market events, making the Portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable developments than portfolios that invest more broadly. As the Portfolio's holdings become more concentrated, the Portfolio is less able to spread risk and potentially reduce the risk of loss and volatility. As the Portfolio's holdings change over time, the Portfolio's exposure to a particular economic sector may fluctuate.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Mid-Sized Companies Risk. Investments in securities issued by mid-sized companies may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Securities issued by mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

Currency Risk. Currency risk is the risk that changes in the exchange rate between currencies will adversely affect the value (in U.S. dollar terms) of an investment. As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from funds that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. Information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop and may be incomplete or inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies, or be applied differently across issuers and industries.

Securities Lending Risk. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

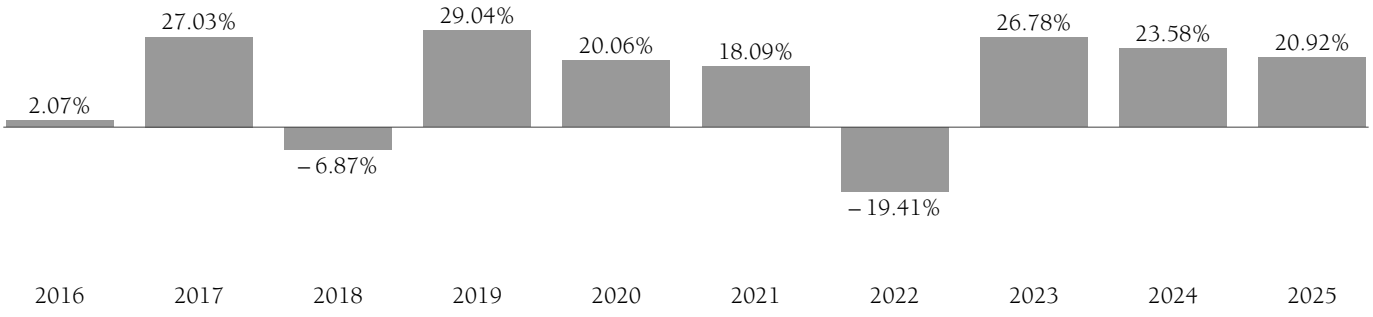
An investment in the Portfolio is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing how the Portfolio's performance has varied over time. The bar chart depicts the change in performance from year to year during the periods indicated. Total return figures include the effect of the Portfolio's expenses, but do not include charges or expenses attributable to any insurance product, which would lower the performance illustrated. The table compares the average annual returns for the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio for the periods indicated to a broad-based securities market index, as well as to one or more additional indices that have investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. All figures assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. For certain periods, the Portfolio's performance reflects the effect of expense waivers. Without the effect of these expense waivers, the performance shown would have been lower.

The Portfolio's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at janushenderson.com/VITperformance or by calling 1-877-335-2687.

Annual Total Returns for Institutional Shares (calendar year-end)



Best Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2020 **21.43%** **Worst Quarter:** 1st Quarter 2020 **– 20.69%**

Average Annual Total Returns (periods ended 12/31/25)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Global Research Portfolio			
Institutional Shares	20.92%	12.51%	12.93%
MSCI World Index℠ (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes)	21.09%	12.15%	12.17%
MSCI All Country World Index℠ (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes)	22.34%	11.19%	11.72%

The Portfolio's broad-based benchmark index is the MSCI World Index. The Portfolio's additional benchmark index is the MSCI All Country World Index. The indices are described below.

- The MSCI World Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed market countries in North America, Europe, and the Asia/Pacific Region.
- The MSCI All Country World Index is designed to measure equity market performance in global developed and emerging markets.

MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser: Janus Henderson Investors US LLC

Portfolio Management: **Joshua Cummings** and **John Jordan** oversee the investment process and are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. **Joshua Cummings**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. **John Jordan** is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through qualified retirement plans. Requests are duly processed at the net asset value next calculated after an order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

TAX INFORMATION

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract.

PAYMENTS TO INSURERS, BROKER-DEALERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Portfolio shares are generally available only through an insurer's variable contracts, or through certain employer or other retirement plans (Retirement Products). Retirement Products are generally purchased through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. The Portfolio or its distributor (or its affiliates) may make payments to the insurer and/or its related companies for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary, or be a factor in the insurer's decision to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult your insurance contract prospectus for more information.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Please refer to the following important information when reviewing the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The fees and expenses shown were determined based on average net assets as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

- "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are paid out of the Portfolio's assets and include fees for portfolio management and administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, and other shareholder services. You do not pay these fees directly but, as the Example in the Portfolio Summary shows, these costs are borne indirectly by all shareholders.
- The "Management Fee" is the investment advisory fee rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. Global Research Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that adjusts up or down by a variable rate of up to 0.15% (assuming constant assets) on a monthly basis based upon the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index during a measurement period. This base fee rate, prior to any performance adjustment, is 0.60%. Refer to "Management Expenses" in this Prospectus for additional information with further description in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").
- "Other Expenses"
  - include an administrative services fee of 0.05% of the average daily net assets to compensate insurance companies or other financial intermediaries for services provided to contract owners and plan participants.
  - include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are indirect expenses the Portfolio may incur as a result of investing in shares of an underlying fund, to the extent such expenses are less than 0.01%. "Acquired Fund" refers to any underlying fund (including, but not limited to, exchange-traded funds) in which a portfolio invests or has invested during the period. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in Acquired Funds, the Portfolio's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" may not correlate to the "Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets" presented in the Financial Highlights table because that ratio includes only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio, not the indirect costs of investing in Acquired Funds. Such amounts are less than 0.01%.
  - may include reimbursement to Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), the Portfolio's transfer agent, of its out-of-pocket costs for serving as transfer agent and providing servicing to shareholders, including servicing provided by third parties.
  - include custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses.
- All expenses in the Portfolio's "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table are shown without the effect of expense offset arrangements. Pursuant to such arrangements, credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce custodian and transfer agent expenses.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GENERAL PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio's Board of Trustees ("Trustees") may change the Portfolio's investment objective or non-fundamental principal investment strategies without a shareholder vote. The Portfolio will notify you in writing at least 60 days before making any such change it considers material. If there is a material change to the Portfolio's investment objective or principal investment strategies, you should consider whether the Portfolio remains an appropriate investment for you. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

Unless otherwise stated, the following section provides additional information about the investment strategies and general policies that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section, including the types of securities the Portfolio may invest in when pursuing its investment objective. This section also describes investment strategies and policies that the Portfolio may use to a lesser extent. These non-principal investment strategies and policies may become more important in the future since the Portfolio's composition can change over time. Except for the Portfolio's policies with respect to illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, the percentage limitations included in these policies and elsewhere in this Prospectus and/or the SAI normally apply only at the time of purchase of a security. So, for example, if the Portfolio exceeds a limit, other than illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, as a result of market fluctuations or the sale of other securities, it will not be required to dispose of any securities. The "Glossary of Investment Terms" includes descriptions of investment terms used throughout the Prospectus.

Security Selection
The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks. The Central Research Team selects investments that represent their high-conviction investment ideas in all market capitalizations, styles, and geographies. The Central Research Team conducts fundamental analysis with a focus on "bottom-up" research, quantitative modeling, and valuation analysis. Using this research process, analysts rate their stocks based upon attractiveness. Stocks considered to be attractive may have all or some of the following characteristics: (i) good and preferably growing free cash flow, (ii) strong and defensible market position, (iii) healthy risk/return profile, (iv) exemplary governance, (v) attractive valuation, and (vi) growth potential. Analysts bring their high-conviction ideas to their respective sector teams. Each sector team compares the appreciation and risk potential of its high-conviction ideas and constructs a sector sleeve that is intended to maximize the best risk-reward opportunities. The sector sleeves are then combined to form the Portfolio's overall portfolio. The Portfolio Oversight Team, which includes portfolio management, oversees the overall portfolio to manage unintended style risks. Positions may be sold when, among other things, there is no longer high conviction in the return potential of the investment, if the risk characteristics have caused a re-evaluation of the opportunity, or if the investment thesis for owning a position has changed. This may occur if the stock has appreciated and reflects the anticipated value, if another company represents a better risk-reward opportunity, or if the investment's fundamental characteristics deteriorate. Securities may also be sold from the portfolio to rebalance sector weightings.

Cash Position
The Portfolio may not always stay fully invested. For example, when portfolio management believes that market conditions are unfavorable for investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Portfolio's cash or similar investments may increase. When the Portfolio's investments in cash or similar investments increase, it may not participate in market advances or declines to the same extent that it would if the Portfolio remained more fully invested. To the extent the Portfolio invests its uninvested cash through a sweep program (meaning its uninvested cash is pooled with uninvested cash of other funds and invested in certain securities such as repurchase agreements), it is subject to the risks of the account or fund into which it is investing, including liquidity issues that may delay the Portfolio from accessing its cash.

In addition, the Portfolio may temporarily increase its cash position under certain unusual circumstances, such as to protect its assets or maintain liquidity in certain circumstances to meet unusually large redemptions. The Portfolio's cash position may also increase temporarily due to unusually large cash inflows. Under unusual circumstances such as these, the Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or similar investments. In this case, the Portfolio may take positions that are inconsistent with its investment policies. As a result, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective.

Emerging Markets
The Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index℠.

ESG Integration
As part of the Portfolio's investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors may include corporate governance, political governance, executive pay, board structure and diversity, business ethics, corporate reporting, company culture, human capital management and diversity, community relations, human rights, exposure to climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation. Portfolio management focuses on the ESG Factors it considers most likely to have a material impact on the long-term financial performance of the issuer, which includes identifying ESG Factors attributable to a particular region, sector, industry, or issuer. To facilitate its assessment of ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision. Portfolio management may assess the relevance of ESG Factors to its fundamental research process differently across issuers, sectors, regions, and asset classes.

Illiquid Investments
The Portfolio will not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Portfolio would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. An illiquid investment is any investment that the

Portfolio reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings
The Portfolio may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company's initial public offering ("IPO"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. An IPO is the first sale of stock by a private company to the public. IPOs are often issued by smaller, younger companies seeking the capital to expand, but can also be done by large privately-owned companies looking to become publicly traded. The Portfolio may also purchase shares in offerings made by companies that are publicly traded ("secondary offerings"). Secondary offerings may be made by companies for a number of reasons, including as part of a refinancing, to raise capital for growth, and/or to provide existing shareholders with a way to register and sell restricted shares.

Leverage
Certain of the Portfolio's investments, including derivatives and short sale transactions, involve the use of leverage. Leverage is investment exposure which exceeds the initial amount invested. Leverage occurs when the Portfolio increases its assets available for investment using derivatives, short sales, when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment transactions, or other similar transactions. The use of other investment techniques can also create a leveraging effect on the Portfolio.

Portfolio Turnover
In general, the Portfolio intends to purchase securities for long-term investment, although, to a limited extent, the Portfolio may purchase securities in anticipation of relatively short-term gains. Short-term transactions may also result from liquidity needs, securities having reached a price or yield objective, changes in interest rates or the credit standing of an issuer, or by reason of economic or other developments not foreseen at the time of the initial investment decision. The Portfolio may also sell one security and simultaneously purchase the same or a comparable security to take advantage of short-term differentials in bond yields or securities prices. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the size of the Portfolio (including due to shareholder purchases and redemptions), the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style of portfolio management. Changes are normally made in the Portfolio's holdings whenever portfolio management believes such changes are desirable. Portfolio turnover rates are generally not a factor in making buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio.

Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher costs for brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, and other transaction costs. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover also may have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. The "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus shows the Portfolio's historical turnover rates.

REITs and Real Estate-Related Securities
The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. These securities may include common stocks, preferred stocks, and other securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and similar REIT-like entities (such as real estate operating companies ("REOCs")). A REIT is an entity that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are often categorized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT, the most common type of REIT, invests primarily in the fee ownership of land and buildings. An equity REIT derives its income primarily from rental income but may also realize capital gains or losses by selling real estate properties in its portfolio that have appreciated or depreciated in value. A mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure construction, development, or long-term loans. A mortgage REIT generally derives its income from interest payments on the credit it has extended. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate.

Similar to REITs, REOCs are publicly-traded real estate companies that typically engage in the development, management or financing of real estate, such as homebuilders, hotel management companies, land developers and brokers. REOCs, however, have not elected (or are not eligible) to be taxed as a REIT. The reasons for not making such an election include the (i) availability of tax-loss carry-forwards, (ii) operation in non-REIT-qualifying lines of business, and (iii) ability to retain earnings. Instead, REOCs are generally structured as "C" corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, as a result, are not required to distribute any portion of their income. In this regard, although REOCs do not receive the same favorable tax treatment that is accorded to REITs, REOCs are typically subject to fewer restrictions than REITs, including the ability to retain and/or reinvest funds from operations and more flexibility in terms of the real estate investments they can make.

Securities Lending
The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. When the Portfolio lends its securities, it receives collateral (including cash collateral), at least equal to the value of securities loaned. The Portfolio may earn income by investing this collateral in one or more affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles or in time deposits. It is also possible that, due to a decline in the value of a cash management vehicle in which collateral is invested, the Portfolio may lose money. There is also the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase a replacement security in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could be insufficient to cover the cost of the replacement security resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In certain circumstances, individual loan transactions could yield negative returns. The Adviser intends to manage a portion of the cash collateral in an affiliated cash management vehicle and will receive an investment advisory fee for managing such assets.

Short Sales
The Portfolio may invest in short positions through short sales of stocks and structured products, and through derivatives that include swaps, uncovered written calls, and futures. The Portfolio may also engage in short sales "against the box" and options for hedging purposes. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility.

A short sale is generally a transaction in which the Portfolio sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. To complete the transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. A short sale is subject to the risk that if the price of the security sold short increases in value, the Portfolio will incur a loss because it will have to replace the security sold short by purchasing it at a higher price. In addition, the Portfolio may not always be able to close out a short position at a particular time or at an acceptable price. A lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the borrowed securities be returned to the lender on short notice, and the Portfolio may have to buy the borrowed securities at an unfavorable price. If this occurs at a time when other short sellers of the same security also want to close out their positions, a "short squeeze" can occur, which means that the demand is greater than the supply for the security sold short. If a short squeeze occurs, it is more likely that the Portfolio will have to cover its short sale at an unfavorable price and potentially reduce or eliminate any gain, or cause a loss, as a result of the short sale. Because there is no upper limit to the price a borrowed security may reach prior to closing a short position, the Portfolio's losses are potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. The Portfolio's gains and losses will also be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of any dividends, interest, or expenses, including transaction costs and borrowing fees, the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. Such payments may result in the Portfolio having higher expenses than a portfolio that does not engage in short sales and may negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to an underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Special Situations
The Portfolio may invest in companies that demonstrate special situations or turnarounds, meaning companies that have experienced significant business problems but are believed to have favorable prospects for recovery. For example, a special situation or turnaround may arise when, in the opinion of portfolio management, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized as undervalued by the market and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer. Special situations may include significant changes in a company's allocation of its existing capital, a restructuring of assets, or a redirection of free cash flow. For example, issuers undergoing significant capital changes may include companies involved in spin-offs, sales of divisions, mergers or acquisitions, companies involved in bankruptcy proceedings, or companies initiating large changes in their debt to equity ratio. Companies that are redirecting cash flows may be reducing debt, repurchasing shares, or paying dividends. Special situations may also result from: (i) significant changes in industry structure through

regulatory developments or shifts in competition; (ii) a new or improved product, service, operation, or technological advance; (iii) changes in senior management or other extraordinary corporate event; (iv) differences in market supply of and demand for the security; or (v) significant changes in cost structure.

Other Types of Investments

Unless otherwise stated within its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may also invest in other types of domestic and foreign securities and use other investment strategies. These securities and strategies are not intended to be principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. If successful, they may benefit the Portfolio by earning a return on the Portfolio's assets or reducing risk; however, they may not achieve the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities and strategies may include:

- debt securities (such as bonds, notes, sovereign debt, and debentures)
- preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks
- indexed/structured securities (such as commercial and residential mortgage- and asset-backed securities)
- securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis
- equity and fixed-income securities issued in private placement transactions

RISKS OF THE PORTFOLIO

The value of your investment will vary over time, sometimes significantly, and you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio. To varying degrees, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities, fixed-income securities, money market instruments or cash/cash equivalents, and derivatives. The following information is intended to help you better understand some of the risks of investing in the Portfolio, including the principal risks that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section. This information also includes descriptions of other risks the Portfolio may be subject to as a result of additional investment strategies and general policies that may apply to the Portfolio. The impact of the following risks on the Portfolio may vary depending on the Portfolio's investments. The greater the Portfolio's investment in a particular security, the greater the Portfolio's exposure to the risks associated with that security. Before investing in the Portfolio, you should consider carefully the risks that you assume when investing in the Portfolio.

Convertible Securities Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities that are convertible into preferred and common stocks, and thus, is subject to the risks of investments in both debt and equity securities. The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying preferred and common stocks and, therefore, also will react to variations in the general market for equity securities.

Counterparty Risk. Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk to the extent it participates in lending its securities to third parties and/or cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one or more types of cash management vehicles or in time deposits. In addition, the Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk through its investments in certain securities, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives (including various types of forwards, swaps, futures, and options). The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that the Adviser believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that the Adviser's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions. To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

Emerging Markets Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant amount of its assets in one or more of

these countries, its returns and net asset value may be affected to a large degree by events and economic conditions in such countries. The risks of foreign investing are heightened when investing in emerging markets, which may result in the price of investments in emerging markets experiencing sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets, making these investments potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio's investments.

The securities markets of many of these emerging market countries may also be smaller, less liquid, and subject to greater price volatility than those in the United States. In the event of a default on any investments in foreign debt obligations, it may be more difficult for the Portfolio to obtain or to enforce a judgment against the issuers of such securities. In addition, the Portfolio's investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore, changes in the value of a country's currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may be subject to emerging markets risk to the extent that it invests in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets. Additionally, foreign and emerging market risks, including but not limited to price controls, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, nationalization, and restrictions on repatriation of assets may be heightened to the extent the Portfolio invests in Chinese or other local market securities.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process, may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from portfolios that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. While portfolio management believes that the consideration of financially material ESG Factors has the potential to provide better risk-adjusted returns, ESG Factors may not be considered for every investment decision and there is no guarantee that the consideration of ESG Factors will result in better performance. There can be no guarantee that all relevant ESG Factors will be identified and considered. In addition, information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop, and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies or be applied differently across issuers and industries. Further, the U.S. regulatory landscape regarding the use of ESG Factors in investing is still developing and future rules and regulations may require the Portfolio to modify or alter its investment process and/or how it discloses its consideration of ESG Factors which could result in increased compliance costs or risks to the Portfolio.

Foreign Exposure Risk. The Portfolio invests in foreign debt and equity securities either indirectly (e.g., depositary receipts, depositary shares, and passive foreign investment companies) or directly in foreign markets, including emerging markets. Investments in foreign securities, including securities of foreign and emerging market governments, may involve greater risks than investing in domestic securities because the Portfolio's performance may depend on factors other than the performance of a particular company. These factors include:

- ***Currency Risk.*** As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.
- ***Foreign Market Risk.*** Foreign securities markets, particularly those of emerging market countries, may be less liquid and more volatile than domestic markets. These securities markets may trade a small number of securities, may have a limited number of issuers and a high proportion of shares, or may be held by a relatively small number of persons or institutions. Local securities markets may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of substantial holdings difficult or impossible at times. It is also possible that certain markets may require payment for securities before delivery, and delays may be encountered in settling securities transactions. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, securities of issuers located in or economically tied to countries with emerging markets may have limited marketability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements which could also have a negative effect on the

Portfolio. Such factors may hinder the Portfolio's ability to buy and sell emerging market securities in a timely manner, affecting the Portfolio's investment strategies and potentially affecting the value of the Portfolio.

- ***Political and Economic Risk.*** Foreign investments may be subject to increased political and economic risks, including the imposition of economic and other sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on other countries or persons or issuers operating in such countries could restrict the Portfolio's ability to buy affected securities or force the Portfolio to dispose of any affected securities it has previously purchased at an inopportune time. As a result, the Portfolio may experience a greater risk of loss with respect to securities impacted by such sanctions.

  Political and economic risks may be heightened in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments, immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, social instability, and different and/or developing legal systems. In some countries, there is the risk that the government may take over the assets or operations of a company or that the government may impose withholding and other taxes or limits on the removal of the Portfolio's assets from that country. In addition, the economies of emerging markets may be predominantly based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.

- ***Regulatory Risk.*** There may be less government supervision of foreign markets. As a result, foreign issuers may not be subject to the uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to domestic issuers, and there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers.

- ***Transaction Costs Risk.*** Costs of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

Geographic Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or region, the economic, political, social, regulatory, or other developments or conditions within such country or region will generally have a greater effect on the Portfolio than they would on a more geographically diversified portfolio, which may result in greater losses and volatility. Adverse developments in certain regions could also adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated and could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance.

Industry and Sector Risk. Industry and sector risk is the possibility that a group of related securities will decline in price due to industry-specific or economic sector-specific developments. Companies in the same or similar industries and economic sectors may share common characteristics and are more likely to react similarly to industry-specific market or economic developments. The Portfolio's investments, if any, in multiple companies in a particular industry or economic sector may increase the Portfolio's exposure to industry and sector risk.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering Risk. The Portfolio's purchase of shares issued in an IPO exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. Attractive IPOs are often oversubscribed and may not be available to the Portfolio, or may be available only in very limited quantities. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated up and down significantly over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will identify favorable IPO investment opportunities. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of portfolios to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one portfolio may decrease. In addition, as the portfolio increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the portfolio's performance will generally decrease.

The Portfolio may purchase shares in secondary offerings. Secondary offerings may expose the Portfolio to some of the risks of IPOs. Participation in secondary offerings may have a magnified impact on the performance of a portfolio to the extent that it has a small asset base and the portfolio may not experience similar performance as its assets grow. Secondary offering shares frequently are volatile in price. As a result, the Portfolio may hold secondary offering shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the portfolio turnover rate of the Portfolio and may lead to increased expenses for the Portfolio, such

as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, secondary offering shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

Leverage Risk. Some transactions may give rise to a form of economic leverage. These transactions may include, among others, derivatives, and may expose the Portfolio to greater risk and increase its costs. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules thereunder. Increases and decreases in the value of the Portfolio's holdings will be magnified when the Portfolio uses leverage.

Liquidity Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities or instruments that do not trade actively or in large volumes, and may make investments that are less liquid than other investments. Also, the Portfolio may make investments that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. When there is no willing buyer and investments cannot be readily sold at the desired time or price, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell the security or instrument at all. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced). An inability to sell one or more portfolio positions can adversely affect the Portfolio's value or prevent the Portfolio from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities. Liquidity risk may be increased to the extent that the Portfolio invests in Rule 144A and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements that are deemed to be illiquid investments.

Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's net asset value and may increase brokerage costs.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of one or more issuers in the Portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions, including, but not limited to, a general decline in prices on the stock markets, a general decline in real estate markets, a decline in commodities prices, or if the market favors different types of securities than the types of securities in which the Portfolio invests. If the value of the Portfolio's holdings decreases, the Portfolio's net asset value will also decrease, which means if you sell your shares in the Portfolio you may lose money. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole.

The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, tariffs, trade disputes, financial institution failures, and economic recessions, could reduce consumer demand or economic output, result in market closures, travel restrictions and/or quarantines, and generally have a significant and negative impact on the global economies and financial markets.

- ***Armed Conflicts Risk.*** Armed conflicts between countries or in a geographic region, such as the ongoing armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, have the potential to adversely impact the Portfolio. The extent and duration of each conflict, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in each region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect, including significant negative impacts on the United States and broader global economy and the markets for certain securities and commodities.

Market Capitalization Risk. To the extent the Portfolio focuses its investments in small-, mid-, or large-sized companies, it may be subject to associated risks. At any given time, any of these market capitalizations may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions.

- ***Small- and Mid-Sized Companies Risk.*** Investments in securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies, which can include smaller companies offering emerging products or services, may involve greater risks than are customarily associated

with larger, more established companies. For example, small- and mid-sized companies may suffer more significant losses as a result of their narrow product lines, limited operating history, greater exposure to competitive threats, limited financial resources, limited trading markets, and the potential lack of management depth. Securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile and somewhat more speculative than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

- ***Large-Sized Companies Risk.*** Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of, or reduce the rate of prepayments on, both commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates ("extension risk"). As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the price of mortgage-backed securities may fall, causing the Portfolio to exhibit additional volatility. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio will have to reinvest that money at lower prevailing interest rates. Investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

CMBS are subject to certain other risks. The market for CMBS developed more recently than that for RMBS and is relatively small in terms of outstanding principal amount of issues compared to the RMBS market. CMBS are also subject to risks associated with a lack of standardized terms, shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans, and payment of all or substantially all of the principal at maturity, rather than regular amortization of principal. Moreover, the type and use of a particular commercial property may add to the risk of CMBS investments. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances are more likely to have an adverse impact on mortgage-backed securities secured by loans on commercial properties than on those secured by residential properties.

Similarly, the value of the Portfolio's investments in asset-backed securities may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds, or other credit or liquidity enhancements, and/or the market's assessment of the quality of the underlying assets. Generally, the originating bank or credit provider is neither the obligor nor the guarantor of the security, and interest and principal payments ultimately depend upon payment of the underlying loans by individuals. The Portfolio could incur a loss if the underlying loans are not paid. In addition, most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and sensitive to changing interest rates.

Operational Risk. An investment in the Portfolio can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in key personnel, technology and/or service providers, and errors caused by third party service providers. Among other things, these errors or failures, as well as other technological issues, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to calculate its net asset value, process portfolio orders, execute portfolio trades or perform other essential tasks in a timely manner, including over a potentially extended period of time. These errors or failures may also result in a loss or compromise of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio. Although business continuity plans are intended to mitigate or remediate adverse effects in these circumstances, implementation of such plans by the Portfolio, the Adviser or third-party service providers in response to disruptive events such as cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest may increase these operational risks to the Portfolio. While the Portfolio seeks to minimize such events through internal controls and oversight of third-party service providers, there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will not suffer losses if such events occur.

Preferred Stocks Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio holds preferred stock, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with preferred stock. Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to debt securities in an issuer's capital structure. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions. Because preferred stocks generally pay dividends only after the issuing company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt, the value of preferred stocks generally is more sensitive than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

Private Placements and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could decrease the Portfolio's liquidity profile or prevent the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available. Transaction costs may be higher for these securities, and the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other security exempt from certain registration requirements.

REIT and Real Estate-Related Securities Risk. To the extent the Portfolio holds REITs and REIT-like entities, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with REIT and REIT-like investments. REITs and REIT-like entities are subject to heavy cash flow dependency to allow them to make distributions to their shareholders. The prices of equity REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, changes in capital markets and interest rates, management skill in running a REIT, and the creditworthiness of the REIT. The prices of mortgage REITs are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages. In addition, mortgage REITs (similar to direct investments in mortgage-backed securities) are subject to prepayment risk. Equity REITs and mortgage REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REIT or lessees of a property that a REIT owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. While equity REITs and mortgage REITs may provide exposure to a large number of properties, such properties may be concentrated in a particular industry, region, or housing type, making such investments more vulnerable to unfavorable developments to economic or market events. Certain "special purpose" REITs in which the Portfolio may invest focus their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotels, shopping malls, nursing homes, or warehouses, and are therefore subject to the specific risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors. The Portfolio's shareholders will indirectly bear their proportionate share of the REIT's expenses, in addition to their proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. The value of investments in REOCs will generally be affected by the same factors that adversely affect REIT investments; however, REOCs may also be adversely affected by income streams derived from businesses other than real estate ownership.

Additionally, a REIT that fails to comply with federal tax requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, affecting REITs may be subject to federal income taxation at the entity level, or the federal tax requirement that a REIT distribute substantially all of its net income to its shareholders may result in a REIT having insufficient capital for future expenditures. REITs are also subject to certain provisions under federal tax law and the failure of a company to qualify as a REIT could have adverse consequences for the Portfolio, including significantly reducing the return to the Portfolio on its investment in such company.

Sovereign Debt Risk. The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Investments in sovereign debt, especially the debt of certain emerging market countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign

debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Special Situations Risk. Investments in companies that seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, reorganizations, liquidations, bankruptcies, restructurings, or other unusual events, can carry the risk that certain of such situations may not happen as anticipated or the market may react differently than expected to such situations. The securities of companies involved in special situations may be more volatile than the securities of more stable companies, may at times be illiquid, or may be difficult to value. It also may be difficult to obtain complete financial or other information about companies involved in certain special situations and management of such companies may be addressing a situation with which it has little experience. Additionally, the terms of certain special situation investments may be subject to restrictions that prevent the Portfolio from selling its position until the special situation is largely resolved, which may limit the Portfolio's ability to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery, and Forward Commitment Transactions Risk. When-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments involve the risk that the security the Portfolio buys will lose value prior to its delivery. There also is the risk that the security will not be issued or that the other party to the transaction will not meet its obligation. If this occurs, the Portfolio may lose both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, is the investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio and furnishes continuous advice and recommendations concerning the Portfolio's investments. The Adviser also provides certain administration and other services and is responsible for other business affairs of the Portfolio.

The Adviser (together with its predecessors and affiliates) has served as investment adviser to the Janus Henderson mutual funds since 1970 and currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Janus Henderson mutual funds as well as the Janus Henderson exchange-traded funds, acts as subadviser for a number of private-label mutual funds, and provides separate account advisory services for institutional accounts and other unregistered products.

On December 22, 2025, Janus Henderson Group plc ("Janus Henderson"), the parent company of the Adviser to the Portfolio, Trian Fund Management, L.P. and its affiliated funds ("Trian"), and General Catalyst Group Management, LLC and its affiliated funds ("General Catalyst") announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Janus Henderson will be acquired by Trian and General Catalyst (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close in 2026, subject to customary closing conditions, including requisite regulatory approvals and client consents. Janus Henderson shareholders approved the Transaction on April 16, 2026.

The closing of the Transaction will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the Adviser. As a result, the closing of the Transaction will cause the advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its respective terms. On February 11, 2026, the Trustees approved a new advisory agreement with the Adviser. The new agreement will be presented to the Portfolio's shareholders for approval, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon the closing of the Transaction or such later time as shareholder approval is obtained.

The Trust and the Adviser have received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Trustees, to appoint or replace certain subadvisers to manage all or a portion of the Portfolio's assets and enter into, amend, or terminate a subadvisory agreement with certain subadvisers without obtaining shareholder approval (a "manager-of-managers structure"). The manager-of-managers structure applies to subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser ("non-affiliated subadvisers"), as well as any subadviser that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Adviser or of another company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Adviser (collectively, "wholly-owned subadvisers").

Pursuant to the order, the Adviser, with the approval of the Trustees, has the discretion to terminate any subadviser and allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate the Portfolio's assets among the Adviser and any other non-affiliated subadvisers or wholly-owned subadvisers (including terminating a non-affiliated subadviser and replacing it with a wholly-owned subadviser). To the extent that the Portfolio's assets are allocated to one or more subadvisers, the Adviser, subject to oversight by the Trustees, would have the responsibility to oversee such subadviser(s) to the Portfolio and to recommend for approval by the Trustees, the hiring, termination, and replacement of a subadviser for the Portfolio. In the event that the Adviser hires a subadviser pursuant to the manager-of-managers structure, the Portfolio would provide shareholders with information about the subadviser and subadvisory agreement within 90 days.

The Adviser furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses the Adviser for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent the Adviser seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of the Adviser's employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, that provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services the Adviser provides to the Portfolio.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Portfolio pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee and incurs expenses, including administrative services fees payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, any other transfer agent and custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees,

printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses. The Portfolio's investment advisory fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The Portfolio's advisory agreement details the investment advisory fee and other expenses that the Portfolio must pay.

Global Research Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that may adjust up or down based on the Portfolio's performance relative to the cumulative investment record of its performance fee benchmark index (referred to in this section as the "benchmark index"), the MSCI World Index, over a rolling 36-month performance measurement period.

The table below reflects the Portfolio's base fee rate (expressed as an annual rate), as well as the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. The third column shows the full performance rate for outperformance or underperformance during the measurement period relative to the Portfolio's benchmark index. The fourth column shows the performance adjusted investment advisory fee rate, which is equal to the Portfolio's base fee rate plus or minus the performance adjustment over the period. This fourth column shows the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio as of the end of the fiscal year.

As an example, if the Portfolio outperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would increase by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Conversely, if the Portfolio underperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would decrease by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Actual performance within the full range of the full performance rate may result in positive or negative incremental adjustments to the advisory fee of greater or less than 0.15%. Additional details discussing the performance fee are included below with further description in the SAI.

Portfolio Name	Base Fee Rate (%)	Full Performance Rate vs. Benchmark Index	Performance Adjusted Investment Advisory Fee Rate/ Actual Compensation Rate Paid to Adviser (%) (for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025)
Global Research Portfolio	0.60	± 6.00%	0.72

The investment advisory fee rate is determined by calculating a base fee (shown in the previous table) and applying a performance adjustment (described in further detail below). The performance adjustment either increases or decreases the base fee depending on how well the Portfolio has performed relative to the MSCI World Index.

The calculation of the performance adjustment applies as follows:

Investment Advisory Fee = Base Fee Rate +/– Performance Adjustment

The investment advisory fee rate paid to the Adviser by the Portfolio consists of two components: (1) a base fee calculated by applying the contractual fixed rate of the advisory fee to the Portfolio's average daily net assets during the previous month ("Base Fee Rate"), plus or minus (2) a performance-fee adjustment ("Performance Adjustment") calculated by applying a variable rate of up to 0.15% (positive or negative) to the Portfolio's average daily net assets based on the Portfolio's relative performance compared to the cumulative investment record of its benchmark index over a 36-month rolling performance measurement period.

No Performance Adjustment is applied unless the difference between the Portfolio's investment performance and the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index is 0.50% or greater (positive or negative) during the applicable performance measurement period. The Base Fee Rate is subject to an upward or downward Performance Adjustment for every full 0.50% increment by which the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index. Because the Performance Adjustment is tied to the Portfolio's relative performance compared to its benchmark index (and not its absolute performance), the Performance Adjustment could increase the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares lose value during the performance measurement period and could decrease the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares increase in value during the performance measurement period. For purposes of computing the Base Fee Rate and the Performance Adjustment, net assets are averaged over different periods (average daily net assets during the previous month for the Base Fee Rate, versus average daily net assets during the performance measurement period for the Performance Adjustment). Performance of the Portfolio is calculated net of expenses whereas the Portfolio's benchmark index does not have any fees or

expenses. Reinvestment of dividends and distributions is included in calculating both the performance of the Portfolio and the Portfolio's benchmark index. The Base Fee Rate is calculated and accrued daily. The Performance Adjustment is calculated monthly in arrears and is accrued throughout the month. The investment advisory fee is paid monthly in arrears. Under extreme circumstances involving underperformance by a rapidly shrinking Portfolio, the dollar amount of the Performance Adjustment could be more than the dollar amount of the Base Fee Rate. In such circumstances, the Adviser would reimburse the Portfolio.

The investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares for the performance measurement period is used to calculate the Performance Adjustment. After the Adviser determines whether the Portfolio's performance was above or below its benchmark index by comparing the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares against the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index, the Adviser applies the same Performance Adjustment (positive or negative) across each other class of shares of the Portfolio, as applicable. It is not possible to predict the effect of the Performance Adjustment on future overall compensation to the Adviser since it depends on the performance of the Portfolio relative to the record of the Portfolio's benchmark index and future changes to the size of the Portfolio.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is included in the Portfolio's financial statements located in Form N-CSR for the periods ending December 31 and June 30. This information is available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT, under "Financial Statements and Other Information," or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. You may also request this information, free of charge, by contacting your plan sponsor, broker-dealer, or financial intermediary.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Global Research Portfolio

The Central Research Team selects investments for Global Research Portfolio and has done so since May 2013. The Central Research Team consists of the Adviser's equity research analysts. The Portfolio Oversight Team oversees the Portfolio's holdings. Joshua Cummings and John Jordan are members of the Portfolio Oversight Team and are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

Joshua Cummings, CFA, is Head of the Consumer Sector Team and the Communications Sector Team at Janus Henderson Investors. He is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Global Research Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. Mr. Cummings is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He joined the Adviser in 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Colby College and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance and Accounting from New York University. Mr. Cummings holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

John Jordan is Head of the Financials Sector Team at Janus Henderson Investors. He is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Global Research Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. Mr. Jordan is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He joined the Adviser in 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Economics from the University of Virginia where he graduated with high distinction and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Jordan also holds a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.

Information about portfolio management's compensation structure and other accounts managed, as well as the aggregate range of their individual ownership in the Portfolio(s) that they manage, is included in the SAI.

Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser manages other funds and numerous other accounts, which may include separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds. Side-by-side management of multiple accounts, including the management of a cash collateral pool for securities lending and investing the Janus Henderson funds' cash, may give rise to conflicts of interest among those accounts, and may create potential risks, such as the risk that investment activity in one account may adversely affect another account. For example, short sale activity in an account could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more other accounts (and vice versa). Side-by-side management may raise additional potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. A further discussion of potential conflicts of interest and a discussion of certain procedures intended to mitigate such potential conflicts are contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

OTHER INFORMATION

CLASSES OF SHARES

Only Institutional Shares are offered by this Prospectus. The Shares are available only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans, that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and/or administrative services to contract owners and plan participants. Because the expenses of each class may differ, the performance of each class is expected to differ. If you would like additional information about the Service Shares, please call 1-800-525-0020. In addition, for an analysis of fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit www.finra.org/fundanalyzer.

CLOSED PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio may limit sales of its Shares to new investors. If sales of the Portfolio are limited, it is expected that existing shareholders invested in the Portfolio would be permitted to continue to purchase Shares through their existing Portfolio accounts and to reinvest any dividends or capital gains distributions in such accounts, absent highly unusual circumstances. Requests for new accounts into a closed portfolio would be reviewed by management, taking into consideration eligibility requirements and whether the addition to the portfolio is believed to negatively impact existing portfolio shareholders. The closed portfolio may decline opening new accounts, including eligible new accounts, if it would be in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. If applicable, additional information regarding general policies and exceptions can be found in a closed portfolio's prospectuses.

LIQUIDATION/REORGANIZATION OF A PORTFOLIO

It is important to know that, pursuant to the Trust's Amended and Restated Trust Instrument, the Trustees have the authority to merge, liquidate, and/or reorganize a portfolio into another portfolio without seeking shareholder vote or consent.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio is distributed by Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). To obtain information about FINRA member firms and their associated persons, you may contact FINRA at www.finra.org, or 1-800-289-9999.

DISTRIBUTIONS

To avoid taxation of the Portfolio, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") requires the Portfolio to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income and any net capital gains realized on its investments at least annually. The Portfolio's income from certain dividends, interest, and any net realized short-term capital gains are paid to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. Net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are paid to shareholders as capital gains distributions, regardless of how long Shares of the Portfolio have been held. A portion of the Portfolio's distributions received from REITs may be classified as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Portfolio is more likely to make distributions that are treated as returns of capital, and possibly in greater amounts, than a portfolio that does not invest in REITs. Distributions are made at the class level, so they may vary from class to class within a single portfolio.

Distribution Schedule

Dividends for the Portfolio are normally declared and distributed in June and December. Capital gains are normally declared and distributed in June. However, in certain situations it may be necessary for the Portfolio to declare and distribute capital gains in December. If necessary, dividends and net capital gains may be distributed at other times as well. Unless otherwise instructed, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains, if any, are automatically reinvested in additional Shares of the Portfolio.

How Distributions Affect the Portfolio's NAV

Distributions are paid to shareholders as of the record date of a distribution of the Portfolio, regardless of how long the Shares have been held. Undistributed dividends and net capital gains are included in the Portfolio's daily net asset value ("NAV"). The share price of the Portfolio drops by the amount of the distribution, net of any subsequent market fluctuations. For example, assume that on December 31, the Portfolio declared a dividend in the amount of $0.25 per share. If the Portfolio's share price was $10.00 on December 30, the Portfolio's share price on December 31 would be $9.75, barring market fluctuations.

TAXES

Taxes on Distributions

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. Generally, withdrawals from such contracts or plans may be subject to federal income tax at ordinary income rates and, if withdrawals are made from a retirement plan before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may be imposed. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract. Further information may be found in your plan documents or in the prospectus of the separate account offering such contract.

Taxation of the Portfolio

Dividends, interest, and some capital gains received by the Portfolio on foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax withholding or other foreign taxes. If the Portfolio is eligible, it may from year to year make the election permitted under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders. If such an election is not made, any foreign taxes paid or accrued will represent an expense to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio does not expect to pay any federal income or excise taxes because it intends to meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, because the Shares of the Portfolio are sold in connection with variable insurance contracts, the Portfolio intends to satisfy the diversification requirements applicable to insurance company separate accounts under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Portfolio invests in partnerships, it may be subject to state tax liabilities.

Investors may not purchase or redeem Shares of the Portfolio directly. Shares may be purchased or redeemed only through variable insurance contracts offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. **Refer to the prospectus for the participating insurance company's separate account or your plan documents for instructions on purchasing or selling variable insurance contracts and on how to select the Portfolio as an investment option for a contract or a qualified retirement plan.**

With certain exceptions, the Portfolio is generally available only to shareholders residing in the United States and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. For purposes of this policy, the Portfolio requires that a shareholder and/or entity be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory (including overseas U.S. military or diplomatic addresses) or a resident alien residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number to open an account with the Portfolio.

PRICING OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The per share NAV for each class is computed by dividing the total value of assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Portfolio's NAV is calculated as of the close of the trading session of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time) each day that the NYSE is open ("business day"). However, the time at which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated may be changed if trading on the NYSE is restricted, the NYSE closes at a different time, or as permitted by the SEC. Foreign securities held by the Portfolio may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed and the NAV is therefore not calculated. Accordingly, the value of the Portfolio's holdings may change on days that are not business days in the United States and on which you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Portfolio's Shares.

All purchases and redemptions will be duly processed at the NAV next calculated after a request is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. In order to receive a day's price, an order must be received in good order by the Portfolio (or insurance company or plan sponsor) or its agents by the close of the trading session of the NYSE.

Portfolio holdings are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). To the extent available, domestic and foreign equity securities traded on a securities exchange, including exchange-traded funds, are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which are (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. Most fixed-income securities are typically valued using an evaluated bid price supplied by an Adviser- approved pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term instruments maturing within 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If a market quotation or evaluated price for a security is not readily available or is deemed unreliable, or if an event that is expected to affect the value of the security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, a fair value of the security will be determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Such events include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a non-significant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. This type of fair valuation may be more commonly used with foreign equity securities, but it may also be used with, among other things, thinly-traded domestic securities or fixed-income securities. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are generally translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. The methodologies employed when fair valuing Portfolio holdings may change from time to time. Because fair value pricing involves subjective judgments, it is possible that the fair value determination for a security may be different than the value that could be realized when selling that security.

Due to the subjective nature of systematic fair valuation, the value of a particular security may be different from the last quoted market price. Systematic fair valuation may reduce arbitrage activity involving the frequent buying and selling of

mutual fund shares by investors seeking to take advantage of a perceived lag between a change in the value of the Portfolio's securities and the reflection of such change in the Portfolio's NAV, as further described in the "Excessive Trading" section of this Prospectus. While funds that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for arbitrage activity, such activity may also arise in funds which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities or high-yield fixed-income securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the valuation of a security is different from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders buying and/or selling shares of the Portfolio may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. The Valuation Procedures and the Trust's excessive trading policies and procedures may not completely eliminate short-term trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries.

The value of the securities of other mutual funds held by the Portfolio, if any, will be calculated using the NAV of such mutual funds, and the prospectuses for such mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they use fair valuation and the effects of using fair valuation.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

From its own assets, the Adviser or its affiliates pay fees to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market, or promote the Portfolio or perform related services for contract owners and plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

The Adviser or its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, and other financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services (including payments for processing transactions via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other means) in connection with investments in the Janus Henderson funds. These fees are in addition to any fees that may be paid by the Janus Henderson funds for these types of services or other services.

In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates periodically share certain marketing expenses with selected intermediaries, or pay for or sponsor informational meetings, seminars, client awareness events, support for marketing materials, sales reporting, or business building programs for such intermediaries to raise awareness of the Portfolio. The Adviser or its affiliates make payments to participate in selected intermediary marketing support programs which may provide the Adviser or its affiliates with one or more of the following benefits: attendance at sales conferences, participation in meetings or training sessions, access to or information about intermediary personnel, use of an intermediary's marketing and communication infrastructure, fund analysis tools, data, business planning and strategy sessions with intermediary personnel, information on industry- or platform-specific developments, trends and service providers, and other marketing-related services. Such payments may be in addition to, or in lieu of, the fees described above. These payments are intended to promote the sales of Janus Henderson funds and to reimburse financial intermediaries, directly or indirectly, for the costs that they or their salespersons incur in connection with educational seminars, meetings, and training efforts about the Janus Henderson funds to enable the intermediaries and their salespersons to make suitable recommendations, provide useful services, and maintain the necessary infrastructure to make the Janus Henderson funds available to their customers.

The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) fees or reimbursements and other forms of compensation described above may provide a financial intermediary and its salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) or to favor sales of one class of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of another Janus Henderson funds' share class, with respect to which the financial intermediary does not receive such payments or receives them in a lower amount. The receipt of these payments may cause certain financial intermediaries to elevate the prominence of the Janus Henderson funds within such financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or the provision of preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the Janus Henderson funds in various ways within such financial intermediary's organization.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolio and, if applicable, when considering which share class of the Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

PURCHASES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Refer to the prospectus of the appropriate insurance company separate account or your plan documents for information on how to invest in the Shares of the Portfolio. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may permit an in-kind purchase of Shares. Participating insurance companies and certain other designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Portfolio's behalf. As discussed under "Payments to Financial Intermediaries by the Adviser or its Affiliates," the Adviser and its affiliates make payments to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that were instrumental in the acquisition or retention of accounts for the Portfolio or that provide services in connection with investments in the Portfolio. You should consider such arrangements when evaluating any recommendation of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject any purchase order, including exchange purchases, for any reason. The Portfolio is not intended for excessive trading. For more information about the Portfolio's policy on excessive trading, refer to "Excessive Trading."

The Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Shares to redeem those investments if the plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser, is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

In compliance with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"), your insurance company or plan sponsor is required to verify certain information on your account application as part of its Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be required to provide your full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and permanent street address to assist in verifying your identity. You may also be asked to provide documents that may help to establish your identity. Until verification of your identity is made, your insurance company or plan sponsor may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, your insurance company or plan sponsor may close an account if they are unable to verify a shareholder's identity. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor if you need additional assistance when completing your application or additional information about the insurance company or plan sponsor's Anti-Money Laundering Program.

In an effort to ensure compliance with this law, the Adviser's Anti-Money Laundering Program (the "Program") provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Potential Conflicts

Although the Portfolio does not currently anticipate any disadvantages to policy owners because the Portfolio offers its Shares to unaffiliated variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies that are unaffiliated with the Adviser and to certain qualified retirement plans, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise. The Trustees monitor events in an effort to identify any disadvantages or material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any,

should be taken in response. If a material disadvantage or conflict is identified, the Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts or qualified plans to withdraw its investments in the Portfolio or substitute Shares of another portfolio. If this occurs, the Portfolio may be forced to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices. In addition, the Portfolio may refuse to sell its Shares to any separate account or qualified plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of the Portfolio's Shares if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders. It is possible that a qualified plan investing in the Portfolio could lose its qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code, which could have adverse tax consequences on insurance company separate accounts investing in the Portfolio. The Adviser intends to monitor such qualified plans, and the Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Portfolio to redeem those investments if a plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. Please refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

Shares of the Portfolio may be redeemed on any business day on which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated. Redemptions are duly processed at the NAV next calculated after your redemption order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Redemption proceeds will normally be sent within two business days following receipt of the redemption order. The Portfolio typically expects to meet redemption requests by paying out proceeds from cash or cash equivalent portfolio holdings, or by selling portfolio holdings. In stressed market conditions, and other appropriate circumstances, redemption methods may include borrowing funds or redeeming in-kind.

The Portfolio reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Portfolio to redeem its Shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain large shareholders, such as other portfolios, participating insurance companies, accounts, and affiliates of the Adviser, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares. Redemptions by these large shareholders of their holdings in the Portfolio may cause the Portfolio to sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Portfolio's NAV and liquidity. Similarly, large Portfolio share purchases may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would. A large shareholder purchase or redemption may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Portfolio's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, which could lead to an increase in the Portfolio's expense ratio.

Redemptions In-Kind

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Portfolio retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of a portfolio, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. However, the Portfolio is required to redeem shares solely for cash up to the lesser of $250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Portfolio during any 90-day period for any one shareholder. Should redemptions by any shareholder exceed such limitation, the Portfolio will have the option of redeeming the excess in cash or in-kind. In-kind payment means payment will be made in portfolio securities rather than cash, and may potentially include illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may not be able to be sold quickly or at a price that reflects full value, or there may not be a market for such investments, which could cause the redeeming shareholder to realize losses on the investment if it is sold at a price lower than that at which it had been valued. If the Portfolio makes an in-kind payment, the redeeming shareholder might incur brokerage or other transaction costs to convert the securities to cash, whereas such costs are borne by the Portfolio for cash redemptions.

While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's NAV and may increase brokerage costs.

EXCESSIVE TRADING

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures

The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures with respect to short-term and excessive trading of Portfolio shares ("excessive trading"). The Portfolio is intended for long-term investment purposes, and the Portfolio will take reasonable steps to attempt to detect and deter short-term and excessive trading. Transactions placed in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures may be cancelled or rescinded by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio. The trading history of accounts determined to be under common ownership or control within any of the Janus Henderson funds may be considered in enforcing these policies and procedures.

The Janus Henderson funds attempt to deter excessive trading through at least the following methods:

- fair valuation of securities as described under "Pricing of Portfolio Shares"; and
- trade monitoring.

The Portfolio monitors for patterns of shareholder short-term trading and may suspend or permanently terminate the purchase and exchange privilege (if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) of any investor who is identified as having a pattern of short-term trading. The Portfolio at all times reserves the right to reject any purchase or exchange request and to modify or terminate the purchase and exchange privileges for any investor for any reason without prior notice, in particular, if the trading activity in the account(s) is deemed to be disruptive to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio's Trustees may approve from time to time a redemption fee to be imposed by any Janus Henderson fund, subject to 60 days' notice to shareholders of that fund.

Investors in other share classes who place transactions through the same insurance company or plan sponsor on an omnibus basis may be deemed part of a group for the purpose of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Portfolio. Transactions accepted by an insurance company or plan sponsor in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies may be cancelled or revoked by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio.

In an attempt to deter excessive trading in omnibus accounts, the Portfolio or its agents may require intermediaries to impose restrictions on the trading activity of accounts traded through those intermediaries. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, requiring that trades be placed by U.S. mail, prohibiting future purchases by investors who have recently redeemed Portfolio shares, requiring intermediaries to report information about customers who purchase and redeem large amounts, and similar restrictions. The Portfolio's ability to impose such restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions, and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Generally, the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures do not apply to (i) a money market fund, although money market funds at all times reserve the right to reject any purchase request (including exchange purchases, if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) for any reason without prior notice; (ii) transactions in the Janus Henderson funds by a Janus Henderson "fund of funds"; (iii) periodic rebalancing and identifiable transactions by certain funds of funds and asset allocation programs to realign portfolio investments with existing target allocations; and (iv) systematic purchase, exchange, or redemption programs.

The Portfolio's policies and procedures regarding excessive trading may be modified at any time by the Portfolio's Trustees.

Excessive Trading Risks

Excessive trading may present risks to the Portfolio's long-term shareholders. Excessive trading into and out of the Portfolio may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may create taxable gains to remaining Portfolio shareholders, and may increase Portfolio expenses, all of which may negatively impact investment returns for all remaining shareholders, including long-term shareholders.

Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for excessive trading. Investors may attempt to take advantage of anticipated price movements in securities held by a portfolio based on events occurring after the close of a foreign market that may not be reflected in the portfolio's NAV (referred to as "price arbitrage"). Such arbitrage opportunities may also arise in portfolios which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the Portfolio's valuation of a security differs from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. There is potential for short-term arbitrage trades to dilute the value of the shares held by the Portfolio despite the Portfolio's adoption of policies and procedures intended to reduce the Portfolio's exposure to price arbitrage, stale pricing, and other potential pricing inefficiencies.

There is no assurance that the policies and procedures adopted by the Portfolio to detect and deter excessive trading will be effective in all circumstances. For example, the Portfolio may be unable to completely eliminate the possibility of excessive trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries. Omnibus accounts may effectively conceal the identity of individual investors and their transactions from the Portfolio and its agents. This makes the Portfolio's identification of excessive trading transactions in the Portfolio through an omnibus account difficult and makes the elimination of excessive trading in the account impractical without the assistance of the intermediary. Moreover, the contract between an insurance company and the owner of a variable insurance contract may govern the frequency with which the contract owner may cause the insurance company to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio encourages intermediaries to take necessary actions to detect and deter excessive trading, some intermediaries may be unable or unwilling to do so, and accordingly, the Portfolio cannot eliminate completely the possibility of excessive trading.

Shareholders that invest through an omnibus account should be aware that they may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance company or plan sponsor with respect to excessive trading in the Portfolio.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures adopted by the Adviser and all mutual funds managed within the Janus Henderson fund complex are designed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and to protect the confidentiality of the portfolios' holdings. The following describes policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings.

- ***Full Holdings.*** A schedule of the Portfolio's holdings, consisting of at least the names of the holdings, is generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag and is posted under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at janushenderson.com/VIT. A complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings is also available in the annual and semiannual financial statements located in Form N-CSR and, after the first and third fiscal quarters, in Form N-PORT. Information reported in Form N-CSR and in Form N-PORT will be made publicly available within 70 and 60 days, respectively, after the end of each fiscal quarter. The Portfolio's Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.
- ***Top Holdings.*** The Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of the Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- ***Other Information.*** The Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures may be made by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate. Such exceptions may be made without prior notice to shareholders. A summary of the Portfolio's holdings disclosure policies and procedures, which includes a discussion of any exceptions, is contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Your insurance company or plan sponsor is responsible for providing annual and semiannual reports, including the financial statements of the Portfolio. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor to obtain these reports. The Trust's fiscal year ends December 31.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended December 31 of the fiscal years shown. Items "Net asset value, beginning of period" through "Net asset value, end of period" reflect financial results for a single Portfolio Share. The gross expense ratio reflects expenses prior to any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The net expense ratio reflects expenses after any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The information shown for the fiscal years ended December 31 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the Portfolio's Form N-CSR and is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions) but do not include charges and expenses attributable to any insurance product. If these charges and expenses had been included, the performance for the years shown would be lower. "Total return" information may include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, returns may differ from returns for shareholder transactions.

Global Research Portfolio – Institutional Shares

	Years ended December 31				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$72.60**	**$61.10**	**$50.02**	**$71.28**	**$63.62**
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)[1]	0.45	0.50	0.52	0.53	0.39
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	13.98	13.77	12.67	(14.52)	10.90
Total from Investment Operations	14.43	14.27	13.19	(13.99)	11.29
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.45)	(0.53)	(0.52)	(0.60)	(0.36)
Distributions (from capital gains)	(6.91)	(2.24)	(1.59)	(6.67)	(3.27)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(7.36)	(2.77)	(2.11)	(7.27)	(3.63)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$79.67**	**$72.60**	**$61.10**	**$50.02**	**$71.28**
Total Return*	20.92%	23.58%	26.78%	(19.41)%	18.09%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	$712,728	$661,847	$573,846	$482,188	$653,853
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.82%	0.72%	0.61%	0.64%	0.77%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.82%	0.72%	0.61%	0.64%	0.77%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	0.60%	0.73%	0.94%	0.98%	0.57%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	31%	31%	25%	32%	20%

* Total return includes adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the year or period end and are not annualized for periods of less than one full year. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Janus Aspen Series serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

This glossary provides a more detailed description of some of the types of securities, investment strategies, and other instruments in which the Portfolio may invest, as well as some general investment terms. The Portfolio may invest in these instruments to the extent permitted by its investment objective and policies. The Portfolio is not limited by this discussion and may invest in any other types of instruments not precluded by the policies discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

EQUITY AND DEBT SECURITIES

Bonds are debt securities issued by a company, municipality, government, or government agency. The issuer of a bond is required to pay the holder the amount of the loan (or par value of the bond) at a specified maturity and to make scheduled interest payments.

Common stocks are equity securities representing shares of ownership in a company and usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stock, dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors.

Convertible securities are preferred stocks or bonds that pay a fixed dividend or interest payment and are convertible into common stock at a specified price or conversion ratio.

Debt securities are securities representing money borrowed that must be repaid at a later date. Such securities have specific maturities and usually a specific rate of interest or an original purchase discount.

Depositary receipts are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation that entitle the holder to dividends and capital gains on the underlying security. Receipts include those issued by domestic banks (American Depositary Receipts), foreign banks (Global or European Depositary Receipts), and broker-dealers (depositary shares).

Equity securities generally include domestic and foreign common stocks; preferred stocks; securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks; warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks; and other securities with equity characteristics.

Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are typically open-end investment companies, which may seek to track the performance of a specific index or be actively managed. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments.

Fixed-income securities are securities that pay a specified rate of return. The term generally includes short-and long-term government, corporate, and municipal obligations that pay a specified rate of interest, dividends, or coupons for a specified period of time. Coupon and dividend rates may be fixed for the life of the issue or, in the case of adjustable and floating rate securities, for a shorter period.

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are shares in a pool of mortgages or other debt instruments. These securities are generally pass-through securities, which means that principal and interest payments on the underlying securities (less servicing fees) are passed through to shareholders on a pro rata basis.

Passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are any foreign corporations which generate certain amounts of passive income or hold certain amounts of assets for the production of passive income. Passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and annuities. To avoid federal income taxes and interest that the Portfolio must pay if these investments are profitable, regardless of whether such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Portfolio to its holders of common stock, the Portfolio may make various elections (if available) permitted by the tax laws. These elections could require that the Portfolio recognize taxable income regardless of whether the Portfolio receives any distributions from such PFIC, which in turn must be distributed, before the securities are sold and before cash is received to pay the distributions.

Preferred stocks are equity securities that generally pay dividends at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation. Preferred stock generally does not carry voting rights.

Private placements are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT") is an investment trust that operates through the pooled capital of many investors who buy its shares. Investments are in direct ownership of either income property or mortgage loans. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

Rule 144A securities are securities that are not registered for sale to the general public under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but that may be resold to certain institutional investors.

U.S. Government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government that are supported by its full faith and credit. Treasury bills have initial maturities of less than one year, Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years, and Treasury bonds may be issued with any maturity but generally have maturities of at least ten years. U.S. Government securities also include indirect obligations of the U.S. Government that are issued by federal agencies and government sponsored entities. Unlike Treasury securities, agency securities generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Some agency securities are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations, and others are supported only by the credit of the sponsoring agency.

FUTURES, OPTIONS, AND OTHER DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset (stock, bond, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index). Types of derivatives can include, but are not limited to options, forward foreign currency contracts, swaps, and futures contracts.

Equity swaps involve the exchange by two parties of future cash flow (e.g., one cash flow based on a referenced interest rate and the other based on the performance of stock or a stock index).

Forward contracts are contracts to purchase or sell a specified amount of a financial instrument for an agreed upon price at a specified time. Forward contracts are not currently exchange-traded and are typically negotiated on an individual basis. The Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for investment purposes or to hedge against declines in the value of securities denominated in, or whose value is tied to, a currency other than the U.S. dollar or to reduce the impact of currency appreciation on purchases of such securities. It may also enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell securities or other financial indices.

Futures contracts are contracts that obligate the buyer to receive and the seller to deliver an instrument or money at a specified price on a specified date. The Portfolio may buy and sell futures contracts on foreign currencies, securities, and financial indices including indices of U.S. Government, foreign government, equity, or fixed-income securities. Futures contracts are standardized and traded on designated exchanges.

Indexed/structured securities are typically short- to intermediate-term debt securities whose value at maturity or interest rate is linked to currencies, interest rates, equity securities, indices, commodity prices, or other financial indicators. Such securities may be positively or negatively indexed (e.g., their value may increase or decrease if the reference index or instrument appreciates). Indexed/structured securities may have return characteristics similar to direct investments in the underlying instruments and may be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

Options are the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of securities or other assets on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. The Portfolio may purchase and write put and call options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies. The Portfolio may purchase or write such options individually or in combination.

OTHER INVESTMENTS, STRATEGIES, AND/OR TECHNIQUES

Cash sweep program is an arrangement in which the Portfolio's uninvested cash balance is used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that govern the operation of money market funds at the end of each day.

Diversification is a classification given to a portfolio under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Portfolios are classified as either diversified or nondiversified. To be classified as diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, a portfolio may not, with respect to 75% of its total assets, invest more than 5% of its total assets in any issuer and may not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on the other hand, has the flexibility to take larger positions in securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified.

Market capitalization is the most commonly used measure of the size and value of a company. It is computed by multiplying the current market price of a share of the company's stock by the total number of its shares outstanding. Market capitalization is an important investment criterion for certain portfolios, while others do not emphasize investments in companies of any particular size.

Repatriation is the ability to move liquid financial assets from a foreign country to an investor's country of origin.

Repurchase agreements involve the purchase of a security by the Portfolio and a simultaneous agreement by the seller (generally a bank or dealer) to repurchase the security from the Portfolio at a specified date or upon demand. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash.

Short sales in which the Portfolio may engage may be either "short sales against the box" or other short sales. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility. If the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, the Portfolio loses the opportunity to participate in the gain.

When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. New issues of stocks and bonds, private placements, and U.S. Government securities may be sold in this manner.

You can make inquiries and request other information, including a Statement of Additional Information, annual report, semiannual report, or Portfolio financial statements (as they become available), free of charge, by contacting your insurance company or plan sponsor, or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information, most recent annual and semiannual reports and Portfolio financial statements are also available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's annual and semiannual reports and in Form N-CSR. In the Portfolio's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal period. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual financial statements. Other information is also available from financial intermediaries that sell Shares of the Portfolio.

The Statement of Additional Information provides detailed information about the Portfolio and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) Database on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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This Prospectus describes Janus Henderson Research Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"). Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser") serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares. The Institutional Shares (the "Shares") are offered by this Prospectus in connection with investment in and payments under variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "variable insurance contracts"), as well as certain qualified retirement plans.

This Prospectus contains information that a prospective purchaser of a variable insurance contract or plan participant should consider in conjunction with the accompanying separate account prospectus of the specific insurance company product before allocating purchase payments or premiums to the Portfolio. Each variable insurance contract involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. Refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information regarding contract fees and expenses and any restrictions on purchases or allocations.

For the purpose of this Prospectus, any reference to the "Janus Henderson funds" is inclusive of all series of the Trust, collectively, unless otherwise noted in this Prospectus.

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PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Janus Henderson Research Portfolio

Ticker: JAGRX Institutional Shares

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Janus Henderson Research Portfolio ("Research Portfolio") seeks long-term growth of capital.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell Shares of the Portfolio. **Owners of variable insurance contracts that invest in the Shares should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses, as the following table and examples do not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses described below.**

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees[(1)]	0.73%
Other Expenses	0.09%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.82%

(1) This fee may adjust up or down monthly based on the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index over the performance measurement period. For more information regarding performance-based advisory fees, refer to "Management Expenses" in the Portfolio's Prospectus.

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Shares	$ 84	$ 262	$ 455	$ 1,014

Portfolio Turnover: The Portfolio 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. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 31% of the average value of its portfolio.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks. The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size, from larger, well-established companies to smaller, emerging growth companies. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified, which allows it to hold larger positions in more securities as compared to a portfolio that is classified as diversified.

The Adviser's equity research analysts (the "Central Research Team") select investments for the Portfolio that represent the Central Research Team's high-conviction investment ideas in all market capitalizations and styles. The Central Research Team conducts fundamental analysis with a focus on "bottom-up" research, quantitative modeling, and valuation analysis. Using this research process, analysts rate their stocks based upon attractiveness. Stocks considered to be attractive may have all or some of the following characteristics: (i) good and preferably growing free cash flow, (ii) strong and defensible market position, (iii) healthy risk/return profile, (iv) exemplary governance, (v) attractive valuation, and (vi) growth potential. Analysts bring their high-conviction ideas to their respective sector teams. Each sector team compares the appreciation and risk potential of its high-conviction ideas and constructs a sector sleeve that is intended to maximize the best risk-reward opportunities. The sector sleeves are then combined to form the Portfolio's overall portfolio. The Portfolio Oversight Team,

which includes portfolio management, oversees the overall portfolio to manage unintended style risks. Although the Central Research Team may find high-conviction investment ideas anywhere in the world, the Central Research Team emphasizes investments in securities of U.S.-based issuers for the Portfolio.

Positions may be sold when, among other things, there is no longer high conviction in the return potential of the investment, if the risk characteristics have caused a re-evaluation of the opportunity, or if the investment thesis for owning a position has changed. This may occur if the stock has appreciated and reflects the anticipated value, if another company represents a better risk-reward opportunity, or if the investment's fundamental characteristics deteriorate. Securities may also be sold from the portfolio to rebalance sector weightings.

Portfolio management, which includes two analysts on the Central Research Team, oversees the investment process and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio's exposure to certain sectors may be higher than to others, it is expected that the Portfolio will be broadly diversified among a variety of sectors. The Portfolio intends to be fully invested under normal circumstances. However, under unusual circumstances, if the Central Research Team does not have high conviction in enough investment opportunities, the Portfolio's uninvested assets may be held in cash or similar instruments.

As part of its investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors include: corporate governance, company culture, exposure to climate change, and human capital management. To assess ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data, and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision.

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The biggest risk is that the Portfolio's returns will vary, and you could lose money. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors seeking an equity portfolio, including common stocks. The principal risks associated with investing in the Portfolio are set forth below.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease due to short-term market movements and over more prolonged market downturns. As a result, the Portfolio's net asset value may fluctuate and it may be more difficult to value or sell the Portfolio's holdings. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole. Market risk may be magnified if certain social, political, economic, and other conditions and events (such as financial institution failures, economic recessions, tariffs, trade disputes, terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, natural disasters, and epidemics and pandemics) adversely interrupt the global economy and financial markets. It is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, in response to changes in the market, and you could lose money.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of an individual company or security, or multiple companies or securities, in the portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions or perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of securities the Portfolio holds participate.

Growth Securities Risk. Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. If portfolio management's perception of a company's growth potential is not realized, the securities purchased may not perform as expected, reducing the Portfolio's returns. In addition, because different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, "growth" stocks may perform differently from other types of securities and the market as a whole. The Portfolio's Central Research Team compares and broadly matches the Portfolio's sector weights to those of a growth-based index. If growth stocks are out of favor, sectors that are larger in a growth index may underperform, leading to Portfolio underperformance relative to indices less biased toward growth stocks.

Large-Sized Companies Risk. Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Nondiversification Risk. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. This gives portfolio management more flexibility to hold larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of a single security held by the Portfolio may have a greater impact on the Portfolio's net asset value and total return.

Industry and Sector Risk. Although the Portfolio does not concentrate its investments in specific industries, it may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting similar business or businesses within the same economic sector. Companies in the same industry or economic sector may be similarly affected by negative economic or market events, making the Portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable developments than portfolios that invest more broadly. As the Portfolio's holdings become more concentrated, the Portfolio is less able to spread risk and potentially reduce the risk of loss and volatility. As the Portfolio's holdings change over time, the Portfolio's exposure to a particular economic sector may fluctuate.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Mid-Sized Companies Risk. Investments in securities issued by mid-sized companies may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Securities issued by mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.

Portfolio Management Risk. The Portfolio is an actively managed investment portfolio and is therefore subject to the risk that the investment strategies and research process employed for the Portfolio may fail to produce the intended results. Accordingly, the Portfolio may underperform benchmark indices or other funds with similar investment objectives.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from funds that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. Information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop and may be incomplete or inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies, or be applied differently across issuers and industries.

Securities Lending Risk. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

An investment in the Portfolio is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

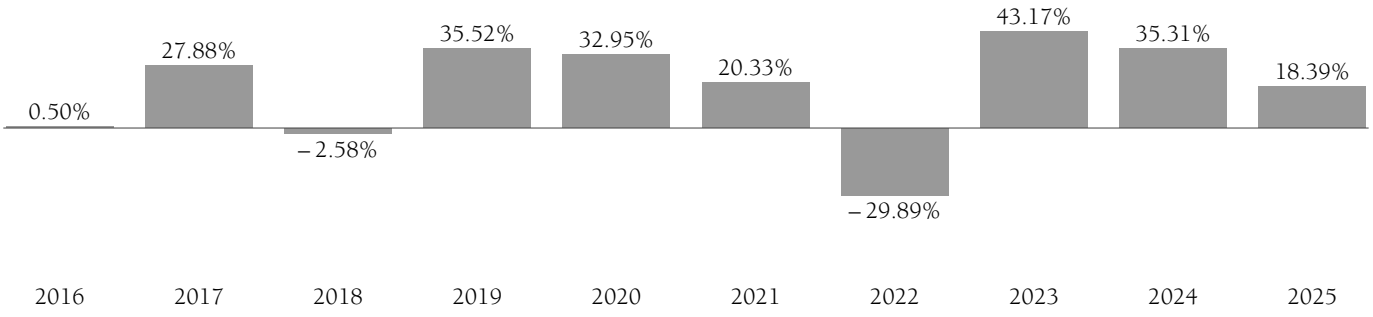
PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing how the Portfolio's performance has varied over time. The bar chart depicts the change in performance from year to year during the periods indicated. Total return figures include the effect of the Portfolio's expenses, but do not include charges or expenses attributable to any insurance product, which would lower the performance illustrated. The table compares the average annual returns for the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio for the periods indicated to a broad-based securities market index, as well

as to one or more additional indices that have investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. All figures assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

The Portfolio's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at janushenderson.com/VITperformance or by calling 1-877-335-2687.

Annual Total Returns for Institutional Shares (calendar year-end)



Best Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2020 **26.72%** **Worst Quarter:** 2nd Quarter 2022 **– 22.28%**

Average Annual Total Returns (periods ended 12/31/25)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Research Portfolio			
Institutional Shares	18.39%	14.11%	15.88%
Russell 1000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.37%	13.59%	14.59%
Russell 1000® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	18.56%	15.32%	18.13%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.88%	14.42%	14.82%

The Portfolio's broad-based benchmark index is the Russell 1000 Index due to regulatory requirements. The Portfolio's additional benchmark index is the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which has investment characteristics similar to those of the Portfolio. The Portfolio's additional benchmark is the S&P 500 Index. The indices are described below.

- The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe.
- The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- The S&P 500 Index is a commonly recognized, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 widely held equity securities, designed to measure broad U.S. equity performance.

MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser: Janus Henderson Investors US LLC

Portfolio Management: **Joshua Cummings** and **John Jordan** oversee the investment process and are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio. **Joshua Cummings**, CFA, is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. **John Jordan** is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the

separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through qualified retirement plans. Requests are duly processed at the net asset value next calculated after an order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

TAX INFORMATION

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract.

PAYMENTS TO INSURERS, BROKER-DEALERS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Portfolio shares are generally available only through an insurer's variable contracts, or through certain employer or other retirement plans (Retirement Products). Retirement Products are generally purchased through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. The Portfolio or its distributor (or its affiliates) may make payments to the insurer and/or its related companies for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary, or be a factor in the insurer's decision to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult your insurance contract prospectus for more information.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Please refer to the following important information when reviewing the "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table in the Portfolio Summary of the Prospectus. The fees and expenses shown were determined based on average net assets as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

- "Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are paid out of the Portfolio's assets and include fees for portfolio management and administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, and other shareholder services. You do not pay these fees directly but, as the Example in the Portfolio Summary shows, these costs are borne indirectly by all shareholders.
- The "Management Fee" is the investment advisory fee rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. Research Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that adjusts up or down by a variable rate of up to 0.15% (assuming constant assets) on a monthly basis based upon the Portfolio's performance relative to its benchmark index during a measurement period. This base fee rate, prior to any performance adjustment, is 0.64%. Refer to "Management Expenses" in this Prospectus for additional information with further description in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").
- "Other Expenses"
  - include an administrative services fee of 0.05% of the average daily net assets to compensate insurance companies or other financial intermediaries for services provided to contract owners and plan participants.
  - include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are indirect expenses the Portfolio may incur as a result of investing in shares of an underlying fund, to the extent such expenses are less than 0.01%. "Acquired Fund" refers to any underlying fund (including, but not limited to, exchange-traded funds) in which a portfolio invests or has invested during the period. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in Acquired Funds, the Portfolio's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" may not correlate to the "Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets" presented in the Financial Highlights table because that ratio includes only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio, not the indirect costs of investing in Acquired Funds. Such amounts are less than 0.01%.
  - may include reimbursement to Janus Henderson Services US LLC (the "Transfer Agent"), the Portfolio's transfer agent, of its out-of-pocket costs for serving as transfer agent and providing servicing to shareholders, including servicing provided by third parties.
  - include custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees, printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses.
- All expenses in the Portfolio's "Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio" table are shown without the effect of expense offset arrangements. Pursuant to such arrangements, credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce custodian and transfer agent expenses.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GENERAL PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio's Board of Trustees ("Trustees") may change the Portfolio's investment objective or non-fundamental principal investment strategies without a shareholder vote. The Portfolio will notify you in writing at least 60 days before making any such change it considers material. If there is a material change to the Portfolio's investment objective or principal investment strategies, you should consider whether the Portfolio remains an appropriate investment for you. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

Unless otherwise stated, the following section provides additional information about the investment strategies and general policies that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section, including the types of securities the Portfolio may invest in when pursuing its investment objective. This section also describes investment strategies and policies that the Portfolio may use to a lesser extent. These non-principal investment strategies and policies may become more important in the future since the Portfolio's composition can change over time. Except for the Portfolio's policies with respect to illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, the percentage limitations included in these policies and elsewhere in this Prospectus and/or the SAI normally apply only at the time of purchase of a security. So, for example, if the Portfolio exceeds a limit, other than illiquid investments, borrowing, and derivatives use, as a result of market fluctuations or the sale of other securities, it will not be required to dispose of any securities. The "Glossary of Investment Terms" includes descriptions of investment terms used throughout the Prospectus.

Security Selection
The Portfolio pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in common stocks. The Central Research Team selects investments that represent their high-conviction investment ideas in all market capitalizations and styles. The Central Research Team conducts fundamental analysis with a focus on "bottom-up" research, quantitative modeling, and valuation analysis. Using this research process, analysts rate their stocks based upon attractiveness. Stocks considered to be attractive may have all or some of the following characteristics: (i) good and preferably growing free cash flow, (ii) strong and defensible market position, (iii) healthy risk/return profile, (iv) exemplary governance, (v) attractive valuation, and (vi) growth potential. Analysts bring their high-conviction ideas to their respective sector teams. Each sector team compares the appreciation and risk potential of its high-conviction ideas and constructs a sector sleeve that is intended to maximize the best risk-reward opportunities. The sector sleeves are then combined to form the Portfolio's overall portfolio. The Portfolio Oversight Team, which includes portfolio management, oversees the overall portfolio to manage unintended style risks. Although the Central Research Team may find high-conviction investment ideas anywhere in the world with respect to the Portfolio, the Central Research Team emphasizes investments in securities of U.S.-based issuers for the Portfolio. Positions may be sold when, among other things, there is no longer high conviction in the return potential of the investment, if the risk characteristics have caused a re-evaluation of the opportunity, or if the investment thesis for owning a position has changed. This may occur if the stock has appreciated and reflects the anticipated value, if another company represents a better risk-reward opportunity, or if the investment's fundamental characteristics deteriorate. Securities may also be sold from the portfolio to rebalance sector weightings.

Cash Position
The Portfolio may not always stay fully invested. For example, when portfolio management believes that market conditions are unfavorable for investing, or when it is otherwise unable to locate attractive investment opportunities, the Portfolio's cash or similar investments may increase. When the Portfolio's investments in cash or similar investments increase, it may not participate in market advances or declines to the same extent that it would if the Portfolio remained more fully invested. To the extent the Portfolio invests its uninvested cash through a sweep program (meaning its uninvested cash is pooled with uninvested cash of other funds and invested in certain securities such as repurchase agreements), it is subject to the risks of the account or fund into which it is investing, including liquidity issues that may delay the Portfolio from accessing its cash.

In addition, the Portfolio may temporarily increase its cash position under certain unusual circumstances, such as to protect its assets or maintain liquidity in certain circumstances to meet unusually large redemptions. The Portfolio's cash position may also increase temporarily due to unusually large cash inflows. Under unusual circumstances such as these, the Portfolio may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash or similar investments. In this case, the Portfolio may take positions that are inconsistent with its investment policies. As a result, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective.

Emerging Markets
Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index℠.

ESG Integration
As part of the Portfolio's investment process, portfolio management considers environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities ("ESG Factors") that it believes are financially material, alongside other fundamental investment factors. Examples of potential financially material ESG Factors may include corporate governance, political governance, executive pay, board structure and diversity, business ethics, corporate reporting, company culture, human capital management and diversity, community relations, human rights, exposure to climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation. Portfolio management focuses on the ESG Factors it considers most likely to have a material impact on the long-term financial performance of the issuer, which includes identifying ESG Factors attributable to a particular region, sector, industry, or issuer. To facilitate its assessment of ESG Factors, portfolio management uses issuer reports, third-party data and internally-generated analyses and may engage directly with issuers. ESG Factors are one of many considerations in the investment decision-making process, may not be determinative in deciding to include or exclude an investment from the portfolio, and may not be considered for every investment decision. Portfolio management may assess the relevance of ESG Factors to its fundamental research process differently across issuers, sectors, regions, and asset classes.

Foreign Securities
The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities. Portfolio management seeks investments that meet the selection criteria, regardless of where an issuer or company is located. Foreign securities, which are investments in securities of issuers or companies that are economically tied to different countries outside of the United States, are generally selected on a security-by-security basis without regard to any predetermined allocation among countries or geographic regions. However, certain factors, such as expected levels of inflation, government policies influencing business conditions, the outlook for currency relationships, and prospects for economic growth among countries, regions, or geographic areas, may warrant greater consideration in selecting foreign securities. An issuer is deemed to be economically tied to a country or countries if one or more of the following tests are met: (i) the issuer is organized in, or its primary business office or principal trading market of its equity is located in, the country; (ii) a majority of the issuer's revenues are derived from one or more countries; or (iii) a majority of the issuer's assets are located in one or more countries.

Illiquid Investments
The Portfolio will not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, the Portfolio would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. An illiquid investment is any investment that the Portfolio reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

Initial Public Offerings and Secondary Offerings
The Portfolio may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, a company's initial public offering ("IPO"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. An IPO is the first sale of stock by a private company to the public. IPOs are often issued by smaller, younger companies seeking the capital to expand, but can also be done by large privately-owned companies looking to become publicly traded. The Portfolio may also purchase shares in offerings made by companies that are publicly traded ("secondary offerings"). Secondary offerings may be made by companies for a number of reasons, including as part of a refinancing, to raise capital for growth, and/or to provide existing shareholders with a way to register and sell restricted shares.

Leverage
Certain of the Portfolio's investments, including derivatives and short sale transactions, involve the use of leverage. Leverage is investment exposure which exceeds the initial amount invested. Leverage occurs when the Portfolio increases its assets available for investment using derivatives, short sales, when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment transactions, or other similar transactions. The use of other investment techniques can also create a leveraging effect on the Portfolio.

Nondiversification
Diversification is a way to reduce risk by investing in a broad range of stocks or other securities. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified has the ability to take larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. This gives a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified more flexibility to focus its investments in companies that portfolio management has identified as the most attractive for the investment objective and strategy of the portfolio. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified. This fluctuation, if significant, may affect the performance of the portfolio.

Portfolio Turnover
In general, the Portfolio intends to purchase securities for long-term investment, although, to a limited extent, the Portfolio may purchase securities in anticipation of relatively short-term gains. Short-term transactions may also result from liquidity needs, securities having reached a price or yield objective, changes in interest rates or the credit standing of an issuer, or by reason of economic or other developments not foreseen at the time of the initial investment decision. The Portfolio may also sell one security and simultaneously purchase the same or a comparable security to take advantage of short-term differentials in bond yields or securities prices. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the size of the Portfolio (including due to shareholder purchases and redemptions), the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style of portfolio management. Changes are normally made in the Portfolio's holdings whenever portfolio management believes such changes are desirable. Portfolio turnover rates are generally not a factor in making buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio.

Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher costs for brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups, and other transaction costs. Higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover also may have a negative effect on the Portfolio's performance. The "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus shows the Portfolio's historical turnover rates.

REITs and Real Estate-Related Securities

The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. These securities may include common stocks, preferred stocks, and other securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and similar REIT-like entities (such as real estate operating companies ("REOCs")). A REIT is an entity that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are often categorized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT, the most common type of REIT, invests primarily in the fee ownership of land and buildings. An equity REIT derives its income primarily from rental income but may also realize capital gains or losses by selling real estate properties in its portfolio that have appreciated or depreciated in value. A mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure construction, development, or long-term loans. A mortgage REIT generally derives its income from interest payments on the credit it has extended. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate.

Similar to REITs, REOCs are publicly-traded real estate companies that typically engage in the development, management or financing of real estate, such as homebuilders, hotel management companies, land developers and brokers. REOCs, however, have not elected (or are not eligible) to be taxed as a REIT. The reasons for not making such an election include the (i) availability of tax-loss carry-forwards, (ii) operation in non-REIT-qualifying lines of business, and (iii) ability to retain earnings. Instead, REOCs are generally structured as "C" corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, as a result, are not required to distribute any portion of their income. In this regard, although REOCs do not receive the same favorable tax treatment that is accorded to REITs, REOCs are typically subject to fewer restrictions than REITs, including the ability to retain and/or reinvest funds from operations and more flexibility in terms of the real estate investments they can make.

Securities Lending

The Portfolio may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions in an amount equal to up to one-third of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. When the Portfolio lends its securities, it receives collateral (including cash collateral), at least equal to the value of securities loaned. The Portfolio may earn income by investing this collateral in one or more affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles or in time deposits. It is also possible that, due to a decline in the value of a cash management vehicle in which collateral is invested, the Portfolio may lose money. There is also the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and the Portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to the Portfolio to collateralize the loan. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase a replacement security in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could be insufficient to cover the cost of the replacement security resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. In certain circumstances, individual loan transactions could yield negative returns. The Adviser intends to manage a portion of the cash collateral in an affiliated cash management vehicle and will receive an investment advisory fee for managing such assets.

Short Sales

The Portfolio may invest in short positions through short sales of stocks and structured products, and through derivatives that include swaps, uncovered written calls, and futures. The Portfolio may also engage in short sales "against the box" and options for hedging purposes. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility.

A short sale is generally a transaction in which the Portfolio sells a security it does not own or have the right to acquire (or that it owns but does not wish to deliver) in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. To complete the transaction, the Portfolio must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Portfolio is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. A short sale is subject to the risk that if the price of the security sold short increases in value, the Portfolio will incur a loss because it will have to replace the security sold short by purchasing it at a higher price. In addition, the Portfolio may not always be able to close out a

short position at a particular time or at an acceptable price. A lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the borrowed securities be returned to the lender on short notice, and the Portfolio may have to buy the borrowed securities at an unfavorable price. If this occurs at a time when other short sellers of the same security also want to close out their positions, a "short squeeze" can occur, which means that the demand is greater than the supply for the security sold short. If a short squeeze occurs, it is more likely that the Portfolio will have to cover its short sale at an unfavorable price and potentially reduce or eliminate any gain, or cause a loss, as a result of the short sale. Because there is no upper limit to the price a borrowed security may reach prior to closing a short position, the Portfolio's losses are potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. The Portfolio's gains and losses will also be decreased or increased, as the case may be, by the amount of any dividends, interest, or expenses, including transaction costs and borrowing fees, the Portfolio may be required to pay in connection with a short sale. Such payments may result in the Portfolio having higher expenses than a portfolio that does not engage in short sales and may negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

The Portfolio may enter into a derivatives transaction to obtain short investment exposure to an underlying reference asset. If the value of the underlying reference asset on which the Portfolio has obtained a short investment exposure increases, the Portfolio will incur a loss. This potential loss is theoretically unlimited. A short exposure through a derivative also exposes the Portfolio to credit risk, counterparty risk, and leverage risk.

Special Situations

The Portfolio may invest in companies that demonstrate special situations or turnarounds, meaning companies that have experienced significant business problems but are believed to have favorable prospects for recovery. For example, a special situation or turnaround may arise when, in the opinion of portfolio management, the securities of a particular issuer will be recognized as undervalued by the market and appreciate in value due to a specific development with respect to that issuer. Special situations may include significant changes in a company's allocation of its existing capital, a restructuring of assets, or a redirection of free cash flow. For example, issuers undergoing significant capital changes may include companies involved in spin-offs, sales of divisions, mergers or acquisitions, companies involved in bankruptcy proceedings, or companies initiating large changes in their debt to equity ratio. Companies that are redirecting cash flows may be reducing debt, repurchasing shares, or paying dividends. Special situations may also result from: (i) significant changes in industry structure through regulatory developments or shifts in competition; (ii) a new or improved product, service, operation, or technological advance; (iii) changes in senior management or other extraordinary corporate event; (iv) differences in market supply of and demand for the security; or (v) significant changes in cost structure.

Other Types of Investments

Unless otherwise stated within its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may also invest in other types of domestic and foreign securities and use other investment strategies. These securities and strategies are not intended to be principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. If successful, they may benefit the Portfolio by earning a return on the Portfolio's assets or reducing risk; however, they may not achieve the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities and strategies may include:

- debt securities (such as bonds, notes, and debentures)
- preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks
- indexed/structured securities (such as commercial and residential mortgage- and asset-backed securities)
- securities purchased on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis
- equity and fixed-income securities issued in private placement transactions

RISKS OF THE PORTFOLIO

The value of your investment will vary over time, sometimes significantly, and you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio. To varying degrees, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities, fixed-income securities, money market instruments or cash/cash equivalents, and derivatives. The following information is intended to help you better understand some of the risks of investing in the Portfolio, including the principal risks that are summarized in the Portfolio Summary section. This information also includes descriptions of other risks the Portfolio may be subject to as a result of additional investment strategies and general policies that may apply to the Portfolio. The impact of the following risks on the Portfolio may vary depending on the Portfolio's investments. The greater the Portfolio's investment in a particular security, the greater the

Portfolio's exposure to the risks associated with that security. Before investing in the Portfolio, you should consider carefully the risks that you assume when investing in the Portfolio.

Convertible Securities Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities that are convertible into preferred and common stocks, and thus, is subject to the risks of investments in both debt and equity securities. The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying preferred and common stocks and, therefore, also will react to variations in the general market for equity securities.

Counterparty Risk. Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk to the extent it participates in lending its securities to third parties and/or cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one or more types of cash management vehicles or in time deposits. In addition, the Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk through its investments in certain securities, including, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives (including various types of forwards, swaps, futures, and options). The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that the Adviser believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that the Adviser's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions. To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

Emerging Markets Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in securities of issuers or companies from or with exposure to one or more "developing countries" or "emerging market countries." Such countries include, but are not limited to, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant amount of its assets in one or more of these countries, its returns and net asset value may be affected to a large degree by events and economic conditions in such countries. The risks of foreign investing are heightened when investing in emerging markets, which may result in the price of investments in emerging markets experiencing sudden and sharp price swings. In many developing markets, there is less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in more developed markets, making these investments potentially more volatile in price and less liquid than investments in developed securities markets, resulting in greater risk to investors. There is a risk in developing countries that a current or future economic or political crisis could lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition or enforcement of foreign ownership limits, seizure, nationalization, sanctions or imposition of restrictions by various governmental entities on investment and trading, or creation of government monopolies, any of which may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio's investments.

The securities markets of many of these emerging market countries may also be smaller, less liquid, and subject to greater price volatility than those in the United States. In the event of a default on any investments in foreign debt obligations, it may be more difficult for the Portfolio to obtain or to enforce a judgment against the issuers of such securities. In addition, the Portfolio's investments may be denominated in foreign currencies and therefore, changes in the value of a country's currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may be subject to emerging markets risk to the extent that it invests in securities of issuers or companies which are not considered to be from emerging markets, but which have customers, products, or transactions associated with emerging markets.

ESG Integration Risk. There is a risk that considering ESG Factors as part of the Portfolio's investment process, may fail to produce the intended results or that the Portfolio may perform differently from portfolios that have a similar investment style but do not formally incorporate such considerations in their strategy. While portfolio management believes that the consideration of financially material ESG Factors has the potential to provide better risk-adjusted returns, ESG Factors may not be considered for every investment decision and there is no guarantee that the consideration of ESG Factors will result in better performance. There can be no guarantee that all relevant ESG Factors will be identified and considered. In addition, information related to ESG Factors provided by issuers and third parties, which portfolio management may utilize, continues to develop, and may be incomplete, inaccurate, use different or inconsistent methodologies or be applied differently across issuers and industries. Further, the U.S. regulatory landscape regarding the use of ESG Factors in investing is still developing

and future rules and regulations may require the Portfolio to modify or alter its investment process and/or how it discloses its consideration of ESG Factors which could result in increased compliance costs or risks to the Portfolio.

Foreign Exposure Risk. Within the parameters of its specific investment policies, the Portfolio may invest in foreign debt and equity securities either indirectly (e.g., depositary receipts, depositary shares, and passive foreign investment companies) or directly in foreign markets, including emerging markets. Investments in foreign securities, including securities of foreign and emerging market governments, may involve greater risks than investing in domestic securities because the Portfolio's performance may depend on factors other than the performance of a particular company. These factors include:

- ***Currency Risk.*** As long as the Portfolio holds a foreign security, its value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. When the Portfolio sells a foreign currency denominated security, its value may be worth less in U.S. dollars even if the security increases in value in its home country. U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers may also be affected by currency risk, as the value of these securities may also be affected by changes in the issuer's local currency.
- ***Foreign Market Risk.*** Foreign securities markets, particularly those of emerging market countries, may be less liquid and more volatile than domestic markets. These securities markets may trade a small number of securities, may have a limited number of issuers and a high proportion of shares, or may be held by a relatively small number of persons or institutions. Local securities markets may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of substantial holdings difficult or impossible at times. It is also possible that certain markets may require payment for securities before delivery, and delays may be encountered in settling securities transactions. In some foreign markets, there may not be protection against failure by other parties to complete transactions. It may not be possible for the Portfolio to repatriate capital, dividends, interest, and other income from a particular country or governmental entity. In addition, securities of issuers located in or economically tied to countries with emerging markets may have limited marketability and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements which could also have a negative effect on the Portfolio. Such factors may hinder the Portfolio's ability to buy and sell emerging market securities in a timely manner, affecting the Portfolio's investment strategies and potentially affecting the value of the Portfolio.
- ***Political and Economic Risk.*** Foreign investments may be subject to increased political and economic risks, including the imposition of economic and other sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government on other countries or persons or issuers operating in such countries could restrict the Portfolio's ability to buy affected securities or force the Portfolio to dispose of any affected securities it has previously purchased at an inopportune time. As a result, the Portfolio may experience a greater risk of loss with respect to securities impacted by such sanctions.

  Political and economic risks may be heightened in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments, immature economic structures, national policies restricting investments by foreigners, social instability, and different and/or developing legal systems. In some countries, there is the risk that the government may take over the assets or operations of a company or that the government may impose withholding and other taxes or limits on the removal of the Portfolio's assets from that country. In addition, the economies of emerging markets may be predominantly based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates.
- ***Regulatory Risk.*** There may be less government supervision of foreign markets. As a result, foreign issuers may not be subject to the uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to domestic issuers, and there may be less publicly available information about foreign issuers.
- ***Transaction Costs Risk.*** Costs of buying, selling, and holding foreign securities, including brokerage, tax, and custody costs, may be higher than those involved in domestic transactions.

Geographic Concentration Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or region, the economic, political, social, regulatory, or other developments or conditions within such country or region will generally have a greater effect on the Portfolio than they would on a more geographically diversified portfolio, which may result in greater losses and volatility. Adverse developments in certain regions could also adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated and could have a negative impact on the Portfolio's performance.

Industry and Sector Risk. Industry and sector risk is the possibility that a group of related securities will decline in price due to industry-specific or economic sector-specific developments. Companies in the same or similar industries and economic

sectors may share common characteristics and are more likely to react similarly to industry-specific market or economic developments. The Portfolio's investments, if any, in multiple companies in a particular industry or economic sector may increase the Portfolio's exposure to industry and sector risk.

- ***Technology Sector Risk.*** In the technology sector, competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the performance of companies in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, technology and technology-related companies often progress at an accelerated rate, and these companies may be subject to short product cycles and aggressive pricing, which may increase their volatility.

Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering Risk. The Portfolio's purchase of shares issued in an IPO exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. Attractive IPOs are often oversubscribed and may not be available to the Portfolio, or may be available only in very limited quantities. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated up and down significantly over short periods of time. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will identify favorable IPO investment opportunities. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of portfolios to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one portfolio may decrease. In addition, as the portfolio increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the portfolio's performance will generally decrease.

The Portfolio may purchase shares in secondary offerings. Secondary offerings may expose the Portfolio to some of the risks of IPOs. Participation in secondary offerings may have a magnified impact on the performance of a portfolio to the extent that it has a small asset base and the portfolio may not experience similar performance as its assets grow. Secondary offering shares frequently are volatile in price. As a result, the Portfolio may hold secondary offering shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the portfolio turnover rate of the Portfolio and may lead to increased expenses for the Portfolio, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, secondary offering shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

Leverage Risk. Some transactions may give rise to a form of economic leverage. These transactions may include, among others, derivatives, and may expose the Portfolio to greater risk and increase its costs. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet the applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules thereunder. Increases and decreases in the value of the Portfolio's holdings will be magnified when the Portfolio uses leverage.

Liquidity Risk. The Portfolio may invest in securities or instruments that do not trade actively or in large volumes, and may make investments that are less liquid than other investments. Also, the Portfolio may make investments that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. When there is no willing buyer and investments cannot be readily sold at the desired time or price, the Portfolio may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell the security or instrument at all. Investments in foreign securities, particularly those of issuers located in emerging market countries, tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities. In unusual market conditions, even normally liquid securities may be affected by a degree of liquidity risk (i.e., if the number and capacity of traditional market participants is reduced). An inability to sell one or more portfolio positions can adversely affect the Portfolio's value or prevent the Portfolio from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities.

Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Portfolio will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's net asset value and may increase brokerage costs.

Market Risk. The value of the Portfolio's holdings may decrease if the value of one or more issuers in the Portfolio decreases. Further, regardless of how well individual companies or securities perform, the value of the Portfolio's holdings could also decrease if there are deteriorating economic or market conditions, including, but not limited to, a general decline in prices on the stock markets, a general decline in real estate markets, a decline in commodities prices, or if the market favors different types of securities than the types of securities in which the Portfolio invests. If the value of the Portfolio's holdings decreases,

the Portfolio's net asset value will also decrease, which means if you sell your shares in the Portfolio you may lose money. Market risk may affect a single issuer, industry, economic sector, or the market as a whole.

The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, war, armed conflicts, including related sanctions, social unrest, tariffs, trade disputes, financial institution failures, and economic recessions, could reduce consumer demand or economic output, result in market closures, travel restrictions and/or quarantines, and generally have a significant and negative impact on the global economies and financial markets.

- ***Armed Conflicts Risk.*** Armed conflicts between countries or in a geographic region, such as the ongoing armed conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, have the potential to adversely impact the Portfolio. The extent and duration of each conflict, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in each region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect, including significant negative impacts on the United States and broader global economy and the markets for certain securities and commodities.

Market Capitalization Risk. To the extent the Portfolio focuses its investments in small-, mid-, or large-sized companies, it may be subject to associated risks. At any given time, any of these market capitalizations may go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions.

- ***Small- and Mid-Sized Companies Risk.*** Investments in securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies, which can include smaller companies offering emerging products or services, may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. For example, small- and mid-sized companies may suffer more significant losses as a result of their narrow product lines, limited operating history, greater exposure to competitive threats, limited financial resources, limited trading markets, and the potential lack of management depth. Securities issued by small- and mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile and somewhat more speculative than securities issued by larger or more established companies and may underperform as compared to the securities of larger or more established companies. These holdings are also subject to wider price fluctuations and tend to be less liquid than stocks of larger or more established companies, which could have a significant adverse effect on the Portfolio's returns, especially as market conditions change.
- ***Large-Sized Companies Risk.*** Large-sized companies may be less able than smaller-sized companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-sized companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller sized companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-sized companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risk. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of, or reduce the rate of prepayments on, both commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"), making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates ("extension risk"). As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, the price of mortgage-backed securities may fall, causing the Portfolio to exhibit additional volatility. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio will have to reinvest that money at lower prevailing interest rates. Investments in certain mortgage-backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

CMBS are subject to certain other risks. The market for CMBS developed more recently than that for RMBS and is relatively small in terms of outstanding principal amount of issues compared to the RMBS market. CMBS are also subject to risks associated with a lack of standardized terms, shorter maturities than residential mortgage loans, and payment of all or substantially all of the principal at maturity, rather than regular amortization of principal. Moreover, the type and use of a particular commercial property may add to the risk of CMBS investments. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances are more likely to have an adverse impact on mortgage-backed securities secured by loans on commercial properties than on those secured by residential properties.

Similarly, the value of the Portfolio's investments in asset-backed securities may be adversely affected by changes in interest rates, factors concerning the interests in and structure of the issuer or originator of the receivables, the creditworthiness of the

entities that provide any supporting letters of credit, surety bonds, or other credit or liquidity enhancements, and/or the market's assessment of the quality of the underlying assets. Generally, the originating bank or credit provider is neither the obligor nor the guarantor of the security, and interest and principal payments ultimately depend upon payment of the underlying loans by individuals. The Portfolio could incur a loss if the underlying loans are not paid. In addition, most asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk in a declining interest rate environment. The impact of prepayments on the value of asset-backed securities may be difficult to predict and may result in greater volatility. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of asset-backed securities, making them more volatile and sensitive to changing interest rates.

Nondiversification Risk. The Portfolio is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. As a result, an increase or decrease in the value of a single security held by the Portfolio may have a greater impact on the Portfolio's net asset value and total return. Being nondiversified may also make the Portfolio more susceptible to financial, economic, political, or other developments that may impact a security. Although the Portfolio may satisfy the requirements for a diversified portfolio, and has from time to time operated as diversified, its nondiversified classification gives portfolio management more flexibility to hold larger positions in more securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified.

Operational Risk. An investment in the Portfolio can involve operational risks arising from factors such as processing errors, human errors, inadequate or failed internal or external processes, failures in systems and technology, changes in key personnel, technology and/or service providers, and errors caused by third party service providers. Among other things, these errors or failures, as well as other technological issues, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to calculate its net asset value, process portfolio orders, execute portfolio trades or perform other essential tasks in a timely manner, including over a potentially extended period of time. These errors or failures may also result in a loss or compromise of information, regulatory scrutiny, reputational damage or other events, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio. Although business continuity plans are intended to mitigate or remediate adverse effects in these circumstances, implementation of such plans by the Portfolio, the Adviser or third-party service providers in response to disruptive events such as cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, natural disasters, epidemics and pandemics, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest may increase these operational risks to the Portfolio. While the Portfolio seeks to minimize such events through internal controls and oversight of third-party service providers, there is no guarantee that the Portfolio will not suffer losses if such events occur.

Preferred Stocks Risk. To the extent that the Portfolio holds preferred stock, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with preferred stock. Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to debt securities in an issuer's capital structure. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions. Because preferred stocks generally pay dividends only after the issuing company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt, the value of preferred stocks generally is more sensitive than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

Private Placements and Other Exempt Securities Risk. Investments in private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements could decrease the Portfolio's liquidity profile or prevent the Portfolio from disposing of them promptly at advantageous prices. Private placements and other securities exempt from certain registration requirements may be less liquid than other investments because such securities may not always be readily sold in broad public markets and may have no active trading market. As a result, they may be difficult to value because market quotations may not be readily available. Transaction costs may be higher for these securities, and the Portfolio may get only limited information about the issuer of a private placement or other security exempt from certain registration requirements.

REIT and Real Estate-Related Securities Risk. To the extent the Portfolio holds REITs and REIT-like entities, it may be subject to the additional risks associated with REIT and REIT-like investments. REITs and REIT-like entities are subject to heavy cash flow dependency to allow them to make distributions to their shareholders. The prices of equity REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, changes in capital markets and interest rates, management skill in running a REIT, and the creditworthiness of the REIT. The prices of mortgage REITs are affected by the quality of any credit they extend, the creditworthiness of the mortgages they hold, as well as by the value of the property that secures the mortgages. In addition, mortgage REITs (similar to direct investments in mortgage-backed securities) are subject to prepayment risk. Equity REITs and mortgage REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. There is also the risk that borrowers under mortgages held by a REIT or lessees of a property that a REIT owns may be unable to meet their obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may

incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. While equity REITs and mortgage REITs may provide exposure to a large number of properties, such properties may be concentrated in a particular industry, region, or housing type, making such investments more vulnerable to unfavorable developments to economic or market events. Certain "special purpose" REITs in which the Portfolio may invest focus their assets in specific real property sectors, such as hotels, shopping malls, nursing homes, or warehouses, and are therefore subject to the specific risks associated with adverse developments in these sectors. The Portfolio's shareholders will indirectly bear their proportionate share of the REIT's expenses, in addition to their proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses. The value of investments in REOCs will generally be affected by the same factors that adversely affect REIT investments; however, REOCs may also be adversely affected by income streams derived from businesses other than real estate ownership.

Additionally, a REIT that fails to comply with federal tax requirements under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, affecting REITs may be subject to federal income taxation at the entity level, or the federal tax requirement that a REIT distribute substantially all of its net income to its shareholders may result in a REIT having insufficient capital for future expenditures. REITs are also subject to certain provisions under federal tax law and the failure of a company to qualify as a REIT could have adverse consequences for the Portfolio, including significantly reducing the return to the Portfolio on its investment in such company.

Sovereign Debt Risk. The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Investments in sovereign debt, especially the debt of certain emerging market countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

Special Situations Risk. Investments in companies that seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, reorganizations, liquidations, bankruptcies, restructurings, or other unusual events, can carry the risk that certain of such situations may not happen as anticipated or the market may react differently than expected to such situations. The securities of companies involved in special situations may be more volatile than the securities of more stable companies, may at times be illiquid, or may be difficult to value. It also may be difficult to obtain complete financial or other information about companies involved in certain special situations and management of such companies may be addressing a situation with which it has little experience. Additionally, the terms of certain special situation investments may be subject to restrictions that prevent the Portfolio from selling its position until the special situation is largely resolved, which may limit the Portfolio's ability to pursue other opportunities as they arise.

When-Issued, Delayed Delivery, and Forward Commitment Transactions Risk. When-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments involve the risk that the security the Portfolio buys will lose value prior to its delivery. There also is the risk that the security will not be issued or that the other party to the transaction will not meet its obligation. If this occurs, the Portfolio may lose both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Janus Henderson Investors US LLC (the "Adviser"), 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206-4805, is the investment adviser to the Portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio and furnishes continuous advice and recommendations concerning the Portfolio's investments. The Adviser also provides certain administration and other services and is responsible for other business affairs of the Portfolio.

The Adviser (together with its predecessors and affiliates) has served as investment adviser to the Janus Henderson mutual funds since 1970 and currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Janus Henderson mutual funds as well as the Janus Henderson exchange-traded funds, acts as subadviser for a number of private-label mutual funds, and provides separate account advisory services for institutional accounts and other unregistered products.

On December 22, 2025, Janus Henderson Group plc ("Janus Henderson"), the parent company of the Adviser to the Portfolio, Trian Fund Management, L.P. and its affiliated funds ("Trian"), and General Catalyst Group Management, LLC and its affiliated funds ("General Catalyst") announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Janus Henderson will be acquired by Trian and General Catalyst (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is expected to close in 2026, subject to customary closing conditions, including requisite regulatory approvals and client consents. Janus Henderson shareholders approved the Transaction on April 16, 2026.

The closing of the Transaction will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the Adviser. As a result, the closing of the Transaction will cause the advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its respective terms. On February 11, 2026, the Trustees approved a new advisory agreement with the Adviser. The new agreement will be presented to the Portfolio's shareholders for approval, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon the closing of the Transaction or such later time as shareholder approval is obtained.

The Trust and the Adviser have received an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that permits the Adviser, subject to the approval of the Trustees, to appoint or replace certain subadvisers to manage all or a portion of the Portfolio's assets and enter into, amend, or terminate a subadvisory agreement with certain subadvisers without obtaining shareholder approval (a "manager-of-managers structure"). The manager-of-managers structure applies to subadvisers that are not affiliated with the Trust or the Adviser ("non-affiliated subadvisers"), as well as any subadviser that is an indirect or direct "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as such term is defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Adviser or of another company that, indirectly or directly, wholly owns the Adviser (collectively, "wholly-owned subadvisers").

Pursuant to the order, the Adviser, with the approval of the Trustees, has the discretion to terminate any subadviser and allocate and, as appropriate, reallocate the Portfolio's assets among the Adviser and any other non-affiliated subadvisers or wholly-owned subadvisers (including terminating a non-affiliated subadviser and replacing it with a wholly-owned subadviser). To the extent that the Portfolio's assets are allocated to one or more subadvisers, the Adviser, subject to oversight by the Trustees, would have the responsibility to oversee such subadviser(s) to the Portfolio and to recommend for approval by the Trustees, the hiring, termination, and replacement of a subadviser for the Portfolio. In the event that the Adviser hires a subadviser pursuant to the manager-of-managers structure, the Portfolio would provide shareholders with information about the subadviser and subadvisory agreement within 90 days.

The Adviser furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses the Adviser for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent the Adviser seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of the Adviser's employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, that provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Adviser, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services the Adviser provides to the Portfolio.

MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

The Portfolio pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee and incurs expenses, including administrative services fees payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, any other transfer agent and custodian fees and expenses, legal and auditing fees,

printing and mailing costs of sending reports and other information to existing shareholders, and Independent Trustees' fees and expenses. The Portfolio's investment advisory fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The Portfolio's advisory agreement details the investment advisory fee and other expenses that the Portfolio must pay.

Research Portfolio pays an investment advisory fee rate that may adjust up or down based on the Portfolio's performance relative to the cumulative investment record of its performance fee benchmark index (referred to in this section as the "benchmark index"), the Russell 1000 Growth Index, over a rolling 36-month performance measurement period.

The table below reflects the Portfolio's base fee rate (expressed as an annual rate), as well as the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio to the Adviser. The third column shows the full performance rate for outperformance or underperformance during the measurement period relative to the Portfolio's benchmark index. The fourth column shows the performance adjusted investment advisory fee rate, which is equal to the Portfolio's base fee rate plus or minus the performance adjustment over the period. This fourth column shows the actual compensation rate paid by the Portfolio as of the end of the fiscal year.

As an example, if the Portfolio outperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would increase by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Conversely, if the Portfolio underperformed its benchmark index over the performance measurement period by its full performance rate (listed in the table below), the advisory fee would decrease by 0.15% (assuming constant assets). Actual performance within the full range of the full performance rate may result in positive or negative incremental adjustments to the advisory fee of greater or less than 0.15%. Additional details discussing the performance fee are included below with further description in the SAI.

Portfolio Name	Base Fee Rate (%)	Full Performance Rate vs. Benchmark Index	Performance Adjusted Investment Advisory Fee Rate/ Actual Compensation Rate Paid to Adviser (%) (for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025)
Research Portfolio	0.64	± 5.00%	0.73

The investment advisory fee rate is determined by calculating a base fee (shown in the previous table) and applying a performance adjustment (described in further detail below). The performance adjustment either increases or decreases the base fee depending on how well the Portfolio has performed relative to the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

The calculation of the performance adjustment applies as follows:

Investment Advisory Fee = Base Fee Rate +/– Performance Adjustment

The investment advisory fee rate paid to the Adviser by the Portfolio consists of two components: (1) a base fee calculated by applying the contractual fixed rate of the advisory fee to the Portfolio's average daily net assets during the previous month ("Base Fee Rate"), plus or minus (2) a performance-fee adjustment ("Performance Adjustment") calculated by applying a variable rate of up to 0.15% (positive or negative) to the Portfolio's average daily net assets based on the Portfolio's relative performance compared to the cumulative investment record of its benchmark index over a 36-month rolling performance measurement period.

No Performance Adjustment is applied unless the difference between the Portfolio's investment performance and the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index is 0.50% or greater (positive or negative) during the applicable performance measurement period. The Base Fee Rate is subject to an upward or downward Performance Adjustment for every full 0.50% increment by which the Portfolio outperforms or underperforms its benchmark index. Because the Performance Adjustment is tied to the Portfolio's relative performance compared to its benchmark index (and not its absolute performance), the Performance Adjustment could increase the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares lose value during the performance measurement period and could decrease the Adviser's fee even if the Portfolio's Shares increase in value during the performance measurement period. For purposes of computing the Base Fee Rate and the Performance Adjustment, net assets are averaged over different periods (average daily net assets during the previous month for the Base Fee Rate, versus average daily net assets during the performance measurement period for the Performance Adjustment). Performance of the Portfolio is calculated net of expenses whereas the Portfolio's benchmark index does not have any fees or

expenses. Reinvestment of dividends and distributions is included in calculating both the performance of the Portfolio and the Portfolio's benchmark index. The Base Fee Rate is calculated and accrued daily. The Performance Adjustment is calculated monthly in arrears and is accrued throughout the month. The investment advisory fee is paid monthly in arrears. Under extreme circumstances involving underperformance by a rapidly shrinking Portfolio, the dollar amount of the Performance Adjustment could be more than the dollar amount of the Base Fee Rate. In such circumstances, the Adviser would reimburse the Portfolio.

The investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares for the performance measurement period is used to calculate the Performance Adjustment. After the Adviser determines whether the Portfolio's performance was above or below its benchmark index by comparing the investment performance of the Portfolio's Service Shares against the cumulative investment record of the Portfolio's benchmark index, the Adviser applies the same Performance Adjustment (positive or negative) across each other class of shares of the Portfolio, as applicable. It is not possible to predict the effect of the Performance Adjustment on future overall compensation to the Adviser since it depends on the performance of the Portfolio relative to the record of the Portfolio's benchmark index and future changes to the size of the Portfolio.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is included in the Portfolio's financial statements located in Form N-CSR for the periods ending December 31 and June 30. This information is available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT, under "Financial Statements and Other Information," or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. You may also request this information, free of charge, by contacting your plan sponsor, broker-dealer, or financial intermediary.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Research Portfolio

The Central Research Team selects investments for Research Portfolio and has done so since May 2017. The Central Research Team consists of the Adviser's equity research analysts. The Portfolio Oversight Team oversees the Portfolio's holdings. Joshua Cummings and John Jordan are members of the Portfolio Oversight Team and are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio.

Joshua Cummings, CFA, is Head of the Consumer Sector Team and the Communications Sector Team at Janus Henderson Investors. He is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Research Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. Mr. Cummings is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He joined the Adviser in 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Colby College and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance and Accounting from New York University. Mr. Cummings holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

John Jordan is Head of the Financials Sector Team at Janus Henderson Investors. He is Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager of Research Portfolio, which he has co-managed since January 2024. Mr. Jordan is also Portfolio Manager of other Janus Henderson accounts and performs duties as an analyst. He joined the Adviser in 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Economics from the University of Virginia where he graduated with high distinction and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Jordan also holds a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.

Information about portfolio management's compensation structure and other accounts managed, as well as the aggregate range of their individual ownership in the Portfolio(s) that they manage, is included in the SAI.

Conflicts of Interest

The Adviser manages other funds and numerous other accounts, which may include separate accounts and other pooled investment vehicles, such as hedge funds. Side-by-side management of multiple accounts, including the management of a cash collateral pool for securities lending and investing the Janus Henderson funds' cash, may give rise to conflicts of interest among those accounts, and may create potential risks, such as the risk that investment activity in one account may adversely affect another account. For example, short sale activity in an account could adversely affect the market value of long positions in one or more other accounts (and vice versa). Side-by-side management may raise additional potential conflicts of interest relating to the allocation of investment opportunities and the aggregation and allocation of trades. A further discussion of potential conflicts of interest and a discussion of certain procedures intended to mitigate such potential conflicts are contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

OTHER INFORMATION

CLASSES OF SHARES

Only Institutional Shares are offered by this Prospectus. The Shares are available only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts, as well as certain qualified retirement plans, that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and/or administrative services to contract owners and plan participants. Because the expenses of each class may differ, the performance of each class is expected to differ. If you would like additional information about the Service Shares, please call 1-800-525-0020. In addition, for an analysis of fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit www.finra.org/fundanalyzer.

CLOSED PORTFOLIO POLICIES

The Portfolio may limit sales of its Shares to new investors. If sales of the Portfolio are limited, it is expected that existing shareholders invested in the Portfolio would be permitted to continue to purchase Shares through their existing Portfolio accounts and to reinvest any dividends or capital gains distributions in such accounts, absent highly unusual circumstances. Requests for new accounts into a closed portfolio would be reviewed by management, taking into consideration eligibility requirements and whether the addition to the portfolio is believed to negatively impact existing portfolio shareholders. The closed portfolio may decline opening new accounts, including eligible new accounts, if it would be in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders. If applicable, additional information regarding general policies and exceptions can be found in a closed portfolio's prospectuses.

LIQUIDATION/REORGANIZATION OF A PORTFOLIO

It is important to know that, pursuant to the Trust's Amended and Restated Trust Instrument, the Trustees have the authority to merge, liquidate, and/or reorganize a portfolio into another portfolio without seeking shareholder vote or consent.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PORTFOLIO

The Portfolio is distributed by Janus Henderson Distributors US LLC (the "Distributor"), which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). To obtain information about FINRA member firms and their associated persons, you may contact FINRA at www.finra.org, or 1-800-289-9999.

DISTRIBUTIONS

To avoid taxation of the Portfolio, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") requires the Portfolio to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income and any net capital gains realized on its investments at least annually. The Portfolio's income from certain dividends, interest, and any net realized short-term capital gains are paid to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. Net realized long-term capital gains, if any, are paid to shareholders as capital gains distributions, regardless of how long Shares of the Portfolio have been held. A portion of the Portfolio's distributions received from REITs may be classified as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Portfolio is more likely to make distributions that are treated as returns of capital, and possibly in greater amounts, than a portfolio that does not invest in REITs. Distributions are made at the class level, so they may vary from class to class within a single portfolio.

Distribution Schedule

Dividends for the Portfolio are normally declared and distributed in June and December. Capital gains are normally declared and distributed in June. However, in certain situations it may be necessary for the Portfolio to declare and distribute capital gains in December. If necessary, dividends and net capital gains may be distributed at other times as well. Unless otherwise instructed, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains, if any, are automatically reinvested in additional Shares of the Portfolio.

How Distributions Affect the Portfolio's NAV

Distributions are paid to shareholders as of the record date of a distribution of the Portfolio, regardless of how long the Shares have been held. Undistributed dividends and net capital gains are included in the Portfolio's daily net asset value ("NAV"). The share price of the Portfolio drops by the amount of the distribution, net of any subsequent market fluctuations. For example, assume that on December 31, the Portfolio declared a dividend in the amount of $0.25 per share. If the Portfolio's share price was $10.00 on December 30, the Portfolio's share price on December 31 would be $9.75, barring market fluctuations.

TAXES

Taxes on Distributions

Because Shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only through variable insurance contracts and certain qualified retirement plans, it is anticipated that any income dividends or net capital gains distributions made by the Portfolio will be exempt from current federal income taxation if left to accumulate within the variable insurance contract or qualified retirement plan. Generally, withdrawals from such contracts or plans may be subject to federal income tax at ordinary income rates and, if withdrawals are made from a retirement plan before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax may be imposed. The federal income tax status of your investment depends on the features of your qualified retirement plan or variable insurance contract. Further information may be found in your plan documents or in the prospectus of the separate account offering such contract.

Taxation of the Portfolio

Dividends, interest, and some capital gains received by the Portfolio on foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax withholding or other foreign taxes. If the Portfolio is eligible, it may from year to year make the election permitted under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders. If such an election is not made, any foreign taxes paid or accrued will represent an expense to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio does not expect to pay any federal income or excise taxes because it intends to meet certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, because the Shares of the Portfolio are sold in connection with variable insurance contracts, the Portfolio intends to satisfy the diversification requirements applicable to insurance company separate accounts under the Internal Revenue Code. If the Portfolio invests in partnerships, it may be subject to state tax liabilities.

Investors may not purchase or redeem Shares of the Portfolio directly. Shares may be purchased or redeemed only through variable insurance contracts offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. **Refer to the prospectus for the participating insurance company's separate account or your plan documents for instructions on purchasing or selling variable insurance contracts and on how to select the Portfolio as an investment option for a contract or a qualified retirement plan.**

With certain exceptions, the Portfolio is generally available only to shareholders residing in the United States and employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. For purposes of this policy, the Portfolio requires that a shareholder and/or entity be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory (including overseas U.S. military or diplomatic addresses) or a resident alien residing in the United States or a U.S. Territory with a valid U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number to open an account with the Portfolio.

PRICING OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The per share NAV for each class is computed by dividing the total value of assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Portfolio's NAV is calculated as of the close of the trading session of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time) each day that the NYSE is open ("business day"). However, the time at which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated may be changed if trading on the NYSE is restricted, the NYSE closes at a different time, or as permitted by the SEC. Foreign securities held by the Portfolio may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed and the NAV is therefore not calculated. Accordingly, the value of the Portfolio's holdings may change on days that are not business days in the United States and on which you will not be able to purchase or redeem the Portfolio's Shares.

All purchases and redemptions will be duly processed at the NAV next calculated after a request is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. In order to receive a day's price, an order must be received in good order by the Portfolio (or insurance company or plan sponsor) or its agents by the close of the trading session of the NYSE.

Portfolio holdings are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adviser pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and approved by and subject to the oversight of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). To the extent available, domestic and foreign equity securities traded on a securities exchange, including exchange-traded funds, are generally valued at readily available market quotations, which are (i) the official close prices or (ii) last sale prices on the primary market or exchange in which the securities trade. Most fixed-income securities are typically valued using an evaluated bid price supplied by an Adviser- approved pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings. Certain short-term instruments maturing within 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If a market quotation or evaluated price for a security is not readily available or is deemed unreliable, or if an event that is expected to affect the value of the security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, a fair value of the security will be determined in good faith by the Adviser pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. Such events include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a non-significant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. This type of fair valuation may be more commonly used with foreign equity securities, but it may also be used with, among other things, thinly-traded domestic securities or fixed-income securities. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are generally translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates. The Valuation Procedures provide for the use of systematic fair valuation models provided by an independent pricing service to value foreign equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. The methodologies employed when fair valuing Portfolio holdings may change from time to time. Because fair value pricing involves subjective judgments, it is possible that the fair value determination for a security may be different than the value that could be realized when selling that security.

Due to the subjective nature of systematic fair valuation, the value of a particular security may be different from the last quoted market price. Systematic fair valuation may reduce arbitrage activity involving the frequent buying and selling of

mutual fund shares by investors seeking to take advantage of a perceived lag between a change in the value of the Portfolio's securities and the reflection of such change in the Portfolio's NAV, as further described in the "Excessive Trading" section of this Prospectus. While funds that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for arbitrage activity, such activity may also arise in funds which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities or high-yield fixed-income securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the valuation of a security is different from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders buying and/or selling shares of the Portfolio may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. The Valuation Procedures and the Trust's excessive trading policies and procedures may not completely eliminate short-term trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries.

The value of the securities of other mutual funds held by the Portfolio, if any, will be calculated using the NAV of such mutual funds, and the prospectuses for such mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they use fair valuation and the effects of using fair valuation.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Transfer Agent receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing customers, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. The Transfer Agent expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio.

PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES BY THE ADVISER OR ITS AFFILIATES

From its own assets, the Adviser or its affiliates pay fees to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that distribute, market, or promote the Portfolio or perform related services for contract owners and plan participants. The amount of these payments is determined from time to time by the Adviser, may be substantial, and may differ for different financial intermediaries. The Adviser and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries.

The Adviser or its affiliates pay fees, from their own assets, to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, and other financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping, subaccounting, transaction processing, and other shareholder or administrative services (including payments for processing transactions via the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") or other means) in connection with investments in the Janus Henderson funds. These fees are in addition to any fees that may be paid by the Janus Henderson funds for these types of services or other services.

In addition, the Adviser or its affiliates periodically share certain marketing expenses with selected intermediaries, or pay for or sponsor informational meetings, seminars, client awareness events, support for marketing materials, sales reporting, or business building programs for such intermediaries to raise awareness of the Portfolio. The Adviser or its affiliates make payments to participate in selected intermediary marketing support programs which may provide the Adviser or its affiliates with one or more of the following benefits: attendance at sales conferences, participation in meetings or training sessions, access to or information about intermediary personnel, use of an intermediary's marketing and communication infrastructure, fund analysis tools, data, business planning and strategy sessions with intermediary personnel, information on industry- or platform-specific developments, trends and service providers, and other marketing-related services. Such payments may be in addition to, or in lieu of, the fees described above. These payments are intended to promote the sales of Janus Henderson funds and to reimburse financial intermediaries, directly or indirectly, for the costs that they or their salespersons incur in connection with educational seminars, meetings, and training efforts about the Janus Henderson funds to enable the intermediaries and their salespersons to make suitable recommendations, provide useful services, and maintain the necessary infrastructure to make the Janus Henderson funds available to their customers.

The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) fees or reimbursements and other forms of compensation described above may provide a financial intermediary and its salespersons with an incentive to favor sales of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments) or to favor sales of one class of Janus Henderson funds' shares over sales of another Janus Henderson funds' share class, with respect to which the financial intermediary does not receive such payments or receives them in a lower amount. The receipt of these payments may cause certain financial intermediaries to elevate the prominence of the Janus Henderson funds within such financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or the provision of preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the Janus Henderson funds in various ways within such financial intermediary's organization.

From time to time, certain financial intermediaries approach the Adviser to request that the Adviser make contributions to certain charitable organizations. In these cases, the Adviser's contribution may result in the financial intermediary, or its salespersons, recommending Janus Henderson funds over other mutual funds (or non-mutual fund investments).

The payment arrangements described above will not change the price a contract owner or plan participant pays for Shares nor the amount that a Janus Henderson fund receives to invest on behalf of the contract owner or plan participant. You should consider whether such arrangements exist when evaluating any recommendations from an intermediary to purchase or sell Shares of the Portfolio and, if applicable, when considering which share class of the Portfolio is most appropriate for you. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor for details on such arrangements.

PURCHASES

Purchases of Shares may be made only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable insurance contracts or by certain qualified retirement plans. Refer to the prospectus of the appropriate insurance company separate account or your plan documents for information on how to invest in the Shares of the Portfolio. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may permit an in-kind purchase of Shares. Participating insurance companies and certain other designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Portfolio's behalf. As discussed under "Payments to Financial Intermediaries by the Adviser or its Affiliates," the Adviser and its affiliates make payments to selected insurance companies, qualified plan service providers, or their affiliates, or other financial intermediaries that were instrumental in the acquisition or retention of accounts for the Portfolio or that provide services in connection with investments in the Portfolio. You should consider such arrangements when evaluating any recommendation of the Portfolio.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject any purchase order, including exchange purchases, for any reason. The Portfolio is not intended for excessive trading. For more information about the Portfolio's policy on excessive trading, refer to "Excessive Trading."

The Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Shares to redeem those investments if the plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser, is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

In compliance with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"), your insurance company or plan sponsor is required to verify certain information on your account application as part of its Anti-Money Laundering Program. You will be required to provide your full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and permanent street address to assist in verifying your identity. You may also be asked to provide documents that may help to establish your identity. Until verification of your identity is made, your insurance company or plan sponsor may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, your insurance company or plan sponsor may close an account if they are unable to verify a shareholder's identity. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor if you need additional assistance when completing your application or additional information about the insurance company or plan sponsor's Anti-Money Laundering Program.

In an effort to ensure compliance with this law, the Adviser's Anti-Money Laundering Program (the "Program") provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Potential Conflicts

Although the Portfolio does not currently anticipate any disadvantages to policy owners because the Portfolio offers its Shares to unaffiliated variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies that are unaffiliated with the Adviser and to certain qualified retirement plans, there is a possibility that a material conflict may arise. The Trustees monitor events in an effort to identify any disadvantages or material irreconcilable conflicts and to determine what action, if any,

should be taken in response. If a material disadvantage or conflict is identified, the Trustees may require one or more insurance company separate accounts or qualified plans to withdraw its investments in the Portfolio or substitute Shares of another portfolio. If this occurs, the Portfolio may be forced to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices. In addition, the Portfolio may refuse to sell its Shares to any separate account or qualified plan or may suspend or terminate the offering of the Portfolio's Shares if such action is required by law or regulatory authority or is in the best interests of the Portfolio's shareholders. It is possible that a qualified plan investing in the Portfolio could lose its qualified plan status under the Internal Revenue Code, which could have adverse tax consequences on insurance company separate accounts investing in the Portfolio. The Adviser intends to monitor such qualified plans, and the Portfolio may discontinue sales to a qualified plan and require plan participants with existing investments in the Portfolio to redeem those investments if a plan loses (or in the opinion of the Adviser is at risk of losing) its qualified plan status.

REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions, like purchases, may be effected only through the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through certain qualified retirement plans. Please refer to the appropriate separate account prospectus or plan documents for details.

Shares of the Portfolio may be redeemed on any business day on which the Portfolio's NAV is calculated. Redemptions are duly processed at the NAV next calculated after your redemption order is received in good order by the Portfolio or its agents. Redemption proceeds will normally be sent within two business days following receipt of the redemption order. The Portfolio typically expects to meet redemption requests by paying out proceeds from cash or cash equivalent portfolio holdings, or by selling portfolio holdings. In stressed market conditions, and other appropriate circumstances, redemption methods may include borrowing funds or redeeming in-kind.

The Portfolio reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Portfolio to redeem its Shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain large shareholders, such as other portfolios, participating insurance companies, accounts, and affiliates of the Adviser, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares. Redemptions by these large shareholders of their holdings in the Portfolio may cause the Portfolio to sell securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Portfolio's NAV and liquidity. Similarly, large Portfolio share purchases may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would. A large shareholder purchase or redemption may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Portfolio's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, which could lead to an increase in the Portfolio's expense ratio.

Redemptions In-Kind

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Portfolio retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of a portfolio, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. However, the Portfolio is required to redeem shares solely for cash up to the lesser of $250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Portfolio during any 90-day period for any one shareholder. Should redemptions by any shareholder exceed such limitation, the Portfolio will have the option of redeeming the excess in cash or in-kind. In-kind payment means payment will be made in portfolio securities rather than cash, and may potentially include illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may not be able to be sold quickly or at a price that reflects full value, or there may not be a market for such investments, which could cause the redeeming shareholder to realize losses on the investment if it is sold at a price lower than that at which it had been valued. If the Portfolio makes an in-kind payment, the redeeming shareholder might incur brokerage or other transaction costs to convert the securities to cash, whereas such costs are borne by the Portfolio for cash redemptions.

While the Portfolio may pay redemptions in-kind, the Portfolio may instead choose to raise cash to meet redemption requests through the sale of portfolio securities or permissible borrowings. If the Portfolio is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Portfolio's NAV and may increase brokerage costs.

EXCESSIVE TRADING

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policies and Procedures

The Trustees have adopted policies and procedures with respect to short-term and excessive trading of Portfolio shares ("excessive trading"). The Portfolio is intended for long-term investment purposes, and the Portfolio will take reasonable steps to attempt to detect and deter short-term and excessive trading. Transactions placed in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures may be cancelled or rescinded by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio. The trading history of accounts determined to be under common ownership or control within any of the Janus Henderson funds may be considered in enforcing these policies and procedures.

The Janus Henderson funds attempt to deter excessive trading through at least the following methods:

- fair valuation of securities as described under "Pricing of Portfolio Shares"; and
- trade monitoring.

The Portfolio monitors for patterns of shareholder short-term trading and may suspend or permanently terminate the purchase and exchange privilege (if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) of any investor who is identified as having a pattern of short-term trading. The Portfolio at all times reserves the right to reject any purchase or exchange request and to modify or terminate the purchase and exchange privileges for any investor for any reason without prior notice, in particular, if the trading activity in the account(s) is deemed to be disruptive to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio's Trustees may approve from time to time a redemption fee to be imposed by any Janus Henderson fund, subject to 60 days' notice to shareholders of that fund.

Investors in other share classes who place transactions through the same insurance company or plan sponsor on an omnibus basis may be deemed part of a group for the purpose of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures and may be rejected in whole or in part by the Portfolio. Transactions accepted by an insurance company or plan sponsor in violation of the Portfolio's excessive trading policies may be cancelled or revoked by the Portfolio by the next business day following receipt by the Portfolio.

In an attempt to deter excessive trading in omnibus accounts, the Portfolio or its agents may require intermediaries to impose restrictions on the trading activity of accounts traded through those intermediaries. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, requiring that trades be placed by U.S. mail, prohibiting future purchases by investors who have recently redeemed Portfolio shares, requiring intermediaries to report information about customers who purchase and redeem large amounts, and similar restrictions. The Portfolio's ability to impose such restrictions with respect to accounts traded through particular intermediaries may vary depending on the systems' capabilities, applicable contractual and legal restrictions, and cooperation of those intermediaries.

Generally, the Portfolio's excessive trading policies and procedures do not apply to (i) a money market fund, although money market funds at all times reserve the right to reject any purchase request (including exchange purchases, if permitted by your insurance company or plan sponsor) for any reason without prior notice; (ii) transactions in the Janus Henderson funds by a Janus Henderson "fund of funds"; (iii) periodic rebalancing and identifiable transactions by certain funds of funds and asset allocation programs to realign portfolio investments with existing target allocations; and (iv) systematic purchase, exchange, or redemption programs.

The Portfolio's policies and procedures regarding excessive trading may be modified at any time by the Portfolio's Trustees.

Excessive Trading Risks

Excessive trading may present risks to the Portfolio's long-term shareholders. Excessive trading into and out of the Portfolio may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may create taxable gains to remaining Portfolio shareholders, and may increase Portfolio expenses, all of which may negatively impact investment returns for all remaining shareholders, including long-term shareholders.

Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be at a greater risk for excessive trading. Investors may attempt to take advantage of anticipated price movements in securities held by a portfolio based on events occurring after the close of a foreign market that may not be reflected in the portfolio's NAV (referred to as "price arbitrage"). Such arbitrage opportunities may also arise in portfolios which do not invest in foreign securities, for example, when trading in a security held by a portfolio is halted and does not resume prior to the time the portfolio calculates its NAV (referred to as "stale pricing"). Portfolios that hold thinly-traded securities, such as certain small-capitalization securities, may be subject to attempted use of arbitrage techniques. To the extent that the Portfolio's valuation of a security differs from the security's market value, short-term arbitrage traders may dilute the NAV of the Portfolio, which negatively impacts long-term shareholders. There is potential for short-term arbitrage trades to dilute the value of the shares held by the Portfolio despite the Portfolio's adoption of policies and procedures intended to reduce the Portfolio's exposure to price arbitrage, stale pricing, and other potential pricing inefficiencies.

There is no assurance that the policies and procedures adopted by the Portfolio to detect and deter excessive trading will be effective in all circumstances. For example, the Portfolio may be unable to completely eliminate the possibility of excessive trading in certain omnibus accounts and other accounts traded through intermediaries. Omnibus accounts may effectively conceal the identity of individual investors and their transactions from the Portfolio and its agents. This makes the Portfolio's identification of excessive trading transactions in the Portfolio through an omnibus account difficult and makes the elimination of excessive trading in the account impractical without the assistance of the intermediary. Moreover, the contract between an insurance company and the owner of a variable insurance contract may govern the frequency with which the contract owner may cause the insurance company to purchase or redeem shares of the Portfolio. Although the Portfolio encourages intermediaries to take necessary actions to detect and deter excessive trading, some intermediaries may be unable or unwilling to do so, and accordingly, the Portfolio cannot eliminate completely the possibility of excessive trading.

Shareholders that invest through an omnibus account should be aware that they may be subject to the policies and procedures of their insurance company or plan sponsor with respect to excessive trading in the Portfolio.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures adopted by the Adviser and all mutual funds managed within the Janus Henderson fund complex are designed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and to protect the confidentiality of the portfolios' holdings. The following describes policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of portfolio holdings.

- ***Full Holdings.*** A schedule of the Portfolio's holdings, consisting of at least the names of the holdings, is generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag and is posted under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at janushenderson.com/VIT. A complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings is also available in the annual and semiannual financial statements located in Form N-CSR and, after the first and third fiscal quarters, in Form N-PORT. Information reported in Form N-CSR and in Form N-PORT will be made publicly available within 70 and 60 days, respectively, after the end of each fiscal quarter. The Portfolio's Form N-CSR and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.
- ***Top Holdings.*** The Portfolio's top portfolio holdings, in order of position size and as a percentage of the Portfolio's total portfolio, are available monthly with a 15-day lag.
- ***Other Information.*** The Portfolio may occasionally provide security breakdowns (e.g., industry, sector, regional, market capitalization, and asset allocation) and specific portfolio level performance attribution information and statistics monthly with a 15-day lag. Top/bottom equity securities ranked by performance attribution, including the percentage attribution to Portfolio performance, average Portfolio weighting, and other relevant data points, may be provided monthly with a 15-day lag.

The Adviser may exclude from publication on its websites all or any portion of portfolio holdings or change the time periods of disclosure as deemed necessary to protect the interests of the Janus Henderson funds. Under extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to the Mutual Fund Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures may be made by the head of the applicable investment unit or a delegate, in consultation with the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer or a delegate. Such exceptions may be made without prior notice to shareholders. A summary of the Portfolio's holdings disclosure policies and procedures, which includes a discussion of any exceptions, is contained in the Portfolio's SAI.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Your insurance company or plan sponsor is responsible for providing annual and semiannual reports, including the financial statements of the Portfolio. Please contact your insurance company or plan sponsor to obtain these reports. The Trust's fiscal year ends December 31.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended December 31 of the fiscal years shown. Items "Net asset value, beginning of period" through "Net asset value, end of period" reflect financial results for a single Portfolio Share. The gross expense ratio reflects expenses prior to any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The net expense ratio reflects expenses after any expense offset arrangement and waivers (reimbursements), if applicable. The information shown for the fiscal years ended December 31 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the Portfolio's Form N-CSR and is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Institutional Shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions) but do not include charges and expenses attributable to any insurance product. If these charges and expenses had been included, the performance for the years shown would be lower. "Total return" information may include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As a result, returns may differ from returns for shareholder transactions.

Research Portfolio – Institutional Shares

	Years ended December 31				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$59.40**	**$45.15**	**$31.58**	**$56.31**	**$49.35**
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)[1]	(0.17)	(0.03)	0.06	0.09	(0.01)
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	10.48	15.85	13.57	(16.93)	9.73
Total from Investment Operations	10.31	15.82	13.63	(16.84)	9.72
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	—	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Distributions (from capital gains)	(4.81)	(1.55)	—	(7.83)	(2.71)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(4.81)	(1.57)	(0.06)	(7.89)	(2.76)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$64.90**	**$59.40**	**$45.15**	**$31.58**	**$56.31**
Total Return*	18.39%	35.31%	43.17%	(29.89)%	20.33%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	$569,252	$538,231	$436,336	$334,877	$519,679
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.82%	0.67%	0.57%	0.56%	0.60%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.82%	0.67%	0.57%	0.56%	0.60%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	(0.28)%	(0.05)%	0.16%	0.24%	(0.01)%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	31%	27%	27%	30%	33%

* Total return includes adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the year or period end and are not annualized for periods of less than one full year. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Janus Aspen Series serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

This glossary provides a more detailed description of some of the types of securities, investment strategies, and other instruments in which the Portfolio may invest, as well as some general investment terms. The Portfolio may invest in these instruments to the extent permitted by its investment objective and policies. The Portfolio is not limited by this discussion and may invest in any other types of instruments not precluded by the policies discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus.

EQUITY AND DEBT SECURITIES

Bonds are debt securities issued by a company, municipality, government, or government agency. The issuer of a bond is required to pay the holder the amount of the loan (or par value of the bond) at a specified maturity and to make scheduled interest payments.

Common stocks are equity securities representing shares of ownership in a company and usually carry voting rights and earn dividends. Unlike preferred stock, dividends on common stock are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors.

Convertible securities are preferred stocks or bonds that pay a fixed dividend or interest payment and are convertible into common stock at a specified price or conversion ratio.

Debt securities are securities representing money borrowed that must be repaid at a later date. Such securities have specific maturities and usually a specific rate of interest or an original purchase discount.

Depositary receipts are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation that entitle the holder to dividends and capital gains on the underlying security. Receipts include those issued by domestic banks (American Depositary Receipts), foreign banks (Global or European Depositary Receipts), and broker-dealers (depositary shares).

Equity securities generally include domestic and foreign common stocks; preferred stocks; securities convertible into common stocks or preferred stocks; warrants to purchase common or preferred stocks; and other securities with equity characteristics.

Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are typically open-end investment companies, which may seek to track the performance of a specific index or be actively managed. ETFs are traded on a national securities exchange at market prices that may vary from the net asset value of their underlying investments.

Fixed-income securities are securities that pay a specified rate of return. The term generally includes short-and long-term government, corporate, and municipal obligations that pay a specified rate of interest, dividends, or coupons for a specified period of time. Coupon and dividend rates may be fixed for the life of the issue or, in the case of adjustable and floating rate securities, for a shorter period.

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are shares in a pool of mortgages or other debt instruments. These securities are generally pass-through securities, which means that principal and interest payments on the underlying securities (less servicing fees) are passed through to shareholders on a pro rata basis.

Passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs") are any foreign corporations which generate certain amounts of passive income or hold certain amounts of assets for the production of passive income. Passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, and annuities. To avoid federal income taxes and interest that the Portfolio must pay if these investments are profitable, regardless of whether such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Portfolio to its holders of common stock, the Portfolio may make various elections (if available) permitted by the tax laws. These elections could require that the Portfolio recognize taxable income regardless of whether the Portfolio receives any distributions from such PFIC, which in turn must be distributed, before the securities are sold and before cash is received to pay the distributions.

Preferred stocks are equity securities that generally pay dividends at a specified rate and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation. Preferred stock generally does not carry voting rights.

Private placements are securities that are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on their sales. These securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more volatile and more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT") is an investment trust that operates through the pooled capital of many investors who buy its shares. Investments are in direct ownership of either income property or mortgage loans. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

U.S. Government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Government that are supported by its full faith and credit. Treasury bills have initial maturities of less than one year, Treasury notes have initial maturities of one to ten years, and Treasury bonds may be issued with any maturity but generally have maturities of at least ten years. U.S. Government securities also include indirect obligations of the U.S. Government that are issued by federal agencies and government sponsored entities. Unlike Treasury securities, agency securities generally are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Some agency securities are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the Treasury, others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations, and others are supported only by the credit of the sponsoring agency.

FUTURES, OPTIONS, AND OTHER DERIVATIVES

Derivatives are instruments that have a value derived from, or directly linked to, an underlying asset (stock, bond, commodity, currency, interest rate or market index). Types of derivatives can include, but are not limited to options, forward foreign currency contracts, swaps, and futures contracts.

Forward contracts are contracts to purchase or sell a specified amount of a financial instrument for an agreed upon price at a specified time. Forward contracts are not currently exchange-traded and are typically negotiated on an individual basis. The Portfolio may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for investment purposes or to hedge against declines in the value of securities denominated in, or whose value is tied to, a currency other than the U.S. dollar or to reduce the impact of currency appreciation on purchases of such securities. It may also enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell securities or other financial indices.

Futures contracts are contracts that obligate the buyer to receive and the seller to deliver an instrument or money at a specified price on a specified date. The Portfolio may buy and sell futures contracts on foreign currencies, securities, and financial indices including indices of U.S. Government, foreign government, equity, or fixed-income securities. Futures contracts are standardized and traded on designated exchanges.

Indexed/structured securities are typically short- to intermediate-term debt securities whose value at maturity or interest rate is linked to currencies, interest rates, equity securities, indices, commodity prices, or other financial indicators. Such securities may be positively or negatively indexed (e.g., their value may increase or decrease if the reference index or instrument appreciates). Indexed/structured securities may have return characteristics similar to direct investments in the underlying instruments and may be more volatile than the underlying instruments.

Options are the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of securities or other assets on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. The Portfolio may purchase and write put and call options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies. The Portfolio may purchase or write such options individually or in combination.

OTHER INVESTMENTS, STRATEGIES, AND/OR TECHNIQUES

Cash sweep program is an arrangement in which the Portfolio's uninvested cash balance is used to purchase shares of affiliated or non-affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles that operate pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that govern the operation of money market funds at the end of each day.

Diversification is a classification given to a portfolio under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Portfolios are classified as either diversified or nondiversified. To be classified as diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, a portfolio may not, with respect to 75% of its total assets, invest more than 5% of its total assets in any issuer and may not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer. A portfolio that is classified as nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on the other hand, has the flexibility to take larger positions in securities than a portfolio that is classified as diversified. However, because the appreciation or depreciation of a single security may have a greater impact on the net asset value of a portfolio which is classified as nondiversified, its share price can be expected to fluctuate more than a comparable portfolio which is classified as diversified.

Market capitalization is the most commonly used measure of the size and value of a company. It is computed by multiplying the current market price of a share of the company's stock by the total number of its shares outstanding. Market capitalization is an important investment criterion for certain portfolios, while others do not emphasize investments in companies of any particular size.

Repatriation is the ability to move liquid financial assets from a foreign country to an investor's country of origin.

Repurchase agreements involve the purchase of a security by the Portfolio and a simultaneous agreement by the seller (generally a bank or dealer) to repurchase the security from the Portfolio at a specified date or upon demand. This technique offers a method of earning income on idle cash.

Short sales in which the Portfolio may engage may be either "short sales against the box" or other short sales. Short sales against the box involve selling short a security that the Portfolio owns, or the Portfolio has the right to obtain the amount of the security sold short at a specified date in the future. The Portfolio may also enter into a short sale to hedge against anticipated declines in the market price of a security or to reduce portfolio volatility. If the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, the Portfolio loses the opportunity to participate in the gain.

When-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions generally involve the purchase of a security with payment and delivery at some time in the future – i.e., beyond normal settlement. New issues of stocks and bonds, private placements, and U.S. Government securities may be sold in this manner.

You can make inquiries and request other information, including a Statement of Additional Information, annual report, semiannual report, or Portfolio financial statements (as they become available), free of charge, by contacting your insurance company or plan sponsor, or by contacting a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687. The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information, most recent annual and semiannual reports and Portfolio financial statements are also available, free of charge, at janushenderson.com/VIT. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's annual and semiannual reports and in Form N-CSR. In the Portfolio's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal period. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual financial statements. Other information is also available from financial intermediaries that sell Shares of the Portfolio.

The Statement of Additional Information provides detailed information about the Portfolio and is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) Database on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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The fund is only available as an investment option for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks a high level of dividend income and long-term capital growth primarily through investments in stocks.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions or insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the table and example below. If these additional fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.**

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Portfolio	Portfolio—II Class
Management fees	0.54 %	0.54 %
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	—	0.25
Other expenses	0.20	0.20
Total annual fund operating expenses	**0.74**	**0.99**

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Portfolio	$ 76	$ 237	$ 411	$ 918
Portfolio—II Class	101	315	547	1,213

Portfolio Turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 27.8% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities with a track record of paying dividends. The fund considers a company to have a track record of paying dividends if the security has paid a dividend within the past 12 months. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund generally seeks investments in large-cap companies. The fund typically employs a value approach in selecting investments. The adviser's in-house research team seeks dividend-paying companies that appear to be undervalued by various measures and may be temporarily out of favor but have good prospects for capital appreciation and dividend growth.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector. While most assets are typically invested in U.S. common stocks, the fund may invest in foreign stocks in keeping with its objective(s).

Principal Risks

As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective(s). The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, are summarized as follows:

Dividend-paying stocks: The fund's emphasis on dividend-paying stocks could cause the fund to underperform similar funds that invest without consideration of a company's track record of paying dividends. Stocks of companies with a history of paying dividends may not participate in a broad market advance to the same degree as most other stocks, and a sharp rise in interest rates or economic downturn could cause a company to unexpectedly reduce or eliminate its dividend.

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

Value investing: The fund's value approach to investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that employ a different investment style. The intrinsic value of a stock with value characteristics may not be fully recognized by the market for a long time (or at all) or a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced at a low level. Value stocks may fail to appreciate for long periods and may never reach what the adviser believes are their full market values.

Market conditions: The value of the fund's investments may decrease, sometimes rapidly or unexpectedly, due to factors affecting an issuer held by the fund, particular industries, or the overall securities markets. A variety of factors can increase the volatility of the fund's holdings and markets generally, including geopolitical developments (such as trade and tariff arrangements, sanctions, and cybersecurity attacks), recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues (such as the coronavirus pandemic) and related governmental and public responses. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others. Government intervention in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. These adverse developments may cause broad declines in market value due to short-term market movements or for significantly longer periods during more prolonged market downturns.

Large-cap stocks: Securities issued by large-cap companies tend to be less volatile than securities issued by small- and mid-cap companies. However, large-cap companies may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful small- and mid-cap companies, especially during strong economic periods, and may be unable to respond as quickly to competitive challenges.

Sector exposure: Issuers in the same economic sector may be similarly affected by economic or market events, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that economic sector than funds that invest more broadly.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities tend to be more volatile and have lower overall liquidity and trading volume than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Further, securities of non-U.S. issuers are subject to trading markets with potential governmental interference, varying regulatory, auditing, and accounting standards, and settlement and clearance practices that differ from those of U.S. issuers. Investment in non-U.S. securities also carries currency risk. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful. Such investments may have higher transaction costs compared with U.S. markets. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Active management: The fund's overall investment program and holdings selected by the fund's investment adviser may underperform the broad markets, relevant indices, or other funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund could be harmed by intentional cyberattacks and other cybersecurity breaches, including unauthorized access to the fund's assets, confidential information, or other proprietary information. In addition, a cybersecurity breach could cause one of the fund's service providers or financial intermediaries to suffer unauthorized data access, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality.

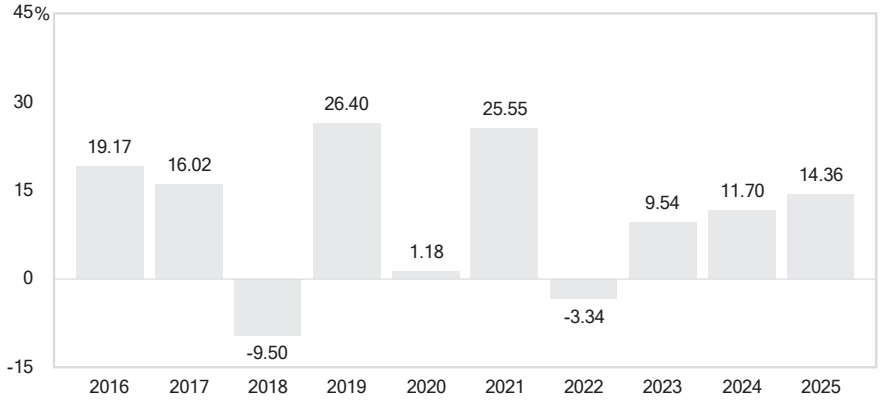
Performance

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower.

The following bar chart illustrates how much returns can differ from year to year by showing calendar year returns and the best and worst calendar quarter returns during those years for the fund's Portfolio Class. Returns for other share classes vary since they have different expenses.

EQUITY INCOME PORTFOLIO

Calendar Year Returns



	Quarter Ended	Total Return		Quarter Ended	Total Return
Best Quarter	12/31/20	20.88%	Worst Quarter	3/31/20	-28.38%

The following table shows the average annual total returns for each class of the fund that has been in operation for at least one full calendar year. The fund's performance information included in the table is compared with a regulatory required index that represents an overall securities market (Russell 3000® Index). In addition, the table may also include one or more indexes that more closely align to the fund's investment strategy.

Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2025			
	1 Year	**5 Years**	**10 Years**	**Inception date**
Portfolio	14.36 %	11.17 %	10.51 %	**03/31/1994**
Portfolio—II Class	14.07	10.89	10.24	**04/30/2002**
Russell 3000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.15	13.15	14.29	
Russell 1000® Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	15.91	11.33	10.53	
Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying Equity Income Funds Average	15.89	11.07	10.38	

Updated performance information is available through troweprice.com.

Management

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

Name	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
John Linehan	Portfolio Manager and Chair of Investment Advisory Committee	2015	1998

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund is not sold directly to the general public but is instead offered as an underlying investment option for variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchases of the fund.

You may purchase, redeem, or exchange shares of the fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. You must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares through your insurance company.

Tax Information

The fund distributes any dividends and capital gains to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Variable product owners seeking to understand the tax consequences of their investment, including redemptions of fund shares and the impact of dividend and capital gains distributions by the fund, should consult with the insurance company that issued their variable product or refer to their variable annuity or variable life insurance contract prospectus.

Payments to Insurance Companies, Broker-Dealers, and Other Financial Intermediaries

The fund is generally available only through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. The fund and/or its related companies may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company or other financial intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment option or by influencing an insurance company to include the fund as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your insurance company or financial intermediary, or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website, for more information.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Investment Adviser(s)

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is the investment adviser for all funds sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (T. Rowe Price Funds); is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. As of December 31, 2025, T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (Firm) had approximately $1.78 trillion in assets under management.

Portfolio Management

The portfolio manager is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio manager is John Linehan. The following information provides the year that the portfolio manager first joined the Firm and the portfolio manager's specific business experience during the past five years (although the portfolio manager may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Mr. Linehan has been portfolio manager of the fund since 2015. He joined the Firm in 1998, and his investment experience dates from 1989. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio manager. The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of the fund's shares.

T. Rowe Price has also established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The portfolio manager works with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: John Linehan, chair; Jason Adams, Ziad Bakri, David Corris, Ryan S. Hedrick, Shinwoo Kim, Greg Locraft, Simon M. W. Paterson, Andy Peters, Preeta Ragavan, Melanie Rizzo, Daniel J. Shear, Matt Snowling, Gabe Solomon, and Steven Strycula.

The Management Fee

The fund pays the investment adviser a management fee consisting of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee," which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm and is based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund and ETF assets.

Group Fee Schedule

0.334%*	First $50 billion
0.305%	Next $30 billion
0.300%	Next $40 billion
0.295%	Next $40 billion
0.290%	Next $60 billion
0.285%	Next $80 billion
0.280%	Next $100 billion
0.275%	Next $100 billion
0.270%	Next $150 billion
0.265%	Next $195 billion
0.260%	Thereafter

* Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's management fee is determined by applying the group fee rate and individual fund fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. For the prior fiscal year, the group fee rate was 0.28% and the fund's individual fund fee rate was 0.26%. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily.

The management fee is charged to the fund and each share class of the fund bears its proportionate share of the management fee. An expense limitation agreement that limits the operating expenses or total expense ratio of a particular share class does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Directors (Board) and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) is contained in Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ended June 30, and made available on the fund's website at troweprice.com/prospectus.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Charges

Variable annuity and variable life insurance fees and charges imposed on contract holders and participants by the insurance companies are in addition to those described previously and are described in the variable annuity contract and variable life insurance prospectuses.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Conflicts

The fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Shares of the fund may be offered to separate accounts established by any number of insurance companies. The fund currently does not foresee any disadvantages to variable annuity contract owners due to the fact that the fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies; however, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interests of owners of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies for which the fund serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. The fund's Board is required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life policy owners, and will determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict were to occur, an insurance company participating in the fund might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the fund. This might force the fund to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S), STRATEGIES, AND RISKS

Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks a high level of dividend income and long-term capital growth primarily through investments in stocks.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities with a track record of paying dividends. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change to the fund's 80% investment policy. The fund considers a company to have a track record of paying dividends if the security has paid a dividend within the past 12 months. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund generally seeks investments in large-cap companies. The adviser believes that income can be a significant contributor to total return over time and expects the fund's yield to be above that of the Russell 1000® Value Index. The fund typically employs a value approach and invests in stocks and other securities that appear to be temporarily undervalued by various measures, such as price/earnings ratios.

The fund generally invests in common stocks. The adviser seeks companies that pay dividends. Some of the principal measures used to identify such stocks are:

Price/earnings ratio Dividing a stock's price by its earnings per share generates a price/earnings or P/E ratio. A stock with a P/E ratio that is significantly below that of its peers, the market as a whole, or its own historical norm may represent an attractive opportunity.

Price/book value ratio Dividing a stock's price by its book value per share indicates how a stock is priced relative to the accounting (i.e., book) value of the company's assets. A ratio below the market, that of its competitors, or its own historical norm could indicate a stock that is undervalued.

Dividend yield A stock's dividend yield is found by dividing its annual dividend by its share price. A yield significantly above a stock's own historical norm or that of its peers may suggest an investment opportunity. A stock selling at $10 with an annual dividend of $0.50 has a 5% yield.

Price/cash flow Dividing a stock's price by the company's cash flow per share, rather than by its earnings or book value, provides a more useful measure of value in some cases. A ratio below that of the market or a company's peers suggests the market may be incorrectly valuing the company's cash flow for reasons that could be temporary.

Undervalued assets This analysis compares a company's stock price with its underlying asset values, its projected value in the private (as opposed to public) market, or its expected value if the company or parts of it were sold or liquidated.

Restructuring opportunities Many well-established companies experience business challenges that can lead to a temporary decline in their financial performance. These challenges can include a poorly integrated acquisition, difficulties in product manufacturing or distribution, a downturn in a major end market, or an increase in industry capacity that negatively affects pricing. The shares of such companies frequently trade at depressed valuations. These companies can become successful investments if their management is sufficiently skilled and motivated to properly restructure the organization, their financial flexibility is adequate, the underlying value of the business has not been impaired, or their business environment improves or remains healthy.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector.

While most assets are typically invested in U.S. common stocks, the fund may invest in foreign stocks in keeping with its objective(s).

The fund may sell assets for a variety of reasons, including in response to a change in the original investment considerations or to limit losses, adjust the characteristics of the overall portfolio, or redeploy assets into different opportunities.

The fund invests in the following types of securities or assets:

Common and Preferred Stocks

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

Foreign Securities

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

Principal Risks

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, include the following:

Dividend-paying stocks: The fund's emphasis on dividend-paying stocks could cause the fund to underperform similar funds that invest without consideration of a company's track record of paying dividends. There is no guarantee that the issuers of the stocks held by the fund will declare dividends in the future or that, if dividends are declared, they will remain at their current levels or increase over time. For example, a sharp rise in interest rates or economic downturn could cause a company to unexpectedly reduce or eliminate its dividend. In addition, stocks of companies with a history of paying dividends may not benefit from a broad market advance to the same degree as the overall stock market.

Stock investing: The fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the overall stock markets, a particular industry, or specific holdings. Stock markets as a whole can be volatile and decline for many reasons, such as adverse local, regional, or global political, regulatory, or economic developments; changes in investor psychology; or heavy selling at the same time by major institutional investors in the market. The prospects for an industry or company may deteriorate because of a variety of factors, including disappointing earnings or changes in the competitive environment. In addition, the adviser's assessment of companies whose stocks are held by the fund may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance, even in rising markets. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares

bankruptcy, the claims of owners of the issuer's bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

Value investing: Different investment styles tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market conditions and investor sentiment. Value stocks can react differently to political, economic, and industry developments than the market as a whole and other types of stocks. A value approach to investing carries the risk that the market will not recognize a security's intrinsic value for a long time (or at all) or that a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced. Finding undervalued stocks requires considerable research to identify the particular company, analyze its financial condition and prospects, and assess the likelihood that the stock's underlying value will be recognized by the market and reflected in its price. If the fund's assessment of market conditions or a company's value is inaccurate, the fund could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds. Although value stocks tend to be inexpensive relative to their earnings, they can continue to be inexpensive for long periods of time and may not ever realize their full value.

Market conditions: The value of investments held by the fund may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain issuers, particular industries or sectors, or the overall markets. Rapid or unexpected changes in market conditions could cause the fund to liquidate its holdings at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. The value of a particular holding may decrease due to developments related to that issuer, but also due to general market conditions, including real or perceived economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. In addition, local, regional, or global events such as war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, political and social unrest, regulatory changes, recessions, tariffs and shifts in monetary or trade policies, natural or environmental disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases or other public health issues could have a significant negative impact on securities markets and the fund's investments. Any of these events may lead to unexpected suspensions or closures of securities exchanges; travel restrictions or quarantines; business disruptions and closures; inability to obtain raw materials, supplies, and component parts; reduced or disrupted operations for the fund's service providers or issuers in which the fund invests; and an extended adverse impact on global market conditions. Government intervention (including sanctions) in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the economies (including through changes in business activity and increased unemployment) and financial markets of specific countries or worldwide.

Large-cap stocks: Although stocks issued by large-cap companies tend to have less overall volatility than stocks issued by small- and mid-cap companies, large-cap companies may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful small- and mid-cap companies, especially during strong economic periods. In addition, large-cap companies may be less capable of responding quickly to competitive challenges and industry changes, and may suffer sharper price declines as a result of earnings disappointments.

Sector exposure: At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of issuers conducting business in a related group of industries within the same economic sector. Issuers within the same economic sector may be similarly affected by specific market events impacting that sector. As a result, the fund is more susceptible to adverse developments affecting an economic sector in which the fund has significant investments and may perform poorly during a downturn in one or more of the industries within that economic sector.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities may lose value because of declining foreign currencies or adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, natural disasters, public health emergencies, labor strikes, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, restrictions on foreign ownership or imposition of punitive taxes; and the imposition of international trade and capital flow barriers and other protectionist, repatriation, or retaliatory measures. Securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts and other instruments that represent interests in a non-U.S. issuer) tend to be more volatile than U.S. securities and are subject to trading markets with lower overall liquidity and trading volume. The fund could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies in which the fund's holdings are denominated versus the U.S. dollar, and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful, and it is difficult to hedge the currency risks of many emerging markets countries. In addition, investments outside the U.S. are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S. Non-U.S. securities may receive less coverage than U.S. securities by market analysts and the financial press, and may provide financial information less frequently or to a lesser extent. Furthermore, trading in foreign markets generally involves higher transaction costs than trading in U.S. markets. A foreign trading market may close for national holidays or without warning for extended time periods, or may have different clearance and settlement procedures, causing delays and preventing the fund from buying or selling securities in that market. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Active management: The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform other funds with a similar benchmark or similar investment program if the fund's investment selections or overall strategies fail to produce the intended results. Regulatory, tax, or other developments may affect the investment strategies available to a portfolio manager, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective(s).

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches may involve deliberate attacks and unauthorized access to the digital information systems (for example, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) used by the fund, its investment adviser and subadviser(s) (as applicable), or its service providers but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks, which are efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. These breaches may, among other things, result in financial losses to the fund and its shareholders, cause the fund to lose proprietary information, disrupt business operations, or result in the unauthorized release of confidential information. Further, cybersecurity breaches involving the fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, trading counterparties, or issuers in which the fund invests could subject the fund to many of the same risks associated with direct breaches.

Additional Investment Management Practices

The fund may employ additional investment management practices as described in this section. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the SAI, which contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

ESG Integration

The Firm integrates the analysis of governance and sustainability factors into the investment process in an effort to maximize financial performance (known as ESG integration). The Firm focuses on the particular governance and sustainability factors considered most likely to have a material impact on the performance of the holdings or potential holdings in the fund's portfolio. For certain types of investments, including, but not limited to, cash, currency positions, and particular types of derivatives, this analysis may not be relevant or possible due to a lack of data.

Reserve Position

The adviser normally maintains a certain portion of the fund's assets in reserves. The reserve position helps the adviser to manage liquidity and take advantage of investment opportunities without selling other fund assets, meet redemption requests, and manage cash flows into the fund, and manage risk by increasing the reserve position during periods of current or expected market volatility. The fund's reserve position typically consists of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund (which does not charge any management fees and is not available for public purchase); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and non-U.S. dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective(s). Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

Temporary Defensive Position

The adviser may assume a temporary defensive position for the fund in order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, such as to provide flexibility in satisfying significant redemption activity, managing flows into or out of the fund, or paying expenses. The temporary defensive position may be inconsistent with the fund's principal investment objective(s) and/or strategies, which may impact the fund's returns or its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). For temporary defensive purposes, the fund may hold a greater amount of assets in reserves than normal or invest without limit in cash or other liquid instruments.

Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets

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

Borrowings may not exceed 33⅓% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

Turnover is an indication of frequency of trading. Each time the fund purchases or sells a security, it incurs a cost. This cost is reflected in the fund's net asset value but not in its operating expenses. The higher the turnover rate, the higher the transaction costs and the greater

the impact on the fund's total return. Higher turnover can also increase the possibility of taxable capital gain distributions. The fund's portfolio turnover rates are shown in the Financial Highlights tables.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights tables, which provide information about each class' financial history, are based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The tables are part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its Form N-CSR and are incorporated by reference into the SAI (available upon request). The financial statements were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Equity Income Portfolio Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$28.43	$27.76	$27.01	$30.07	$26.21
Investment activities					
Net investment income[1][2]	0.51	0.54	0.56	0.57	0.48
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	3.52	2.67	1.94	(1.60)	6.12
Total from investment activities	4.03	3.21	2.50	(1.03)	6.60
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.50)	(0.55)	(0.57)	(0.55)	(0.48)
Net realized gain	(3.05)	(1.99)	(1.18)	(1.48)	(2.26)
Total distributions	(3.55)	(2.54)	(1.75)	(2.03)	(2.74)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$28.91**	**$28.43**	**$27.76**	**$27.01**	**$30.07**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**14.36%**	**11.70%**	**9.54%**	**(3.34)%**	**25.55%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.74%	0.77%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%
Net investment income	1.71%	1.80%	2.05%	1.96%	1.60%
Portfolio turnover rate	27.8%	21.3%	17.5%	18.3%	19.8%
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	$447	$432	$429	$434	$491

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Equity Income Portfolio - II Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$28.22	$27.59	$26.85	$29.91	$26.10
Investment activities					
Net investment income[1][2]	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.50	0.41
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	3.49	2.65	1.94	(1.60)	6.08
Total from investment activities	3.92	3.11	2.43	(1.10)	6.49
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.43)	(0.49)	(0.51)	(0.48)	(0.42)
Net realized gain	(3.05)	(1.99)	(1.18)	(1.48)	(2.26)
Total distributions	(3.48)	(2.48)	(1.69)	(1.96)	(2.68)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$28.66**	**$28.22**	**$27.59**	**$26.85**	**$29.91**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**14.07%**	**11.38%**	**9.31%**	**(3.59)%**	**25.22%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.99%	1.01%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.99%	0.98%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Net investment income	1.47%	1.56%	1.81%	1.73%	1.36%
Portfolio turnover rate	27.8%	21.3%	17.5%	18.3%	19.8%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$381,473	$331,473	$306,457	$283,936	$295,512

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their portfolio holdings periodically on troweprice.com. A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings and other portfolio information for the T. Rowe Price Funds is available in the SAI.

T. ROWE PRICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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The following policies and procedures generally apply to the T. Rowe Price Variable Insurance Portfolios, which are T. Rowe Price mutual funds specifically designed to be made available through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. For instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares of the funds, you should refer to your insurance contract prospectus.

INVESTING IN T. ROWE PRICE VARIABLE INSURANCE PORTFOLIOS

Shares of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are designed to be offered to insurance company separate accounts established for the purpose of funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts holders or participants are not the shareholders of the funds. Rather, the separate account of the insurance company is the shareholder. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts are described in separate prospectuses issued by the insurance companies. The funds assume no responsibility for any insurance company prospectuses or variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

Some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are available only in a single share class (Portfolio Class), while some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are also available in a II Class. Shares of the funds are sold and redeemed without the imposition of any sales charges, commissions, or redemption fees, although shares of the II Class are subject to a 12b-1 fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets. In addition, certain other charges may apply to variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Those charges are disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus.

Your ability to exchange from these funds into any other T. Rowe Price Fund that serves as an investment option under your insurance contract is governed by the terms of that contract and the insurance contract prospectus, as well as the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy described later in this section.

DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

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

Each II Class has adopted a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of II Class shares out of II Class assets. Under such 12b-1 plan, the II Class may make payments at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets to various insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. Because the fees are paid from the II Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment and, over time, could result in you paying more than with other types of sales charges. The Portfolio Class has not adopted a 12b-1 plan and does not pay any distribution fees to third parties.

In addition to the administrative fee payments made by the Portfolio and II Class and the 12b-1 payments made by the II Class, T. Rowe Price or its affiliates will, at their own expense, provide compensation to certain insurance companies that provide shareholder or other services to the Variable Insurance Portfolios, commonly referred to as revenue sharing. These payments typically take the form of asset-based payments. These payments are used to compensate insurance companies for distribution and shareholder servicing activities, including subaccounting, subtransfer agency, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or its affiliates' own resources and not as an expense of the funds). The SAI provides more information about these payment arrangements.

Comparison of Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Fees

The following table summarizes the distribution and service (12b-1) fee and administrative fee arrangements applicable to each class based on its average daily net assets.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Portfolio Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
II Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

How and When Shares Are Priced

The trade date for your transaction request generally depends on the day and time that your insurance company or T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by your insurance company or T. Rowe Price or its agent. The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, the fund's assets are valued and totaled; liabilities are subtracted; and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. Investment for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by T. Rowe Price, as the valuation designee, designated by the Board, by taking into account various, adopted factors and methodologies for determining the fair value. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

T. Rowe Price uses various pricing services to obtain closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. T. Rowe Price cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. T. Rowe Price routinely evaluates its fair value processes.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If T. Rowe Price determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of trading on the NYSE will, in its judgment, affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, T. Rowe Price will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, T. Rowe Price reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

T. Rowe Price may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, T. Rowe Price may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. T. Rowe Price also evaluates a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

How the Trade Date Is Determined

The insurance companies purchase shares of the fund for their separate accounts, using premiums allocated by the contract holders or participants. Shares are purchased at the net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives the premium payment in

correct form. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the fund are subject to the limits stated in the insurance contract prospectus issued by the insurance company.

The insurance companies redeem shares of the fund to make benefit or surrender payments under the terms of their contracts. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the NYSE is open and are priced at the fund's net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives a surrender request in acceptable form.

The funds have authorized certain insurance companies, financial intermediaries, or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. Generally, when insurance companies receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the insurance company. The insurance company or financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price or its agent and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the insurance company or financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your insurance company or financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your insurance company or financial intermediary by the close of trading on the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

Note: The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS

Purchasing Shares

All initial and subsequent investments by insurance companies or financial intermediaries are typically made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire or electronic payment was initiated. The Variable Insurance Portfolios do not require a particular minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases. However, you should check with your insurance company to determine if a minimum applies to your investment. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit purchase orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management.

When authorized by the fund, certain financial institutions purchasing fund shares on behalf of customers through T. Rowe Price Client Account Management may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The financial institution is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

U.S. Dollars All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars.

Nonpayment Purchases may be canceled for any orders that are not paid in full. The purchaser may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase due to nonpayment.

Redeeming Shares

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit redemption orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to insurance companies and financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on the next business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the insurance company or financial intermediary. However, you should check with your insurance company about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds under your insurance contract.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Client Account Management.

Meeting Redemption Requests It is expected that the funds will typically hold sufficient cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests, although a fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash (redemptions in-kind), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above (generally if the shareholder is able to accept securities in-kind) and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The funds may rely on an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In certain circumstances, the T. Rowe Price Funds may also meet redemption requests by utilizing overdraft protection afforded to the fund's account by the fund custodian. In addition, certain funds have a revolving line of credit in place to help meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs, if necessary.

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

Large Redemptions Large redemptions can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, if, during any 90-day period, a shareholder redeems fund shares worth more than $250,000 (or 1% of the value of a fund's assets if that amount is less than $250,000), we reserve the right to pay part or all of the redemption proceeds in excess of this amount in readily marketable securities instead of in cash. Although the fund normally intends to pay redemption proceeds solely in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay any redemption proceeds exceeding this amount in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a fund. This in-kind distribution may be in the form of a pro-rata slice of the fund's portfolio (potentially with certain exclusions and modifications). We will value these securities in the same manner as we do in computing the fund's net asset value. The redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder or account will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If a shareholder or account owner continues to hold the securities, he or she may be subject to any ownership restrictions imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of $1 million or more.

Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds The Variable Insurance Portfolios typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form. Proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank the next business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances). In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of Directors of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the money market fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy

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

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (30-Day

Purchase Block). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

General Exceptions As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the 30-Day Purchase Block (certain of these exceptions are not applicable to Variable Insurance Portfolios):

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions made by or in connection with activity in a defined benefit or nonqualified plan, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Transactions having a value of $5,000 or less (insurance companies and financial intermediaries may apply the Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy to transactions of any amount); and
- Certain shares purchased or redeemed in exchange for securities and cash (transactions in-kind), subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price.

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

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

Omnibus Accounts Financial intermediaries and insurance companies may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts or underlying contract holder accounts) in the fund on behalf of their customers. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity by underlying contract holders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the insurance company (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects suspicious trading activity, T. Rowe Price will contact the insurance company and may request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all of the underlying contract holders. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the insurance company to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying contract holder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries and insurance companies to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the financial intermediaries' and insurance companies' timely performance of their responsibilities.

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

The terms of your insurance contract may further restrict your ability to trade between investment options available under your contract. You should carefully review your insurance contract or consult with your insurance company directly to determine the trading policy, as well as any rules or conditions on transactions that will apply to your trades in the T. Rowe Price Funds and any other investment options available under your contract.

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

Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls, requiring personalized security codes or certain identifying information for inquiries and requests, and requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of transactions immediately after you receive confirmation of them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

Fund Operations and Shareholder Services

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. These fees are included in a fund's financial statements.

INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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

For a discussion of the tax status of your variable annuity contract, please refer to the insurance contract prospectus. Any tax forms applicable to your investment will be provided to you by your insurance company.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders, which are the various insurance companies that have established separate accounts in connection with their issuance of variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The following table provides details on dividend and other distribution payments:

	Dividend Payment Schedule
Fund	**Dividends**
Limited-Term Bond	• Shares normally begin to earn any dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price. • Dividends, if any, are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.
Equity Income and Moderate Allocation	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March, June, September, and December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All other funds	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All funds	• If necessary, a fund may make additional distributions on short notice to minimize any fund level tax liabilities.

Shares of the Limited-Term Bond Portfolio will normally earn dividends through the date of redemption. The funds do not pay dividends in

fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, $0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (for example, $0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, $0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (for example, $0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

All fund distributions made to a separate account will be reinvested automatically in additional fund shares, unless a shareholder (separate account) elects to receive distributions in cash. Under current law, dividends and distributions made by the fund to separate accounts are generally not taxable to the separate accounts, the insurance company, or the contract holder, provided that the separate account meets the diversification requirements of Code Section 817(h) and other tax-related requirements are satisfied. Each of the Variable Insurance Portfolios intends to diversify its investments in the manner required under Code Section 817(h).

Capital Gain Payments

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

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE FUNDS

T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents, in their sole discretion, reserve the following rights: (1) to waive or lower investment minimums; (2) to accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) to refuse any purchase or exchange order; (4) to cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order placed through a financial intermediary no later than the business day after the order is received by the financial intermediary (including, but not limited to, orders deemed to result in excessive trading, market timing, or 5% ownership); (5) to cease offering fund shares at any time to all or certain groups of investors; (6) to freeze any account and suspend account services when notice has been received of a dispute regarding the ownership of the account, or a legal claim against an account, upon initial notification to T. Rowe Price of a shareholder's death until T. Rowe Price receives required documentation in correct form, or if there is reason to believe a fraudulent transaction may occur; (7) to otherwise modify the conditions of purchase and modify or terminate any services at any time; (8) to waive any wire fees charged to a group of shareholders; (9) to act on instructions reasonably believed to be genuine; (10) to involuntarily redeem an account at the net asset value calculated the day the account is redeemed when permitted by law, including in cases of threatening or abusive conduct, suspected fraudulent or illegal activity, or if the fund or its agent is unable, through its procedures, to verify the identity of the person(s) or entity opening an account; and (11) for money market funds, to suspend redemptions to facilitate an orderly liquidation.

In an effort to protect T. Rowe Price Funds from the possible adverse effects of a substantial redemption in a large account, as a matter of general policy, no contract holder or participant or group of contract holders or participants controlled by the same person or group of persons will knowingly be permitted to purchase in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of the fund, except upon approval by the fund's management.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies, and practices, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Additional information about the fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. The fund's annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements are included in its Form N-CSRs. To obtain free copies of any of these documents, or for shareholder inquiries, contact your insurance company. Certain documents and updated performance information are available without charge through troweprice.com/prospectus.

Annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and other fund information are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's internet site at sec.gov. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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The fund is only available as an investment option for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital through investments primarily in the common stocks of established, non-U.S. companies.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions or insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the table and example below. If these additional fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.**

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.65 %
Other expenses	0.32
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.97
Fee waiver/expense reimbursement	(0.02)[a]
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver/expense reimbursement	**0.95** [a]

[a] T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has contractually agreed to indefinitely waive its fees and/or bear any expenses (excluding interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and 12b-1 fees, if any) that would cause the fund's ratio of expenses to average daily net assets to exceed 0.95%. The agreement may only be terminated with approval by the fund's shareholders. Fees waived and expenses borne by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. are subject to reimbursement by the fund (or class'), provided no reimbursement will be made if it would result in the fund's (or class') expense ratio exceeding its applicable limitation at the time of the waiver/payment or reimbursement, whichever is lower. No reimbursement will be made more than three years after any waiver or payment.

Example This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. The example also assumes that any current expense limitation arrangement remains in place for the period noted in the previous table; therefore, the figures have been adjusted to reflect fee waivers or expense reimbursements only in the periods for which the expense limitation arrangement is expected to continue. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	**3 Years**	**5 Years**	**10 Years**
$ 97	$ 303	$ 525	**$** 1,166

Portfolio Turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 42.0% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund expects to primarily invest in stocks outside the U.S. and to diversify broadly across a variety of industries in developed and emerging market countries throughout the world. The fund normally invests in at least five countries and may purchase the stocks of companies of any size, but its focus is typically on large-cap companies. The fund relies on MSCI Inc., a third-party provider of benchmark indexes and data services, or another unaffiliated data provider to determine the country assigned to a security.

While the adviser invests with an awareness of the global economic backdrop and the adviser's outlook for certain industries, sectors, and individual countries, the adviser's decision-making process focuses on bottom-up stock selection. Country allocation is driven largely by stock selection, though the adviser may limit investments in markets or industries that appear to have poor overall prospects.

Security selection reflects a growth style. The adviser relies on a global team of investment analysts dedicated to in-depth fundamental research in an effort to identify high-quality companies capable of achieving and sustaining above-average, long-term earnings growth. The adviser seeks to purchase stocks of companies at reasonable prices in relation to present or anticipated earnings, cash flow, or book value.

In selecting investments the adviser generally favors companies with one or more of the following characteristics:

- leading or improving market position;
- attractive business niche;
- attractive or improving franchise or industry position;
- seasoned management;
- stable or improving revenues, earnings, and/or cash flow; and
- sound or improving balance sheet.

The fund typically has significant investments in Asian and developed European countries.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector.

Principal Risks

As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective(s). The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, are summarized as follows:

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities tend to be more volatile and have lower overall liquidity and trading volume than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Further, securities of non-U.S. issuers are subject to trading markets with potential governmental interference, varying regulatory, auditing, and accounting standards, and settlement and clearance practices that differ from those of U.S. issuers. Investment in non-U.S. securities also carries currency risk. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful. Such investments may have higher transaction costs compared with U.S. markets. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Market conditions: The value of the fund's investments may decrease, sometimes rapidly or unexpectedly, due to factors affecting an issuer held by the fund, particular industries, or the overall securities markets. A variety of factors can increase the volatility of the fund's holdings and markets generally, including geopolitical developments (such as trade and tariff arrangements, sanctions, and cybersecurity attacks), recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues (such as the coronavirus pandemic) and related governmental and public responses. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others. Government intervention in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. These adverse developments may cause broad declines in market value due to short-term market movements or for significantly longer periods during more prolonged market downturns.

Large-cap stocks: Securities issued by large-cap companies tend to be less volatile than securities issued by small- and mid-cap companies. However, large-cap companies may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful small- and mid-cap companies, especially during strong economic periods, and may be unable to respond as quickly to competitive challenges.

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

Investing in Europe: The European financial markets have experienced increased volatility due to concerns about economic downturns, political unrest, war, military conflict, economic sanctions, rising government debt levels, inflation, energy crises, and public health pandemics, and these events may continue to significantly affect all of Europe. The economies and markets of European countries are often connected and interdependent, and events in one country in Europe can have an adverse impact on other European countries.

European economies could be significantly affected by, among other things, rising unemployment, the imposition or unexpected elimination of fiscal and monetary controls by member countries of the European Economic and Monetary Union, uncertainty surrounding the euro, the success of governmental actions to reduce budget deficits, and Russia's ongoing military conflict in Ukraine.

Investing in Asia: Many Asian economies have at various times been negatively affected by inflation, currency devaluations, an over-reliance on international trade and exports, particularly for certain commodities, political and social instability, and less developed financial systems and securities trading markets. Trade restrictions, unexpected decreases in exports, changes in government policies, expropriation and/or nationalization of assets, confiscatory taxation, or natural disasters could have a significant impact on companies doing business in Asia. The Asian region may be significantly affected by political unrest, military conflict, economic sanctions, and less demand for Asian products and services.

Sector exposure: Issuers in the same economic sector may be similarly affected by economic or market events, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that economic sector than funds that invest more broadly.

Emerging markets: Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in the U.S. and other developed markets. Emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, less developed legal and regulatory regimes, and political systems that are less stable than those of developed countries. In addition to the risks associated with investing outside the U.S., emerging markets are more susceptible to governmental interference, political and economic uncertainty, local taxes and restrictions on the fund's investments, less efficient trading markets with lower overall liquidity, and more volatile currency exchange rates.

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

Currency exposure: Because the fund invests in holdings denominated in foreign currencies, the fund is subject to the significant risk that it could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies versus the U.S. dollar and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar.

Active management: The fund's overall investment program and holdings selected by the fund's investment adviser may underperform the broad markets, relevant indices, or other funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund could be harmed by intentional cyberattacks and other cybersecurity breaches, including unauthorized access to the fund's assets, confidential information, or other proprietary information. In addition, a cybersecurity breach could cause one of the fund's service providers or financial intermediaries to suffer unauthorized data access, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality.

Performance

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower.

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

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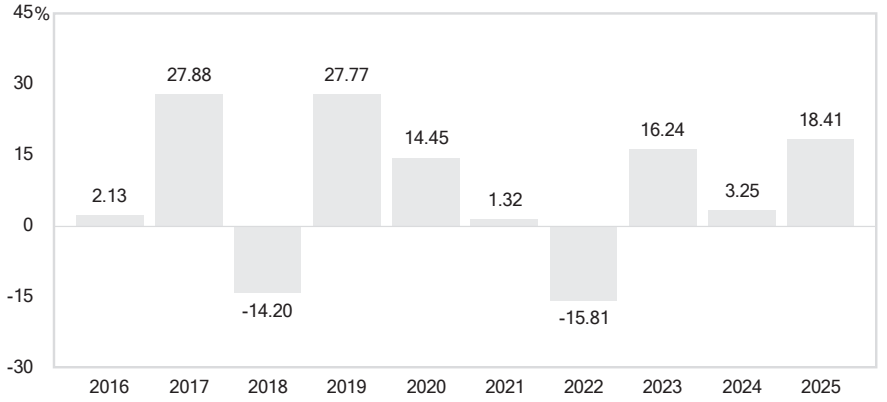
Calendar Year Returns



	Quarter Ended	Total Return		Quarter Ended	Total Return
Best Quarter	6/30/20	19.56%	Worst Quarter	3/31/20	-21.77%

The following table shows the average annual total returns for the fund. The fund's performance information included in the table is compared with a regulatory required index that represents an overall securities market (MSCI All Country World Index ex USA Net). In addition, the table may also include one or more indexes that more closely align to the fund's investment strategy.

Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2025			
	1 Year	**5 Years**	**10 Years**	**Inception date**
International Stock Portfolio	18.41 %	3.92 %	7.10 %	**03/31/1994**
MSCI All Country World Index ex USA Net (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	32.39	7.91	8.41	
MSCI All Country World Index ex USA Growth Net (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	25.65	4.01	7.92	
Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying International Multi-Cap Growth Funds Average	23.07	4.08	7.27	

Updated performance information is available through troweprice.com.

Management

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

Investment Subadviser T. Rowe Price International Ltd (Price International)

Name	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
Richard Clattenburg	Portfolio Manager and Chair of Investment Advisory Committee	2015	2005

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund is not sold directly to the general public but is instead offered as an underlying investment option for variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchases of the fund.

You may purchase, redeem, or exchange shares of the fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. You must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares through your insurance company.

Tax Information

The fund distributes any dividends and capital gains to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Variable product owners seeking to understand the tax consequences of their investment, including redemptions of fund shares and the impact of dividend and capital gains distributions by the fund, should consult with the insurance company that issued their variable product or refer to their variable annuity or variable life insurance contract prospectus.

Payments to Insurance Companies, Broker-Dealers, and Other Financial Intermediaries

The fund is generally available only through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. The fund and/or its related companies may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company or other financial intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment option or by influencing an insurance company to include the fund as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your insurance company or financial intermediary, or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website, for more information.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Investment Adviser(s)

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is the investment adviser for all funds sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (T. Rowe Price Funds); is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. As of December 31, 2025, T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (Firm) had approximately $1.78 trillion in assets under management.

T. Rowe Price has entered into a subadvisory agreement with Price International under which Price International is authorized to trade securities and make discretionary investment decisions on behalf of the fund. Price International is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC, and is authorized or licensed by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority and other global regulators. Price International sponsors and serves as adviser to foreign collective investment schemes and provides investment management services to registered investment companies and other institutional investors. Price International is headquartered in London and has several branch offices around the world. Price International is a direct subsidiary of T. Rowe Price and its address is Warwick Court, 5 Paternoster Square, London, EC4M 7DX, United Kingdom.

Portfolio Management

The portfolio manager is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio manager is Richard Clattenburg. The following information provides the year that the portfolio manager first joined the Firm and the portfolio manager's specific business experience during the past five years (although the portfolio manager may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Mr. Clattenburg has been portfolio manager of the fund since 2015. He joined the Firm in 2005, and his investment experience dates from 2003. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio manager. The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of the fund's shares.

T. Rowe Price has also established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The portfolio manager works with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Richard Clattenburg, chair; Hari Balkrishna, Sheena Barbosa, Iona Dent, Rainbow Moore, Tobias Mueller, Seun Oyegunle, Johnny Rowles, Sebastian Schrott, Christopher A. Vost, and Ernest Yeung.

The Management Fee

The fund pays the investment adviser a management fee consisting of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee," which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm and is based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund and ETF assets.

Group Fee Schedule

0.334%*	First $50 billion
0.305%	Next $30 billion
0.300%	Next $40 billion
0.295%	Next $40 billion
0.290%	Next $60 billion
0.285%	Next $80 billion
0.280%	Next $100 billion
0.275%	Next $100 billion
0.270%	Next $150 billion
0.265%	Next $195 billion
0.260%	Thereafter

* Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's management fee is determined by applying the group fee rate and individual fund fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. For the prior fiscal year, the group fee rate was 0.28% and the fund's individual fund fee rate was 0.37%. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily.

The expense limitation agreement limits the fund's operating expenses or total expense ratio but does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Directors (Board) and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) is contained in Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ended June 30, and made available on the fund's website at troweprice.com/prospectus.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Charges

Variable annuity and variable life insurance fees and charges imposed on contract holders and participants by the insurance companies are in addition to those described previously and are described in the variable annuity contract and variable life insurance prospectuses.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Conflicts

The fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Shares of the fund may be offered to separate accounts established by any number of insurance companies. The fund currently does not foresee any disadvantages to variable annuity contract owners due to the fact that the fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies; however, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interests of owners of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies for which the fund serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. The fund's Board is required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life policy owners, and will determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict were to occur, an insurance company participating in the fund might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the fund. This might force the fund to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S), STRATEGIES, AND RISKS

Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital through investments primarily in the common stocks of established, non-U.S. companies.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change to the fund's 80% investment policy. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund expects to primarily invest in stocks outside the U.S. and to diversify broadly across a variety of industries in developed and emerging market countries throughout the world. The fund normally invests in at least five countries and may purchase the stocks of companies of any size, but its focus is typically on large-cap companies.

The fund relies on MSCI Inc., a third-party provider of benchmark indexes and data services, or another unaffiliated data provider to determine the country assigned to a security. The data providers use various criteria to determine the country to which a security is economically tied. Examples include the following: (1) the country under which the issuer is organized; (2) the location of the issuer's principal place of business or principal office; (3) where the issuer's securities are listed or traded principally on an exchange or over-the-counter market; and (4) where the issuer conducts the predominant part of its business activities or derives a significant portion (e.g., at least 50%) of its revenues or profits.

While the adviser invests with an awareness of the global economic backdrop and the adviser's outlook for certain industries, sectors, and individual countries, the adviser's decision-making process focuses on bottom-up stock selection. Country allocation is driven largely by stock selection, though the adviser may limit investments in markets or industries that appear to have poor overall prospects.

Security selection reflects a growth style. The adviser relies on a global team of investment analysts dedicated to in-depth fundamental research in an effort to identify high-quality companies capable of achieving and sustaining above-average, long-term earnings growth. The adviser seeks to purchase stocks of companies at reasonable prices in relation to present or anticipated earnings, cash flow, or book value.

In selecting investments the adviser generally favors companies with one or more of the following characteristics:

- leading or improving market position;
- attractive business niche;
- attractive or improving franchise or industry position;
- seasoned management;
- stable or improving revenues, earnings, and/or cash flow; and
- sound or improving balance sheet.

The market may reward growth stocks with price increases when earnings expectations are met or exceeded. Funds that employ a growth-oriented approach to stock selection rely on the premise that by investing in companies that increase their earnings faster than both inflation and the overall economy, the market will eventually reward those companies with a higher stock price.

The fund typically focuses its investments more on developed foreign countries than on emerging market countries. The fund typically has significant investments in Asian and developed European countries.

The fund's investments are adjusted according to the portfolio manager's analysis and outlook, taking into account political and economic trends in the countries and regions in which the fund invests. The impact of unfavorable developments in a particular country may be reduced when investments are spread among many countries. However, the economies and financial markets of countries in a certain region may be heavily influenced by one another.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector.

The fund may sell assets for a variety of reasons, including in response to a change in the original investment considerations or to limit losses, adjust the characteristics of the overall portfolio, or redeploy assets into different opportunities.

The fund invests in the following types of securities or assets:

Common and Preferred Stocks

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

Foreign Securities

Investments in foreign securities could include non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities traded outside the U.S. and U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the U.S. The fund may purchase American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts, which are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer. American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts trade on established markets and are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their local markets and currencies. Such investments are subject to many of the same risks associated with investing directly in foreign

securities. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, investments in depositary receipts are deemed to be investments in the underlying securities. For example, a depositary receipt representing ownership of common stock will be treated as common stock.

Principal Risks

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, include the following:

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities may lose value because of declining foreign currencies or adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, natural disasters, public health emergencies, labor strikes, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, restrictions on foreign ownership or imposition of punitive taxes; and the imposition of international trade and capital flow barriers and other protectionist, repatriation, or retaliatory measures. Securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts and other instruments that represent interests in a non-U.S. issuer) tend to be more volatile than U.S. securities and are subject to trading markets with lower overall liquidity and trading volume. The fund could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies in which the fund's holdings are denominated versus the U.S. dollar, and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful, and it is difficult to hedge the currency risks of many emerging markets countries. In addition, investments outside the U.S. are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S. Non-U.S. securities may receive less coverage than U.S. securities by market analysts and the financial press, and may provide financial information less frequently or to a lesser extent. Furthermore, trading in foreign markets generally involves higher transaction costs than trading in U.S. markets. A foreign trading market may close for national holidays or without warning for extended time periods, or may have different clearance and settlement procedures, causing delays and preventing the fund from buying or selling securities in that market. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Market conditions: The value of investments held by the fund may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain issuers, particular industries or sectors, or the overall markets. Rapid or unexpected changes in market conditions could cause the fund to liquidate its holdings at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. The value of a particular holding may decrease due to developments related to that issuer, but also due to general market conditions, including real or perceived economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. In addition, local, regional, or global events such as war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, political and social unrest, regulatory changes, recessions, tariffs and shifts in monetary or trade policies, natural or environmental disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases or other public health issues could have a significant negative impact on securities markets and the fund's investments. Any of these events may lead to unexpected suspensions or closures of securities exchanges; travel restrictions or quarantines; business disruptions and closures; inability to obtain raw materials, supplies, and component parts; reduced or disrupted operations for the fund's service providers or issuers in which the fund invests; and an extended adverse impact on global market conditions. Government intervention (including sanctions) in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the economies (including through changes in business activity and increased unemployment) and financial markets of specific countries or worldwide.

Large-cap stocks: Although stocks issued by large-cap companies tend to have less overall volatility than stocks issued by small- and mid-cap companies, large-cap companies may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful small- and mid-cap companies, especially during strong economic periods. In addition, large-cap companies may be less capable of responding quickly to competitive challenges and industry changes, and may suffer sharper price declines as a result of earnings disappointments.

Growth investing: Different investment styles tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market conditions and investor sentiment. Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than other types of stocks, and their prices may fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock markets. Growth stocks are typically priced higher than other stocks because investors believe they have more growth potential, which may or may not be realized. Since these companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their businesses, they may lack the dividends that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. In addition, earnings disappointments often lead to sharply falling prices for growth stocks.

Investing in Europe: The Economic and Monetary Union of the European Union (EU) requires compliance with restrictions on inflation rates, deficits, interest rates, debt levels, and fiscal and monetary controls, each of which may significantly affect every country in Europe. Decreasing imports or exports, changes in governmental or EU regulations on trade, changes in the exchange rate of the euro (the common currency of certain EU countries), the default or threat of default by an EU member country on its sovereign debt, and/or an

economic recession in an EU member country may have a significant adverse effect on the economies of EU member countries and their trading partners. The economies and markets of European countries are often connected and interdependent, and events in one country in Europe can have an adverse impact on other European countries. The European financial markets have experienced increased volatility and adverse trends due to concerns about economic downturns, rising government debt levels, inflation, energy crises, and public health pandemics, which can adversely affect the exchange rate of the euro and significantly affect every country in Europe, including countries that do not use the euro. Responses to the financial problems by European governments, central banks, and others, including austerity measures and reforms, may not produce the desired results, may result in social unrest, and may limit future growth and economic recovery or have other unintended consequences. Further defaults or restructurings by governments and other entities of their debt could have additional adverse effects on economies, financial markets, and asset valuations around the world.

In addition, the national politics of countries in the EU have been unpredictable and subject to influence by disruptive political groups and ideologies. The occurrence of terrorist incidents and military conflicts, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine, throughout Europe could also impact financial markets. The extent and duration of Russia's military action in Ukraine, resulting sanctions, and resulting future market disruptions in the region are impossible to predict, but could be significant and have a severe adverse effect on the region, including significant negative impacts on the regional, European, and global economies and the markets for certain securities and commodities, such as oil and natural gas, as well as other sectors.

Investing in Asia: Certain Asian economies have experienced high inflation, high unemployment, currency devaluations and restrictions, and overextension of credit. Many Asian economies have experienced rapid growth and industrialization, and there is no assurance that this growth rate will be maintained. Adverse events in any one Asian country, may have a significant economic effect on the entire Asian region, as well as on major trading partners outside Asia. Certain Asian countries have also developed increasingly strained relationships with the U.S., and if these relations were to worsen, they could adversely affect Asian issuers that rely on the U.S. for trade. In addition, some Asian countries are subject to social and labor risks associated with demands for improved political, economic, and social conditions. Increased political and social unrest, imposition of tariffs, sanctions, and other trade barriers, military conflicts and strained international relations, cyberattacks, and reduced spending on products and services produced in Asia could cause significant economic uncertainty and declines in the region. The Asian region, and particularly China and South Korea, may be adversely affected by political, military, economic, and other factors related to North Korea.

Sector exposure: At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of issuers conducting business in a related group of industries within the same economic sector. Issuers within the same economic sector may be similarly affected by specific market events impacting that sector. As a result, the fund is more susceptible to adverse developments affecting an economic sector in which the fund has significant investments and may perform poorly during a downturn in one or more of the industries within that economic sector.

Emerging markets: Investments in emerging markets are subject to the risk of abrupt and severe price declines. The economic and political structures of emerging market countries, in most cases, do not compare favorably with the U.S. or other developed countries in terms of wealth and stability, and their financial markets often lack liquidity. These economies are less developed, can be overly reliant on particular industries, and are more vulnerable to the ebb and flow of international trade, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. Governments in many emerging market countries participate to a significant degree in their economies and securities markets. As a result, foreign investments may be restricted and subject to greater government control, including repatriation of sales proceeds. Emerging market securities exchanges are more likely to experience problems with the clearing and settling of trades, as well as the custody of holdings by local banks, agents, and depositories. In addition, the accounting standards in emerging market countries may be unreliable and could present an inaccurate picture of a company's finances. Some countries have histories of instability and upheaval that could cause their governments to act in a detrimental or hostile manner toward private enterprise or foreign investment. Investments in countries or regions that have recently begun moving away from central planning and state-owned industries toward free markets should be regarded as speculative.

While some countries have made progress in economic growth, liberalization, fiscal discipline, and political and social stability, there is no assurance these trends will continue. Significant risks, such as war and terrorism, currently affect some emerging market countries. The fund's performance will likely be hurt by exposure to countries in the midst of hyperinflation, currency devaluation, trade disagreements, sudden political upheaval, or interventionist government policies. The volatility of emerging markets may be heightened by the actions (such as significant buying or selling) of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local securities prices and, therefore, could cause fund share prices to decline.

Stock investing: The fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the overall stock markets, a particular industry, or specific holdings. Stock markets as a whole can be volatile and decline for many reasons, such as adverse local, regional, or global political,

regulatory, or economic developments; changes in investor psychology; or heavy selling at the same time by major institutional investors in the market. The prospects for an industry or company may deteriorate because of a variety of factors, including disappointing earnings or changes in the competitive environment. In addition, the adviser's assessment of companies whose stocks are held by the fund may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance, even in rising markets. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of the issuer's bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

Currency exposure: A decline in the value of a foreign currency versus the U.S. dollar could reduce the dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency. The overall impact on the fund's holdings can be significant and long-lasting depending on the currencies represented in the fund's portfolio, how each currency appreciates or depreciates in relation to the U.S. dollar, and whether currency positions are hedged. Foreign currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time, particularly with respect to emerging markets currencies. Currency exchange rates can also be affected unpredictably by intervention by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments. Currency trends are unpredictable, and to the extent the fund purchases and sells currencies, it will also be subject to the risk that its trading strategies, including efforts at hedging, will not succeed. Furthermore, hedging and trading costs can be significant and reduce the fund's net asset value, and it can be difficult to effectively hedge the currency risks of many emerging market countries.

Active management: The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform other funds with a similar benchmark or similar investment program if the fund's investment selections or overall strategies fail to produce the intended results. Regulatory, tax, or other developments may affect the investment strategies available to a portfolio manager, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective(s).

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches may involve deliberate attacks and unauthorized access to the digital information systems (for example, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) used by the fund, its investment adviser and subadviser(s) (as applicable), or its service providers but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks, which are efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. These breaches may, among other things, result in financial losses to the fund and its shareholders, cause the fund to lose proprietary information, disrupt business operations, or result in the unauthorized release of confidential information. Further, cybersecurity breaches involving the fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, trading counterparties, or issuers in which the fund invests could subject the fund to many of the same risks associated with direct breaches.

Additional Investment Management Practices

The fund may employ additional investment management practices as described in this section. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the SAI, which contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

ESG Integration

The Firm integrates the analysis of governance and sustainability factors into the investment process in an effort to maximize financial performance (known as ESG integration). The Firm focuses on the particular governance and sustainability factors considered most likely to have a material impact on the performance of the holdings or potential holdings in the fund's portfolio. For certain types of investments, including, but not limited to, cash, currency positions, and particular types of derivatives, this analysis may not be relevant or possible due to a lack of data.

Reserve Position

The adviser normally maintains a certain portion of the fund's assets in reserves. The reserve position helps the adviser to manage liquidity and take advantage of investment opportunities without selling other fund assets, meet redemption requests, and manage cash flows into the fund, and manage risk by increasing the reserve position during periods of current or expected market volatility. The fund's reserve position typically consists of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund (which does not charge any management fees and is not available for public purchase); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and non-U.S. dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective(s). Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

Temporary Defensive Position

The adviser may assume a temporary defensive position for the fund in order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, such as to provide flexibility in satisfying significant redemption activity, managing flows into or out of the fund, or paying expenses. The temporary defensive position may be inconsistent with the fund's principal investment objective(s) and/or strategies,

which may impact the fund's returns or its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). For temporary defensive purposes, the fund may hold a greater amount of assets in reserves than normal or invest without limit in cash or other liquid instruments.

Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets

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

Borrowings may not exceed 33⅓% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights table, which provides information about the fund's financial history, is based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The table is part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its Form N-CSR and are incorporated by reference into the SAI (available upon request). The financial statements were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$14.96	$15.01	$13.04	$16.01	$17.08
Investment activities					
Net investment income (loss)[1][2]	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.11
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	2.60	0.40	1.98	(2.64)	0.09
Total from investment activities	2.72	0.49	2.11	(2.53)	0.20
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.33)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Net realized gain	(1.45)	(0.39)	–	(0.33)	(1.16)
Total distributions	(1.78)	(0.54)	(0.14)	(0.44)	(1.27)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$15.90**	**$14.96**	**$15.01**	**$13.04**	**$16.01**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**18.41%**	**3.25%**	**16.24%**	**(15.81)%**	**1.32%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.97%	0.99%	1.05%	1.05%	1.05%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%
Net investment income	0.70%	0.58%	0.89%	0.79%	0.59%
Portfolio turnover rate	42.0%	32.9%	32.9%	31.1%	29.1%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$250,348	$229,895	$247,785	$223,011	$291,749

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their portfolio holdings periodically on troweprice.com. A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings and other portfolio information for the T. Rowe Price Funds is available in the SAI.

T. ROWE PRICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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The following policies and procedures generally apply to the T. Rowe Price Variable Insurance Portfolios, which are T. Rowe Price mutual funds specifically designed to be made available through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. For instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares of the funds, you should refer to your insurance contract prospectus.

INVESTING IN T. ROWE PRICE VARIABLE INSURANCE PORTFOLIOS

Shares of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are designed to be offered to insurance company separate accounts established for the purpose of funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts holders or participants are not the shareholders of the funds. Rather, the separate account of the insurance company is the shareholder. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts are described in separate prospectuses issued by the insurance companies. The funds assume no responsibility for any insurance company prospectuses or variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

Some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are available only in a single share class (Portfolio Class), while some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are also available in a II Class. Shares of the funds are sold and redeemed without the imposition of any sales charges, commissions, or redemption fees, although shares of the II Class are subject to a 12b-1 fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets. In addition, certain other charges may apply to variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Those charges are disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus.

Your ability to exchange from these funds into any other T. Rowe Price Fund that serves as an investment option under your insurance contract is governed by the terms of that contract and the insurance contract prospectus, as well as the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy described later in this section.

DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

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

Each II Class has adopted a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of II Class shares out of II Class assets. Under such 12b-1 plan, the II Class may make payments at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets to various insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. Because the fees are paid from the II Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment and, over time, could result in you paying more than with other types of sales charges. The Portfolio Class has not adopted a 12b-1 plan and does not pay any distribution fees to third parties.

In addition to the administrative fee payments made by the Portfolio and II Class and the 12b-1 payments made by the II Class, T. Rowe Price or its affiliates will, at their own expense, provide compensation to certain insurance companies that provide shareholder or other services to the Variable Insurance Portfolios, commonly referred to as revenue sharing. These payments typically take the form of asset-based payments. These payments are used to compensate insurance companies for distribution and shareholder servicing activities, including subaccounting, subtransfer agency, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or its affiliates' own resources and not as an expense of the funds). The SAI provides more information about these payment arrangements.

Comparison of Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Fees

The following table summarizes the distribution and service (12b-1) fee and administrative fee arrangements applicable to each class based on its average daily net assets.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Portfolio Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
II Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

How and When Shares Are Priced

The trade date for your transaction request generally depends on the day and time that your insurance company or T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by your insurance company or T. Rowe Price or its agent. The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, the fund's assets are valued and totaled; liabilities are subtracted; and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. Investment for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by T. Rowe Price, as the valuation designee, designated by the Board, by taking into account various, adopted factors and methodologies for determining the fair value. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

T. Rowe Price uses various pricing services to obtain closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. T. Rowe Price cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. T. Rowe Price routinely evaluates its fair value processes.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If T. Rowe Price determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of trading on the NYSE will, in its judgment, affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, T. Rowe Price will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, T. Rowe Price reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

T. Rowe Price may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, T. Rowe Price may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. T. Rowe Price also evaluates a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

How the Trade Date Is Determined

The insurance companies purchase shares of the fund for their separate accounts, using premiums allocated by the contract holders or participants. Shares are purchased at the net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives the premium payment in

correct form. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the fund are subject to the limits stated in the insurance contract prospectus issued by the insurance company.

The insurance companies redeem shares of the fund to make benefit or surrender payments under the terms of their contracts. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the NYSE is open and are priced at the fund's net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives a surrender request in acceptable form.

The funds have authorized certain insurance companies, financial intermediaries, or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. Generally, when insurance companies receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the insurance company. The insurance company or financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price or its agent and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the insurance company or financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your insurance company or financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your insurance company or financial intermediary by the close of trading on the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

Note: The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS

Purchasing Shares

All initial and subsequent investments by insurance companies or financial intermediaries are typically made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire or electronic payment was initiated. The Variable Insurance Portfolios do not require a particular minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases. However, you should check with your insurance company to determine if a minimum applies to your investment. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit purchase orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management.

When authorized by the fund, certain financial institutions purchasing fund shares on behalf of customers through T. Rowe Price Client Account Management may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The financial institution is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

U.S. Dollars All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars.

Nonpayment Purchases may be canceled for any orders that are not paid in full. The purchaser may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase due to nonpayment.

Redeeming Shares

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit redemption orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to insurance companies and financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on the next business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the insurance company or financial intermediary. However, you should check with your insurance company about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds under your insurance contract.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Client Account Management.

Meeting Redemption Requests It is expected that the funds will typically hold sufficient cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests, although a fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash (redemptions in-kind), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above (generally if the shareholder is able to accept securities in-kind) and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The funds may rely on an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In certain circumstances, the T. Rowe Price Funds may also meet redemption requests by utilizing overdraft protection afforded to the fund's account by the fund custodian. In addition, certain funds have a revolving line of credit in place to help meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs, if necessary.

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

Large Redemptions Large redemptions can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, if, during any 90-day period, a shareholder redeems fund shares worth more than $250,000 (or 1% of the value of a fund's assets if that amount is less than $250,000), we reserve the right to pay part or all of the redemption proceeds in excess of this amount in readily marketable securities instead of in cash. Although the fund normally intends to pay redemption proceeds solely in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay any redemption proceeds exceeding this amount in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a fund. This in-kind distribution may be in the form of a pro-rata slice of the fund's portfolio (potentially with certain exclusions and modifications). We will value these securities in the same manner as we do in computing the fund's net asset value. The redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder or account will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If a shareholder or account owner continues to hold the securities, he or she may be subject to any ownership restrictions imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of $1 million or more.

Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds The Variable Insurance Portfolios typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form. Proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank the next business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances). In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of Directors of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the money market fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy

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

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (30-Day

Purchase Block). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

General Exceptions As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the 30-Day Purchase Block (certain of these exceptions are not applicable to Variable Insurance Portfolios):

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions made by or in connection with activity in a defined benefit or nonqualified plan, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Transactions having a value of $5,000 or less (insurance companies and financial intermediaries may apply the Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy to transactions of any amount); and
- Certain shares purchased or redeemed in exchange for securities and cash (transactions in-kind), subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price.

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

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

Omnibus Accounts Financial intermediaries and insurance companies may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts or underlying contract holder accounts) in the fund on behalf of their customers. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity by underlying contract holders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the insurance company (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects suspicious trading activity, T. Rowe Price will contact the insurance company and may request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all of the underlying contract holders. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the insurance company to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying contract holder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries and insurance companies to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the financial intermediaries' and insurance companies' timely performance of their responsibilities.

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

The terms of your insurance contract may further restrict your ability to trade between investment options available under your contract. You should carefully review your insurance contract or consult with your insurance company directly to determine the trading policy, as well as any rules or conditions on transactions that will apply to your trades in the T. Rowe Price Funds and any other investment options available under your contract.

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

Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls, requiring personalized security codes or certain identifying information for inquiries and requests, and requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of transactions immediately after you receive confirmation of them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

Fund Operations and Shareholder Services

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. These fees are included in a fund's financial statements.

INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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

For a discussion of the tax status of your variable annuity contract, please refer to the insurance contract prospectus. Any tax forms applicable to your investment will be provided to you by your insurance company.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders, which are the various insurance companies that have established separate accounts in connection with their issuance of variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The following table provides details on dividend and other distribution payments:

	Dividend Payment Schedule
Fund	**Dividends**
Limited-Term Bond	• Shares normally begin to earn any dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price. • Dividends, if any, are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.
Equity Income and Moderate Allocation	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March, June, September, and December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All other funds	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All funds	• If necessary, a fund may make additional distributions on short notice to minimize any fund level tax liabilities.

Shares of the Limited-Term Bond Portfolio will normally earn dividends through the date of redemption. The funds do not pay dividends in

fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, $0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (for example, $0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, $0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (for example, $0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

All fund distributions made to a separate account will be reinvested automatically in additional fund shares, unless a shareholder (separate account) elects to receive distributions in cash. Under current law, dividends and distributions made by the fund to separate accounts are generally not taxable to the separate accounts, the insurance company, or the contract holder, provided that the separate account meets the diversification requirements of Code Section 817(h) and other tax-related requirements are satisfied. Each of the Variable Insurance Portfolios intends to diversify its investments in the manner required under Code Section 817(h).

Capital Gain Payments

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

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE FUNDS

T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents, in their sole discretion, reserve the following rights: (1) to waive or lower investment minimums; (2) to accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) to refuse any purchase or exchange order; (4) to cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order placed through a financial intermediary no later than the business day after the order is received by the financial intermediary (including, but not limited to, orders deemed to result in excessive trading, market timing, or 5% ownership); (5) to cease offering fund shares at any time to all or certain groups of investors; (6) to freeze any account and suspend account services when notice has been received of a dispute regarding the ownership of the account, or a legal claim against an account, upon initial notification to T. Rowe Price of a shareholder's death until T. Rowe Price receives required documentation in correct form, or if there is reason to believe a fraudulent transaction may occur; (7) to otherwise modify the conditions of purchase and modify or terminate any services at any time; (8) to waive any wire fees charged to a group of shareholders; (9) to act on instructions reasonably believed to be genuine; (10) to involuntarily redeem an account at the net asset value calculated the day the account is redeemed when permitted by law, including in cases of threatening or abusive conduct, suspected fraudulent or illegal activity, or if the fund or its agent is unable, through its procedures, to verify the identity of the person(s) or entity opening an account; and (11) for money market funds, to suspend redemptions to facilitate an orderly liquidation.

In an effort to protect T. Rowe Price Funds from the possible adverse effects of a substantial redemption in a large account, as a matter of general policy, no contract holder or participant or group of contract holders or participants controlled by the same person or group of persons will knowingly be permitted to purchase in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of the fund, except upon approval by the fund's management.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies, and practices, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Additional information about the fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. The fund's annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements are included in its Form N-CSRs. To obtain free copies of any of these documents, or for shareholder inquiries, contact your insurance company. Certain documents and updated performance information are available without charge through troweprice.com/prospectus.

Annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and other fund information are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's internet site at sec.gov. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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	T. ROWE PRICE Limited-Term Bond Portfolio
QAAGWX	Limited-Term Bond Portfolio
QAAGUX	Limited-Term Bond Portfolio—II Class

The fund is only available as an investment option for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks a high level of income consistent with moderate fluctuations in principal value.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions or insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the table and example below. If these additional fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.**

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Portfolio	Portfolio—II Class
Management fees	0.29 %	0.29 %
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	—	0.25
Other expenses	0.31	0.31
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.60	0.85
Fee waiver/expense reimbursement	(0.10)[a]	(0.10)[a]
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver/expense reimbursement	**0.50** [a]	**0.75** [a]

[a] T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has contractually agreed to indefinitely waive its fees and/or bear any expenses (excluding interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and 12b-1 fees, if any) that would cause the fund's ratio of expenses to average daily net assets to exceed 0.50%. The agreement may only be terminated with approval by the fund's shareholders. Fees waived and expenses borne by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. are subject to reimbursement by the fund (or class'), provided no reimbursement will be made if it would result in the fund's (or class') expense ratio exceeding its applicable limitation at the time of the waiver/payment or reimbursement, whichever is lower. No reimbursement will be made more than three years after any waiver or payment.

Example This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. The example also assumes that any current expense limitation arrangement remains in place for the period noted in the previous table; therefore, the figures have been adjusted to reflect fee waivers or expense reimbursements only in the periods for which the expense limitation arrangement is expected to continue. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Portfolio	$ 51	$ 160	$ 280	$ 628
Portfolio—II Class	77	240	417	930

Portfolio Turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 96.2% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in bonds. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund may also invest 65% of its total assets in short- and intermediate-term bonds. There are no maturity limitations on individual securities purchased, but the fund's average effective maturity will not exceed five years.

At least 90% of the fund's assets will consist of investment-grade securities that, at the time of purchase, are rated in one of the four highest rating categories assigned by credit rating agencies from at least one credit rating agency or, if unrated, deemed by the adviser

to be of comparable quality. The fund's holdings may include corporate and government bonds, asset- and mortgage-backed securities, and foreign securities.

The fund may use a variety of derivatives, such as futures, forwards, options, and swaps for a number of purposes, such as for hedging risk or managing certain exposure. Specifically, the fund uses interest rate futures, credit default swaps, and credit default swap indexes (CDX).

Interest rate futures are typically used as an efficient means of managing the fund's exposure to interest rate changes and to adjust the portfolio's duration. Credit default swaps are typically used to protect the value of certain portfolio holdings, as an alternative to cash bonds, and to manage the fund's overall credit risk exposure. A CDX is a swap on an index of credit default swaps. CDXs allow the fund to manage credit risk or take a position on a basket of credit entities (such as credit default swaps or a reference index) rather than transacting in a single-name credit default swap.

The fund may also purchase or sell mortgage-backed securities on a delayed delivery or forward commitment basis through the "to-be-announced" (TBA) market. With TBA transactions, the particular securities to be delivered are not identified at the trade date, but the delivered securities must meet specified terms and standards. The fund will generally enter into TBA transactions with the intention of taking possession of the underlying mortgage-backed securities. However, in an effort to obtain underlying mortgage-backed securities on more preferable terms or to enhance returns, the fund may extend the settlement by entering into "dollar roll" transactions in which the fund sells mortgage-backed securities to a dealer and simultaneously agrees to purchase substantially similar securities in the future at a predetermined price. The fund also expects to engage in short sales of TBA mortgages, including short sales on TBA mortgages the fund does not own, to potentially enhance returns or manage risk.

Investment decisions generally reflect the portfolio managers' outlook for interest rates and the economy, as well as the prices, yields, and credit quality of various securities in which the fund may invest. For example, if interest rates are expected to fall, the fund may purchase securities with longer maturities (to the extent consistent with the fund's investment program) in an attempt to seek higher yields and/or capital appreciation. Conversely, if interest rates are expected to rise, the fund may seek securities with shorter maturities.

Principal Risks

As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective(s). The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, are summarized as follows:

Fixed income markets: Economic and other market developments can adversely affect the fixed income securities markets. At times, participants in these markets may develop concerns about the ability of certain issuers of debt instruments to make timely principal and interest payments, or they may develop concerns about the ability of financial institutions that make markets in certain debt instruments to facilitate an orderly market. Those concerns could cause increased volatility and reduced liquidity in particular securities or in the overall fixed income markets and the related derivatives markets. A lack of liquidity or other adverse credit market conditions may hamper the fund's ability to sell the debt instruments in which it invests or to find and purchase suitable debt instruments.

Market conditions: The value of the fund's investments may decrease, sometimes rapidly or unexpectedly, due to factors affecting an issuer held by the fund, particular industries, or the overall securities markets. A variety of factors can increase the volatility of the fund's holdings and markets generally, including geopolitical developments (such as trade and tariff arrangements, sanctions, and cybersecurity attacks), recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues (such as the coronavirus pandemic) and related governmental and public responses. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others. Government intervention in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. These adverse developments may cause broad declines in market value due to short-term market movements or for significantly longer periods during more prolonged market downturns.

Interest rates: A rise in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to fall and its yield to rise. Conversely, a decline in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to rise and the yield to fall. The prices and yields of inflation-linked bonds are directly impacted by the rate of inflation as well as changes in interest rates. Generally, funds with longer weighted average maturities and durations carry greater interest rate risk. Changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or governments are likely to affect the interest rates or yields of the securities in which the fund invests.

Credit quality: An issuer of a debt instrument could suffer an adverse change in financial condition that results in a payment default (failure to make scheduled interest or principal payments), rating downgrade, or inability to meet a financial obligation. Securities that are rated below investment grade carry greater risk of default and should be considered speculative.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives exposes the fund to additional volatility and potential losses and the fund may not achieve the purpose of using the derivative. A derivative involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the reference or assets on which the derivative is based, including liquidity risk, valuation risk, correlation risk, market risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty and credit risk, operational risk, management risk, legal risk, and regulatory risk. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid, and difficult to value, and changes in the value of a derivative may not properly correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index. The fund could be exposed to significant losses if it is unable to close a derivatives position due to the lack of a liquid secondary trading market. The prices of derivatives may move in unexpected ways, especially in abnormal market conditions. Derivatives also expose the fund to settlement risk, such as if the fund is required to acquire, buy, or sell the underlying reference or asset at an undesirable price, has challenges with offsetting transactions, or risks associated with cash settlement. Certain derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations. The use of derivatives includes the risk of potential operational issues. Derivatives are exposed to legal risks, such as the legality or enforceability of a contract. The adviser may not be able to accurately predict the direction of prices, economic factors, or other associated risks which could cause loss in value or impair the fund's efforts to reduce overall volatility. New regulations may make derivatives more costly, limit availability, or otherwise affect their value or performance.

TBAs and dollar rolls: Although the securities that are delivered in TBA transactions must meet certain standards, there is a risk that the actual securities received by the fund may be less favorable than what was anticipated when entering into the transaction. TBA transactions are collateralized but they still involve the risk that a counterparty will fail to deliver the security, exposing the fund to potential losses. Whether or not the fund takes delivery of the securities at the termination date of a TBA transaction, it will nonetheless be exposed to changes in the value of the underlying investments during the term of the agreement. Forward settling securities, such as TBAs, involve leverage which may magnify investment risks and can cause losses to be realized more quickly. In addition, the fund's portfolio turnover rate and transaction costs are increased when the fund enters into dollar roll transactions.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities tend to be more volatile and have lower overall liquidity and trading volume than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Further, securities of non-U.S. issuers are subject to trading markets with potential governmental interference, varying regulatory, auditing, and accounting standards, and settlement and clearance practices that differ from those of U.S. issuers. Investment in non-U.S. securities also carries currency risk. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful. Such investments may have higher transaction costs compared with U.S. markets. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Liquidity: The fund may not be able to meet requests to redeem shares issued by the fund without significant dilution of the remaining shareholders' interests in the fund. In addition, the fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Reduced liquidity in the bond markets can result from a number of events, such as limited trading activity, reductions in bond inventory, and rapid or unexpected changes in interest rates. Markets with lower overall liquidity could lead to greater price volatility and limit the fund's ability to sell a holding at a suitable price.

Prepayments and extensions: The fund is subject to prepayment risks because the principal on mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, or any debt instrument with an embedded call option may be prepaid at any time, which could reduce the security's yield and market value. The rate of prepayments tends to increase as interest rates fall, which could cause the average maturity of the portfolio to shorten. Extension risk may result from a rise in interest rates, which tends to make mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other callable debt instruments more volatile.

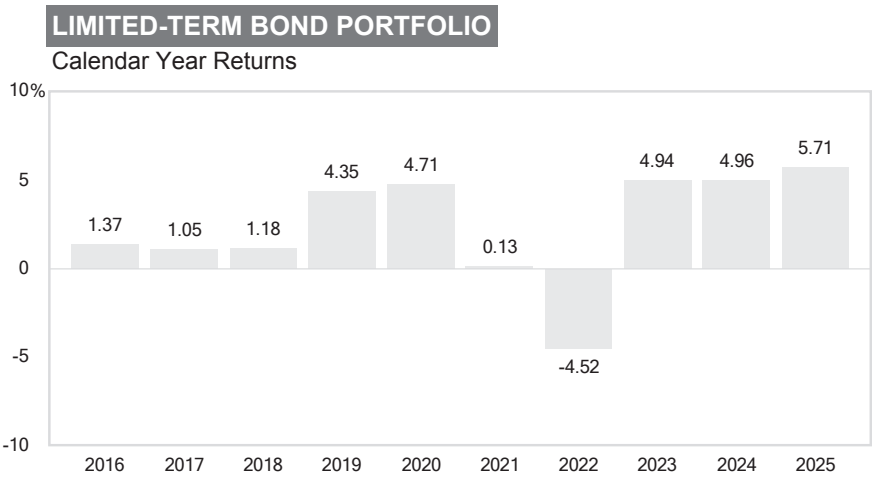
Active management: The fund's overall investment program and holdings selected by the fund's investment adviser may underperform the broad markets, relevant indices, or other funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund could be harmed by intentional cyberattacks and other cybersecurity breaches, including unauthorized access to the fund's assets, confidential information, or other proprietary information. In addition, a cybersecurity breach could cause one of the fund's service providers or financial intermediaries to suffer unauthorized data access, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality.

Performance

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower.

The following bar chart illustrates how much returns can differ from year to year by showing calendar year returns and the best and worst calendar quarter returns during those years for the fund's Portfolio Class. Returns for other share classes vary since they have different expenses.



	Quarter Ended	Total Return		Quarter Ended	Total Return
Best Quarter	6/30/20	4.53%	Worst Quarter	3/31/22	-2.56%

The following table shows the average annual total returns for each class of the fund that has been in operation for at least one full calendar year. The fund's performance information included in the table is compared with a regulatory required index that represents an overall securities market (Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index). In addition, the table may also include one or more indexes that more closely align to the fund's investment strategy.

Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2025			
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Inception date
Portfolio	5.71 %	2.17 %	2.34 %	**05/13/1994**
Portfolio—II Class	5.46	1.91	2.09	**03/31/2005**
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	7.30	-0.36	2.01	
Bloomberg 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	5.35	1.97	2.09	
Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying Short Investment Grade Debt Fund Average	5.35	2.16	2.20	

Updated performance information is available through troweprice.com.

Management

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

Name	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
Steven Kohlenstein	Co-Portfolio Manager and Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2023	2010
Michael Reinartz	Co-Portfolio Manager and Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2015	1996

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund is not sold directly to the general public but is instead offered as an underlying investment option for variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchases of the fund.

You may purchase, redeem, or exchange shares of the fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. You must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares through your insurance company.

Tax Information

The fund distributes any dividends and capital gains to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Variable product owners seeking to understand the tax consequences of their investment, including redemptions of fund shares and the impact of dividend and capital gains distributions by the fund, should consult with the insurance company that issued their variable product or refer to their variable annuity or variable life insurance contract prospectus.

Payments to Insurance Companies, Broker-Dealers, and Other Financial Intermediaries

The fund is generally available only through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. The fund and/or its related companies may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company or other financial intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment option or by influencing an insurance company to include the fund as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your insurance company or financial intermediary, or visit your insurance company’s or financial intermediary’s website, for more information.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Investment Adviser(s)

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is the investment adviser for all funds sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (T. Rowe Price Funds); is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. As of December 31, 2025, T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (Firm) had approximately $1.78 trillion in assets under management.

Portfolio Management

The portfolio managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio managers are Steven Kohlenstein and Michael Reinartz. The following information provides the year that the portfolio managers first joined the Firm and the portfolio managers' specific business experience during the past five years (although the portfolio managers may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Mr. Kohlenstein has been co-portfolio manager of the fund since 2023. He joined the Firm in 2010, and his investment experience dates from 2011. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio investment strategist, a quantitative analyst, and a portfolio manager. Mr. Reinartz has been a portfolio manager of the fund since 2015. He joined the Firm in 1996, and his investment experience dates from 2000. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio manager. The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of the fund's shares.

T. Rowe Price has also established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The portfolio managers work with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Steven Kohlenstein and Michael Reinartz, cochairs; Tala Boulos, Jean-Marc Breaux, Sheldon Chan, Jason Collins, Dennis Lee, Cheryl Mickel, Alexander Obaza, Chen Shao, and Mitch Unger.

The Management Fee

The fund pays the investment adviser a management fee consisting of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee," which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm and is based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund and ETF assets.

Group Fee Schedule

0.334%*	First $50 billion
0.305%	Next $30 billion
0.300%	Next $40 billion
0.295%	Next $40 billion
0.290%	Next $60 billion
0.285%	Next $80 billion
0.280%	Next $100 billion
0.275%	Next $100 billion
0.270%	Next $150 billion
0.265%	Next $195 billion
0.260%	Thereafter

* Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's management fee is determined by applying the group fee rate and individual fund fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. For the prior fiscal year, the group fee rate was 0.28% and the fund's individual fund fee rate was 0.01%. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily.

The expense limitation agreement limits the fund's operating expenses or total expense ratio but does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

The management fee is charged to the fund and each share class of the fund bears its proportionate share of the management fee. An expense limitation agreement that limits the operating expenses or total expense ratio of a particular share class does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Directors (Board) and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) is contained in Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ended June 30, and made available on the fund's website at troweprice.com/prospectus.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Charges

Variable annuity and variable life insurance fees and charges imposed on contract holders and participants by the insurance companies are in addition to those described previously and are described in the variable annuity contract and variable life insurance prospectuses.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Conflicts

The fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Shares of the fund may be offered to separate accounts established by any number of insurance companies. The fund currently does not foresee any disadvantages to variable annuity contract owners due to the fact that the fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies; however, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interests of owners of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies for which the fund serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. The fund's Board is required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life policy owners, and will determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict were to occur, an insurance company participating in the fund might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the fund. This might force the fund to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S), STRATEGIES, AND RISKS

Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks a high level of income consistent with moderate fluctuations in principal value.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in bonds. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change to the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund may also invest 65% of its total assets in short- and intermediate-term bonds. There are no maturity limitations on individual securities purchased, but the fund's average effective maturity will not exceed five years.

At least 90% of the fund's assets will consist of investment-grade securities that, at the time of purchase, are rated in one of the four highest rating categories assigned by credit rating agencies from at least one credit rating agency or, if unrated, deemed by the adviser to be of comparable quality. The fund's holdings may include corporate and government bonds, asset- and mortgage-backed securities, and foreign securities.

The fund may use derivatives, including, without limitation, futures, forwards (such as foreign currency exchange contracts), options, structured securities, or swaps. The fund may use derivatives for a variety of purposes, such as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset(s); as part of strategies designed to manage exposure to, for example, issuers, portions of the yield curve, indexes, sectors, assets, currencies and/or geographic regions; gain alpha; hedge against decline in value; and/or to reduce or hedge exposure to other risks, such as interest rate, credit, duration or currency risk. The fund specifically uses interest rate futures, credit default swaps, CDXs, and TBAs.

Interest rate futures can be used as an efficient means of managing the fund's exposure to interest rate changes and to adjust the portfolio's duration. Credit default swaps can be used to protect the value of certain portfolio holdings, as an alternative to cash bonds, and to manage the fund's overall credit risk exposure. A CDX is a swap on an index of credit default swaps. CDXs allow the fund to

manage credit risk or take a position on a basket of credit entities (such as credit default swaps or a reference index) rather than transacting in a single-name credit default swap.

The fund may gain investment exposure to mortgage-backed securities by entering into agreements to buy or sell securities through the TBA market. The fund would enter into a commitment to either purchase or sell mortgage-backed securities for a fixed price, with payment and delivery at a scheduled future date beyond the customary settlement period for mortgage-backed securities. These transactions are considered to be TBA because the fund commits to buy a pool of mortgages that have yet to be specifically identified but will meet certain standardized parameters (such as yield, duration, and credit quality) and contain similar loan characteristics. For either purchase or sale transactions, the fund may extend the settlement by entering into "dollar roll" transactions in which the fund sells mortgage-backed securities to a dealer and simultaneously agrees to purchase substantially similar securities in the future at a predetermined price. These transactions have the potential to enhance the fund's returns and reduce its administrative burdens when compared with holding mortgage-backed securities directly, although these transactions will increase the fund's portfolio turnover rate. During the roll period, the fund forgoes principal and interest paid on the securities. However, the fund would be compensated by the difference between the current sale price and the forward price for the future purchase, as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. The fund also expects to engage in short sales of TBA mortgages, including short sales on TBA mortgages the fund does not own, to potentially enhance returns or manage risk.

Investment decisions generally reflect the portfolio managers' outlook for interest rates and the economy, as well as the prices, yields, and credit quality of various securities in which the fund may invest. For example, if interest rates are expected to fall, the fund may purchase securities with longer maturities (to the extent consistent with the fund's investment program) in an attempt to seek higher yields and/or capital appreciation. Conversely, if interest rates are expected to rise, the fund may seek securities with shorter maturities.

The fund may sell assets for a variety of reasons, including in response to a change in the original investment considerations or to limit losses, adjust the characteristics of the overall portfolio, or redeploy assets into different opportunities.

The fund invests in the following types of securities or assets:

Bonds

A bond is an interest-bearing security. The issuer has a contractual obligation to pay interest at a stated rate on specific dates and to repay principal (the bond's face value) on a specified date. An issuer may have the right to redeem or "call" a bond before maturity, and the investor may have to invest the proceeds at lower market rates. Bonds can be issued by U.S. and foreign governments, states, and municipalities, as well as a wide variety of companies.

A bond's annual interest income, set by its coupon rate, is usually fixed for the life of the bond. Its yield (income as a percent of current price) will fluctuate to reflect changes in interest rate levels. A bond's price usually rises when interest rates fall and vice versa, so its yield generally stays consistent with current market conditions.

Conventional fixed rate bonds offer a coupon rate for a fixed maturity with no adjustment for inflation. Real rate of return bonds also offer a fixed coupon but include ongoing inflation adjustments for the life of the bond.

Certain bonds have floating or variable interest rates that are adjusted periodically based on a particular index. These interest rate adjustments tend to minimize fluctuations in the bonds' principal values. The maturity of certain floating rate securities may be shortened under certain specified conditions.

Bonds, including asset- and mortgage-backed securities, may be secured (backed by specific collateral) or may be unsecured (backed only by the issuer's general creditworthiness).

Mortgage-Backed Securities

The fund may invest in a variety of mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage lenders pool individual home mortgages with similar characteristics to back a certificate or bond, which is sold to investors such as the fund. Interest and principal payments generated by the underlying mortgages are passed through to the investors. The "big three" issuers are the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Government National Mortgage Association certificates are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, while others, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation certificates, are only supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or by the credit of the agency. (The Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation operate under conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, an independent federal agency.) Private mortgage bankers and other institutions also issue mortgage-backed securities.

Mortgage-backed securities are subject to scheduled and unscheduled principal payments as homeowners pay down or prepay their mortgages. As these payments are received, they must be reinvested when interest rates may be higher or lower than on the original mortgage security. Therefore, these securities are not an effective means of locking in long-term interest rates. In addition, when interest rates fall, the rate of mortgage prepayments, including refinancings, tends to increase. Refinanced mortgages are paid off at face value or "par," causing a loss for any investor who may have purchased the security at a price above par. In such an environment, this risk limits the potential price appreciation of these securities and can negatively affect the fund's net asset value. When interest rates rise, the prices of mortgage-backed securities can be expected to decline. In addition, when interest rates rise and prepayments slow, the effective duration of mortgage-backed securities extends, resulting in increased price volatility.

Additional mortgage-backed securities in which the fund may invest include:

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations Collateralized mortgage obligations are debt instruments that are fully collateralized by a portfolio of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities including Government National Mortgage Association, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and non-agency-backed mortgages. All interest and principal payments from the underlying mortgages are passed through to the collateralized mortgage obligations in such a way as to create different classes with varying risk characteristics, payment structures, and maturity dates. Collateralized mortgage obligation classes may pay fixed or variable rates of interest, and certain classes have priority over others with respect to the receipt of prepayments and allocation of defaults.

Stripped Mortgage Securities Stripped mortgage securities are created by separating the interest and principal payments generated by a pool of mortgage-backed securities or a collateralized mortgage obligation to create additional classes of securities. Generally, one class receives interest-only payments and another receives principal-only payments. Unlike other mortgage-backed securities and principal-only strips, the value of interest-only strips tends to move in the same direction as interest rates. The fund can use interest-only strips as a hedge against falling prepayment rates (when interest rates are rising) and/or in an unfavorable market environment. Principal-only strips can be used as a hedge against rising prepayment rates (when interest rates are falling) and/or in a favorable market environment. Interest-only strips and principal-only strips are acutely sensitive to interest rate changes and to the rate of principal prepayments.

A rapid or unexpected increase in prepayments can severely depress the price of interest-only strips, while a rapid or unexpected decrease in prepayments could have the same effect on principal-only strips. Of course, under the opposite conditions these securities may appreciate in value. These securities can be very volatile in price and may have lower overall liquidity than most other mortgage-backed securities. Certain non-stripped collateralized mortgage obligation classes may also exhibit these qualities, especially those that pay variable rates of interest that adjust inversely with, and more rapidly than, short-term interest rates. In addition, if interest rates rise rapidly and prepayment rates slow more than expected, certain collateralized mortgage obligation classes, in addition to losing value, can exhibit characteristics of long-term securities and become more volatile. There is no guarantee that the fund's investments in collateralized mortgage obligations, interest-only strips, or principal-only strips will be successful, and the fund's total return could be adversely affected as a result.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Commercial mortgage-backed securities are securities created from a pool of commercial mortgage loans, such as loans for hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, and apartment buildings. Interest and principal payments from the loans are passed on to the investor according to a schedule of payments. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the loans themselves and on the structure of the particular deal. Generally, deals are structured with senior and subordinate classes. The degree of subordination is determined by the credit rating agencies that rate the individual classes of the structure. Commercial mortgages are generally structured with prepayment penalties, which greatly reduce prepayment risk to the investor. However, the value of these securities may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the individual borrowers, their tenants, the servicing agents, or the general state of commercial real estate. There is no limit on fund investments in these securities.

Asset-Backed Securities

An underlying pool of assets, such as credit card or automobile trade receivables or corporate loans or bonds, backs asset-backed securities and provides the interest and principal payments to investors. On occasion, the pool of assets may also include a swap obligation, which is used to change the cash flows on the underlying assets. As an example, a swap may be used to allow floating rate assets to back a fixed rate obligation. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the underlying assets, the level of any credit support provided by the structure or a line of credit, and the credit quality of the swap counterparty, if any. The underlying assets (i.e., loans) are sometimes subject to prepayments, which can shorten the asset-backed security's effective maturity and may lower its return. The value of these asset-backed securities also may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the individual borrowers, the originator, the servicing agent, the financial institution providing the credit support, or the swap counterparty. There is no limit on the fund's investments in asset-backed securities.

High Yield or "Junk" Bonds

The price and yield of below investment-grade (high yield or "junk") bonds, including below investment-grade emerging market bonds, can be expected to fluctuate more than the price and yield of higher-quality bonds. Because these bonds are rated below BBB (or an equivalent rating) or are in default, they are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. Successful investment in lower-medium and low-quality bonds involves greater investment risk and is highly dependent on T. Rowe Price's credit analysis. A real or perceived economic downturn or higher interest rates could cause a decline in high yield bond prices by lessening the ability of issuers to make principal and interest payments. These bonds are often thinly traded and can be more difficult to sell and value accurately than higher-quality bonds. Because objective pricing data may be less available, judgment may play a greater role in the valuation process.

Inflation-Linked Securities

Inflation-linked securities are instruments whose interest and principal payments are adjusted for inflation, which represents a sustained increase in the prices of goods and services that can erode the purchasing power of money. Treasury inflation protected securities are inflation-linked securities issued by the U.S. government. Inflation-linked bonds are also issued by corporations, U.S. government agencies, and foreign governments. The inflation adjustment, which is applied periodically to the principal of the bond, follows a designated inflation index, such as the Consumer Price Index. A fixed coupon rate is applied to the inflation-adjusted principal so that as inflation rises, both the principal value and the interest payments increase. This can provide investors with a hedge against inflation, as it helps preserve the purchasing power of such investment. Because of this inflation-adjustment feature, inflation protected bonds typically have lower yields than conventional fixed rate bonds. In the case of Treasury inflation protected securities, repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. For securities that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the security to be repaid at maturity is subject to credit risk.

Inflation-linked bonds normally decline in price when real interest rates rise. (A real interest rate is calculated by subtracting the inflation rate from a nominal interest rate. For example, if a 10-year U.S. Treasury note is yielding 5% and inflation expectations for the next 10 years are 2%, the real interest rate is 3%.) If inflation is negative, the principal and income of an inflation-linked bond could decline and result in losses for the fund.

Bank Loans

The fund may make investments in bank loans through the purchase or execution of a privately negotiated loan or note representing the equivalent of a loan, as well as through loan assignments and participations. Large loans to corporations or governments, including governments of less developed countries, may be shared or syndicated among several lenders, usually banks. The fund could participate in such syndicates or could buy part of a loan, becoming a direct lender. These loans may often be obligations of companies or governments in financial distress or in default. These investments involve special types of risk, including those of being a lender, reduced liquidity, increased credit risk, and volatility.

Bank loans may be acquired directly through an agent acting on behalf of the lenders participating in the loan, as an assignment from another lender who holds a direct interest in the loan, or as a participation interest in another lender's portion of the loan. An assignment typically results in the purchaser succeeding to all rights and obligations under the loan agreement between the assigning lender and the borrower. However, assignments may be arranged through private negotiations, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning lender.

A participation interest is a fractional interest in a loan, issued by a lender or other financial institution. To the extent the fund invests in loans through participation interests, it will be more difficult for it to enforce its rights against the borrower because it will have established a direct contractual relationship with the seller of the participation interest but not with the borrower. When the fund invests in a loan by participation, it must rely on another party not only for the enforcement of its rights against the borrower, but also for the receipt and processing of payments due under the loan. Investing in a participation interest limits the fund's ability to file a claim directly as a creditor in the event of the borrower's bankruptcy.

Foreign Securities

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

and the potential for fluctuations in foreign exchange rates to decrease the investment's value (favorable changes can increase its value). In addition, information with respect to foreign borrowers may differ from that available for U.S. borrowers because foreign companies are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices, and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. borrowers.

Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives, including, without limitation, futures, forwards (such as foreign currency exchange contracts), options, structured securities, or swaps, as well as others that combine the risk characteristics and features of these instruments. The fund may use derivatives for a variety of purposes, such as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset(s); as part of strategies designed to manage exposure to, for example, issuers, portions of the yield curve, indexes, sectors, assets, currencies and/or geographic regions; gain alpha; hedge against decline in value; and/or to reduce or hedge exposure to other risks, such as interest rate, credit, duration, or currency risk. A derivative is a financial instrument whose value is derived from an underlying reference or asset, such as a stock, bond, currency, interest rate, commodity, digital asset, or an index. Many types of investments representing a wide range of risks and potential rewards may be considered derivatives, including conventional instruments such as futures and options, as well as other potentially more complex investments such as swaps and structured notes. The use of derivatives can involve leverage. Leverage has the effect of magnifying returns, positively or negatively. The effect on returns will depend on the extent to which an investment is leveraged. For example, an investment of $1, leveraged at 2 to 1, would have the effect of an investment of $2. Leverage ratios can be higher or lower with a corresponding effect on returns.

Derivatives that may be used include the following instruments:

Futures A futures contract provides for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific instrument (e.g., units of a stock index) for a specified price, date, time, and place designated at the time the contract is made. The fund may buy and sell futures contracts for any number of reasons, including to adjust the fund's overall risk profile; manage exposure (such as to interest rates, securities prices and indexes, currency exchange rates, or certain markets); enhance the fund's returns; protect the value of the portfolio; and equitize cash. The fund may choose to continue a futures contract by "rolling over" an expiring futures contract into an identical contract with a later maturity date. Brokerage fees are incurred when a futures contract is bought or sold, and margin deposits must be maintained during the term of the contract. This could increase the fund's transaction costs and portfolio turnover rate.

Swaps The fund may invest in interest rate, index, total return, credit default, and other types of swap agreements, as well as options on swaps, commonly referred to as "swaptions," and interest rate swap futures, which are instruments that provide a way to obtain swap exposure and the benefits of futures in one contract. Interest rate, index, and total return swaps are two-party contracts under which the fund and a counterparty, such as a broker or dealer, agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or indexes. Credit default swaps are agreements where one party (the protection buyer) will make periodic payments to another party (the protection seller) in exchange for protection against specified credit events, such as defaults and bankruptcies related to an issuer or underlying credit instrument. Swap futures are futures contracts on interest rate swaps that enable purchasers to settle in cash at a future date at the price determined by a specific benchmark rate at the end of a fixed period. Swaps, swaptions, and swap futures can be used for a variety of purposes, including to manage the fund's overall exposure to changes in interest or foreign currency exchange rates and credit quality; as an efficient means of adjusting the fund's exposure to certain markets; in an effort to enhance income or total return or protect the value of portfolio securities; to serve as a cash management tool; and to adjust portfolio duration or credit risk exposure.

When-Issued Securities and Forwards

The fund may purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis or may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment basis. The price of these securities is fixed at the time of the commitment to buy, but delivery and payment take place after the customary settlement period for that type of security (often a month or more later). During the interim period, the price and yield of the securities can fluctuate, and typically no interest accrues to the purchaser. At the time of delivery, the market value of the securities may be more or less than the purchase or sale price. To the extent the fund remains fully or almost fully invested (in securities with a remaining maturity of more than one year) at the same time it purchases these securities, there will be greater fluctuations in the fund's net asset value than if the fund did not purchase them.

Principal Risks

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, include the following:

Fixed income markets: The market price of investments owned by the fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The fund's investments may decline in value due to factors affecting the overall fixed income markets or particular industries or sectors.

The value of a holding may decline due to developments related to a particular issuer, but also due to general fixed income market conditions, including real or perceived adverse economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. The fund may experience heavy redemptions that could cause it to liquidate its assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value.

Market conditions: The value of investments held by the fund may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain issuers, particular industries or sectors, or the overall markets. Rapid or unexpected changes in market conditions could cause the fund to liquidate its holdings at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. The value of a particular holding may decrease due to developments related to that issuer, but also due to general market conditions, including real or perceived economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. In addition, local, regional, or global events such as war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, political and social unrest, regulatory changes, recessions, tariffs and shifts in monetary or trade policies, natural or environmental disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases or other public health issues could have a significant negative impact on securities markets and the fund's investments. Any of these events may lead to unexpected suspensions or closures of securities exchanges; travel restrictions or quarantines; business disruptions and closures; inability to obtain raw materials, supplies, and component parts; reduced or disrupted operations for the fund's service providers or issuers in which the fund invests; and an extended adverse impact on global market conditions. Government intervention (including sanctions) in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the economies (including through changes in business activity and increased unemployment) and financial markets of specific countries or worldwide.

Interest rates: The prices of bonds and other fixed income securities typically increase as interest rates fall, and prices typically decrease as interest rates rise (bond prices and interest rates usually move in opposite directions). Such decreases in prices are due to the bonds and notes in the fund's portfolio becoming less attractive to other investors when securities with higher yields become available. The prices and yields of inflation-linked bonds are directly impacted by the rate of inflation as well as changes in interest rates. Generally, funds with longer weighted average maturities (i.e., an average of the maturities of the underlying debt instruments, "weighted" by the percentage of the fund's assets it represents) and durations (i.e., the measure of the price sensitivity of a fund to changes in interest rates) carry greater interest rate risk. As a result, in a rising interest rate environment, the net asset value of a fund with a longer weighted average maturity or duration typically decreases at a faster rate than the net asset value of a fund with a shorter weighted average maturity or duration. In addition, recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or governments are likely to affect the interest rates or yields of the securities in which the fund invests. An elevated inflation environment may heighten risks associated with rising interest rates. As a result, rapid changes in interest rates may increase the fund's overall exposure to interest rate risk.

Credit quality: An issuer of a debt instrument held by the fund could default (fail to make scheduled interest or principal payments), potentially reducing the fund's income and share price. Credit risk is increased when portfolio holdings are downgraded or the perceived financial condition of an issuer deteriorates. Holdings with an investment-grade rating should have a relatively low risk of encountering financial problems and a relatively high probability of future payments. However, holdings rated below investment grade are more susceptible to adverse economic conditions than other investment-grade holdings and may have speculative characteristics. Holdings rated below investment grade should be regarded as speculative because their issuers may be more susceptible to financial setbacks and recession than more creditworthy issuers.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives exposes the fund to additional volatility and potential losses and the fund may not achieve the purpose of using the derivative. A derivative involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the reference or assets on which the derivative is based, including liquidity risk, valuation risk, correlation risk, market risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty and credit risk, operational risk, management risk, legal risk, and regulatory risk. Derivatives can be illiquid and the fund could be exposed to significant losses if it is unable to close a derivatives position due to the lack of liquidity in the secondary trading market. Valuation for derivatives may not be readily available and more difficult in times of market turmoil. Changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with, and may be more sensitive to market events than, the underlying asset, rate, or index, and the fund could lose more than the initial amount invested or not achieve the purpose of using the derivative. Changes in the general level of interest rates may cause fluctuations in the value of an asset. Derivatives may be sensitive to changes in economic and market conditions, which could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. Changes in the value of a derivative or other similar instrument may also create margin delivery or settlement payment obligations. Derivatives also expose the fund to settlement risk, such as if the fund is required to acquire, buy, or sell the underlying reference or asset at an undesirable price,

has challenges with offsetting transactions, or risks associated with cash settlement. Certain derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations. Some derivatives are "leveraged" or may create economic leverage for the fund and therefore may magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the fund. Relatively small market movements may result in large changes in the value of derivatives positions and can result in losses that greatly exceed the amount originally invested. The use of derivatives includes the risk of potential operational issues, including documentation issues, settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error. Derivatives are exposed to legal risks, such as the legality or enforceability of a contract or insufficient documentation, capacity, or authority. The adviser may not be able to accurately predict the direction of prices, economic factors, or other associated risks which could cause loss in value or impair the fund's efforts to reduce overall volatility. The federal income tax treatment of a derivative may not be as favorable as a direct investment in an underlying asset. New regulations may make derivatives more costly, limit availability, or otherwise affect their value or performance.

TBAs and dollar rolls: TBA and dollar roll transactions present special risks to the fund. Although the particular TBA securities must meet industry-accepted "good delivery" standards, there can be no assurance that a security purchased on a forward commitment basis will ultimately be issued or delivered by the counterparty. During the settlement period, the fund will still bear the risk of any decline in the value of the security to be delivered. TBAs and other forward settling securities involve leverage because they can provide investment exposure in an amount exceeding the fund's initial investment. Leverage can magnify investment risks and cause losses to be realized more quickly. While dollar roll transactions involve the simultaneous purchase and sale of substantially similar TBA securities with different settlement dates, these transactions do not require the purchase and sale of identical securities so the characteristics of the security delivered to the fund may be less favorable than the security delivered to the dealer.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities may lose value because of declining foreign currencies or adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, natural disasters, public health emergencies, labor strikes, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, restrictions on foreign ownership or imposition of punitive taxes; and the imposition of international trade and capital flow barriers and other protectionist, repatriation, or retaliatory measures. Securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts and other instruments that represent interests in a non-U.S. issuer) tend to be more volatile than U.S. securities and are subject to trading markets with lower overall liquidity and trading volume. The fund could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies in which the fund's holdings are denominated versus the U.S. dollar, and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful, and it is difficult to hedge the currency risks of many emerging markets countries. In addition, investments outside the U.S. are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S. Non-U.S. securities may receive less coverage than U.S. securities by market analysts and the financial press, and may provide financial information less frequently or to a lesser extent. Furthermore, trading in foreign markets generally involves higher transaction costs than trading in U.S. markets. A foreign trading market may close for national holidays or without warning for extended time periods, or may have different clearance and settlement procedures, causing delays and preventing the fund from buying or selling securities in that market. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Liquidity: The fund may not be able to meet requests to redeem shares issued by the fund without significant dilution of the remaining shareholders' interests in the fund. In addition, the fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Sectors of the bond market can experience sudden downturns in trading activity. During periods of reduced market liquidity, the spread between the price at which a security can be bought and the price at which it can be sold can widen, and the fund may not be able to sell a holding readily at a price that reflects what the fund believes it should be worth. Securities with lower overall liquidity can also become more difficult to value. Liquidity risk may be the result of, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of traditional broker-dealers to make a market in fixed income securities or the lack of an active market. The potential for liquidity risk may be magnified by a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where selling activity from fixed income investors may be higher than normal, potentially causing increased supply in the market.

Prepayments and extensions: A fund investing in mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other debt instruments that have embedded call options can be negatively impacted when interest rates fall because borrowers tend to refinance and prepay principal. Receiving increasing prepayments in a falling interest rate environment causes the average maturity of the fund's portfolio to shorten, reducing its potential for price gains. It also requires the fund to reinvest proceeds at lower interest rates, which reduces the fund's total return and yield, and could result in a loss if bond prices fall below the level that the fund paid for them. A rise in interest rates or lack of refinancing opportunities can cause the fund's weighted average maturity to lengthen unexpectedly due to a drop in expected prepayments of mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and callable debt instruments. This would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising interest rates and its potential for price declines.

Active management: The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform other funds with a similar benchmark or similar investment program if the fund's investment selections or overall strategies fail to produce the intended results. Regulatory, tax, or other developments may affect the investment strategies available to a portfolio manager, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective(s).

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches may involve deliberate attacks and unauthorized access to the digital information systems (for example, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) used by the fund, its investment adviser and subadviser(s) (as applicable), or its service providers but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks, which are efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. These breaches may, among other things, result in financial losses to the fund and its shareholders, cause the fund to lose proprietary information, disrupt business operations, or result in the unauthorized release of confidential information. Further, cybersecurity breaches involving the fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, trading counterparties, or issuers in which the fund invests could subject the fund to many of the same risks associated with direct breaches.

Additional Investment Management Practices

The fund may employ additional investment management practices as described in this section. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the SAI, which contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

ESG Integration

The Firm integrates the analysis of governance and sustainability factors into the investment process in an effort to maximize financial performance (known as ESG integration). The Firm focuses on the particular governance and sustainability factors considered most likely to have a material impact on the performance of the holdings or potential holdings in the fund's portfolio. For certain types of investments, including, but not limited to, cash, currency positions, and particular types of derivatives, this analysis may not be relevant or possible due to a lack of data.

Reserve Position

The adviser normally maintains a certain portion of the fund's assets in reserves. The reserve position helps the adviser to manage liquidity and take advantage of investment opportunities without selling other fund assets, meet redemption requests, and manage cash flows into the fund, and manage risk by increasing the reserve position during periods of current or expected market volatility. The fund's reserve position typically consists of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund or short-term bond fund (which do not charge any management fees and are not available for public purchase); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and non-U.S. dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective(s). Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

Temporary Defensive Position

The adviser may assume a temporary defensive position for the fund in order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, such as to provide flexibility in satisfying significant redemption activity, managing flows into or out of the fund, or paying expenses. The temporary defensive position may be inconsistent with the fund's principal investment objective(s) and/or strategies, which may impact the fund's returns or its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). For temporary defensive purposes, the fund may hold a greater amount of assets in reserves than normal or invest without limit in cash or other liquid instruments.

Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets

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

Borrowings may not exceed 33⅓% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights tables, which provide information about each class' financial history, are based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The tables are part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its Form N-CSR and are incorporated by reference into the SAI (available upon request). The financial statements were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Limited-Term Bond Portfolio Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$4.69	$4.66	$4.59	$4.91	$5.00
Investment activities					
Net investment income[1][2]	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.09	0.07
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	0.06	0.03	0.07	(0.31)	(0.06)
Total from investment activities	0.26	0.23	0.22	(0.22)	0.01
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.15)	(0.09)	(0.07)
Net realized gain	–	–	–	(0.01)	(0.03)
Total distributions	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.15)	(0.10)	(0.10)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$4.75**	**$4.69**	**$4.66**	**$4.59**	**$4.91**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**5.71%**	**4.96%**	**4.94%**	**(4.52)%**	**0.13%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.60%	0.63%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Net investment income	4.29%	4.22%	3.32%	1.93%	1.31%
Portfolio turnover rate	96.2%	123.7%	72.5%	86.3%	64.3%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$187,049	$172,503	$168,464	$161,043	$171,166

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Limited-Term Bond Portfolio-II Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$4.67	$4.64	$4.57	$4.89	$4.98
Investment activities					
Net investment income[1][2]	0.19	0.19	0.14	0.08	0.05
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	0.06	0.02	0.07	(0.31)	(0.06)
Total from investment activities	0.25	0.21	0.21	(0.23)	(0.01)
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.08)	(0.05)
Net realized gain	–	–	–	(0.01)	(0.03)
Total distributions	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.09)	(0.08)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$4.73**	**$4.67**	**$4.64**	**$4.57**	**$4.89**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**5.46%**	**4.70%**	**4.69%**	**(4.78)%**	**(0.13)%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.85%	0.87%	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
Net investment income	4.04%	3.98%	3.07%	1.69%	1.06%
Portfolio turnover rate	96.2%	123.7%	72.5%	86.3%	64.3%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$23,301	$19,785	$17,039	$17,217	$18,786

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their portfolio holdings periodically on troweprice.com. A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings and other portfolio information for the T. Rowe Price Funds is available in the SAI.

T. ROWE PRICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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The following policies and procedures generally apply to the T. Rowe Price Variable Insurance Portfolios, which are T. Rowe Price mutual funds specifically designed to be made available through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. For instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares of the funds, you should refer to your insurance contract prospectus.

INVESTING IN T. ROWE PRICE VARIABLE INSURANCE PORTFOLIOS

Shares of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are designed to be offered to insurance company separate accounts established for the purpose of funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts holders or participants are not the shareholders of the funds. Rather, the separate account of the insurance company is the shareholder. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts are described in separate prospectuses issued by the insurance companies. The funds assume no responsibility for any insurance company prospectuses or variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

Some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are available only in a single share class (Portfolio Class), while some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are also available in a II Class. Shares of the funds are sold and redeemed without the imposition of any sales charges, commissions, or redemption fees, although shares of the II Class are subject to a 12b-1 fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets. In addition, certain other charges may apply to variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Those charges are disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus.

Your ability to exchange from these funds into any other T. Rowe Price Fund that serves as an investment option under your insurance contract is governed by the terms of that contract and the insurance contract prospectus, as well as the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy described later in this section.

DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

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

Each II Class has adopted a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of II Class shares out of II Class assets. Under such 12b-1 plan, the II Class may make payments at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets to various insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. Because the fees are paid from the II Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment and, over time, could result in you paying more than with other types of sales charges. The Portfolio Class has not adopted a 12b-1 plan and does not pay any distribution fees to third parties.

In addition to the administrative fee payments made by the Portfolio and II Class and the 12b-1 payments made by the II Class, T. Rowe Price or its affiliates will, at their own expense, provide compensation to certain insurance companies that provide shareholder or other services to the Variable Insurance Portfolios, commonly referred to as revenue sharing. These payments typically take the form of asset-based payments. These payments are used to compensate insurance companies for distribution and shareholder servicing activities, including subaccounting, subtransfer agency, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or its affiliates' own resources and not as an expense of the funds). The SAI provides more information about these payment arrangements.

Comparison of Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Fees

The following table summarizes the distribution and service (12b-1) fee and administrative fee arrangements applicable to each class based on its average daily net assets.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Portfolio Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
II Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

How and When Shares Are Priced

The trade date for your transaction request generally depends on the day and time that your insurance company or T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by your insurance company or T. Rowe Price or its agent. The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, the fund's assets are valued and totaled; liabilities are subtracted; and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. Investment for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by T. Rowe Price, as the valuation designee, designated by the Board, by taking into account various, adopted factors and methodologies for determining the fair value. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

T. Rowe Price uses various pricing services to obtain closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. T. Rowe Price cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. T. Rowe Price routinely evaluates its fair value processes.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If T. Rowe Price determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of trading on the NYSE will, in its judgment, affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, T. Rowe Price will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, T. Rowe Price reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

T. Rowe Price may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, T. Rowe Price may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. T. Rowe Price also evaluates a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

How the Trade Date Is Determined

The insurance companies purchase shares of the fund for their separate accounts, using premiums allocated by the contract holders or participants. Shares are purchased at the net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives the premium payment in

correct form. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the fund are subject to the limits stated in the insurance contract prospectus issued by the insurance company.

The insurance companies redeem shares of the fund to make benefit or surrender payments under the terms of their contracts. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the NYSE is open and are priced at the fund's net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives a surrender request in acceptable form.

The funds have authorized certain insurance companies, financial intermediaries, or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. Generally, when insurance companies receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the insurance company. The insurance company or financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price or its agent and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the insurance company or financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your insurance company or financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your insurance company or financial intermediary by the close of trading on the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

Note: The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS

Purchasing Shares

All initial and subsequent investments by insurance companies or financial intermediaries are typically made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire or electronic payment was initiated. The Variable Insurance Portfolios do not require a particular minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases. However, you should check with your insurance company to determine if a minimum applies to your investment. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit purchase orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management.

When authorized by the fund, certain financial institutions purchasing fund shares on behalf of customers through T. Rowe Price Client Account Management may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The financial institution is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

U.S. Dollars All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars.

Nonpayment Purchases may be canceled for any orders that are not paid in full. The purchaser may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase due to nonpayment.

Redeeming Shares

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit redemption orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to insurance companies and financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on the next business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the insurance company or financial intermediary. However, you should check with your insurance company about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds under your insurance contract.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Client Account Management.

Meeting Redemption Requests It is expected that the funds will typically hold sufficient cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests, although a fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash (redemptions in-kind), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above (generally if the shareholder is able to accept securities in-kind) and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The funds may rely on an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In certain circumstances, the T. Rowe Price Funds may also meet redemption requests by utilizing overdraft protection afforded to the fund's account by the fund custodian. In addition, certain funds have a revolving line of credit in place to help meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs, if necessary.

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

Large Redemptions Large redemptions can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, if, during any 90-day period, a shareholder redeems fund shares worth more than $250,000 (or 1% of the value of a fund's assets if that amount is less than $250,000), we reserve the right to pay part or all of the redemption proceeds in excess of this amount in readily marketable securities instead of in cash. Although the fund normally intends to pay redemption proceeds solely in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay any redemption proceeds exceeding this amount in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a fund. This in-kind distribution may be in the form of a pro-rata slice of the fund's portfolio (potentially with certain exclusions and modifications). We will value these securities in the same manner as we do in computing the fund's net asset value. The redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder or account will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If a shareholder or account owner continues to hold the securities, he or she may be subject to any ownership restrictions imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of $1 million or more.

Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds The Variable Insurance Portfolios typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form. Proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank the next business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances). In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of Directors of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the money market fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy

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

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (30-Day

Purchase Block). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

General Exceptions As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the 30-Day Purchase Block (certain of these exceptions are not applicable to Variable Insurance Portfolios):

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions made by or in connection with activity in a defined benefit or nonqualified plan, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Transactions having a value of $5,000 or less (insurance companies and financial intermediaries may apply the Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy to transactions of any amount); and
- Certain shares purchased or redeemed in exchange for securities and cash (transactions in-kind), subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price.

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

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

Omnibus Accounts Financial intermediaries and insurance companies may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts or underlying contract holder accounts) in the fund on behalf of their customers. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity by underlying contract holders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the insurance company (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects suspicious trading activity, T. Rowe Price will contact the insurance company and may request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all of the underlying contract holders. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the insurance company to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying contract holder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries and insurance companies to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the financial intermediaries' and insurance companies' timely performance of their responsibilities.

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

The terms of your insurance contract may further restrict your ability to trade between investment options available under your contract. You should carefully review your insurance contract or consult with your insurance company directly to determine the trading policy, as well as any rules or conditions on transactions that will apply to your trades in the T. Rowe Price Funds and any other investment options available under your contract.

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

Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls, requiring personalized security codes or certain identifying information for inquiries and requests, and requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of transactions immediately after you receive confirmation of them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

Fund Operations and Shareholder Services

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. These fees are included in a fund's financial statements.

INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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

For a discussion of the tax status of your variable annuity contract, please refer to the insurance contract prospectus. Any tax forms applicable to your investment will be provided to you by your insurance company.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders, which are the various insurance companies that have established separate accounts in connection with their issuance of variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The following table provides details on dividend and other distribution payments:

	Dividend Payment Schedule
Fund	**Dividends**
Limited-Term Bond	• Shares normally begin to earn any dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price. • Dividends, if any, are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.
Equity Income and Moderate Allocation	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March, June, September, and December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All other funds	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All funds	• If necessary, a fund may make additional distributions on short notice to minimize any fund level tax liabilities.

Shares of the Limited-Term Bond Portfolio will normally earn dividends through the date of redemption. The funds do not pay dividends in

fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, $0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (for example, $0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, $0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (for example, $0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

All fund distributions made to a separate account will be reinvested automatically in additional fund shares, unless a shareholder (separate account) elects to receive distributions in cash. Under current law, dividends and distributions made by the fund to separate accounts are generally not taxable to the separate accounts, the insurance company, or the contract holder, provided that the separate account meets the diversification requirements of Code Section 817(h) and other tax-related requirements are satisfied. Each of the Variable Insurance Portfolios intends to diversify its investments in the manner required under Code Section 817(h).

Capital Gain Payments

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

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE FUNDS

T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents, in their sole discretion, reserve the following rights: (1) to waive or lower investment minimums; (2) to accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) to refuse any purchase or exchange order; (4) to cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order placed through a financial intermediary no later than the business day after the order is received by the financial intermediary (including, but not limited to, orders deemed to result in excessive trading, market timing, or 5% ownership); (5) to cease offering fund shares at any time to all or certain groups of investors; (6) to freeze any account and suspend account services when notice has been received of a dispute regarding the ownership of the account, or a legal claim against an account, upon initial notification to T. Rowe Price of a shareholder's death until T. Rowe Price receives required documentation in correct form, or if there is reason to believe a fraudulent transaction may occur; (7) to otherwise modify the conditions of purchase and modify or terminate any services at any time; (8) to waive any wire fees charged to a group of shareholders; (9) to act on instructions reasonably believed to be genuine; (10) to involuntarily redeem an account at the net asset value calculated the day the account is redeemed when permitted by law, including in cases of threatening or abusive conduct, suspected fraudulent or illegal activity, or if the fund or its agent is unable, through its procedures, to verify the identity of the person(s) or entity opening an account; and (11) for money market funds, to suspend redemptions to facilitate an orderly liquidation.

In an effort to protect T. Rowe Price Funds from the possible adverse effects of a substantial redemption in a large account, as a matter of general policy, no contract holder or participant or group of contract holders or participants controlled by the same person or group of persons will knowingly be permitted to purchase in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of the fund, except upon approval by the fund's management.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies, and practices, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Additional information about the fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. The fund's annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements are included in its Form N-CSRs. To obtain free copies of any of these documents, or for shareholder inquiries, contact your insurance company. Certain documents and updated performance information are available without charge through troweprice.com/prospectus.

Annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and other fund information are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's internet site at sec.gov. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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The fund is only available as an investment option for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in mid-cap stocks with potential for above-average earnings growth.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions or insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the table and example below. If these additional fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.**

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Portfolio	Portfolio—II Class
Management fees	0.63 %	0.63 %
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	—	0.25
Other expenses	0.22	0.21
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.85	1.09
Fee waiver/expense reimbursement	(0.01)[a]	—
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver/expense reimbursement	**0.84** [a]	**1.09**

[a] T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has contractually agreed to indefinitely waive its fees and/or bear any expenses (excluding interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and 12b-1 fees, if any) that would cause the fund's ratio of expenses to average daily net assets to exceed 0.84%. The agreement may only be terminated with approval by the fund's shareholders. Fees waived and expenses borne by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. are subject to reimbursement by the fund (or class'), provided no reimbursement will be made if it would result in the fund's (or class') expense ratio exceeding its applicable limitation at the time of the waiver/payment or reimbursement, whichever is lower. No reimbursement will be made more than three years after any waiver or payment.

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

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Portfolio	$ 86	$ 268	$ 466	$ 1,037
Portfolio—II Class	111	347	601	1,329

Portfolio Turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 41.8% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of mid-cap companies whose earnings T. Rowe Price expects to grow at a faster rate than the average company. Any derivatives that provide exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund defines mid-cap companies as those whose market capitalization (number of shares outstanding multiplied by share price) falls within the range of either the S&P MidCap 400® Index or the Russell Midcap® Growth Index. As of December 31, 2025, the market capitalization ranges for the S&P MidCap 400® Index and the Russell Midcap® Growth Index were approximately $1.68 billion to $32.94 billion, and $1.18 billion to $88.94 billion, respectively. The market capitalization of the companies in the indexes change over time and the indexes are periodically reconstituted to ensure that they continue to accurately reflect the mid-cap equity market.

The fund's growth-oriented approach to stock selection reflects the belief that when a company's earnings grow faster than both inflation and the overall economy, it will result in a higher stock price.

In selecting investments, the adviser generally favors companies with one or more of the following:

- proven products or services;
- a record of above-average earnings growth;
- demonstrated potential to sustain earnings growth;
- connection to an industry experiencing increasing demand; or
- stock prices that appear to undervalue their growth prospects.

The fund may, to a limited extent, invest in privately held companies and companies that only recently began to trade publicly.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector.

Principal Risks

As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective(s). The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The principal risks of investing in this fund, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, are summarized as follows:

Mid-cap stocks: Investments in securities issued by mid-cap companies are likely to be more volatile than investments in securities issued by large-cap companies. Mid-cap companies may have less seasoned management, narrower product lines, and less capital reserves and liquidity than large-cap companies, and are therefore more sensitive to economic, market, and industry changes.

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

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

Market conditions: The value of the fund's investments may decrease, sometimes rapidly or unexpectedly, due to factors affecting an issuer held by the fund, particular industries, or the overall securities markets. A variety of factors can increase the volatility of the fund's holdings and markets generally, including geopolitical developments (such as trade and tariff arrangements, sanctions, and cybersecurity attacks), recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and outbreaks of infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues (such as the coronavirus pandemic) and related governmental and public responses. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others. Government intervention in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. These adverse developments may cause broad declines in market value due to short-term market movements or for significantly longer periods during more prolonged market downturns.

Sector exposure: Issuers in the same economic sector may be similarly affected by economic or market events, making the fund more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that economic sector than funds that invest more broadly.

Private placements and IPOs: Investments in the stocks of privately held companies and in companies that only recently began to publicly trade, such as initial public offerings or IPOs, involve greater risks than investments in stocks of companies that have traded publicly on an exchange for extended time periods. There is significantly less information available about these companies' business models, quality of management, earnings growth potential, and other criteria that are normally considered when evaluating the investment prospects of a company. Private placements and other restricted securities held by the fund are typically considered to be illiquid and tend to be difficult to value since there are no market prices and less overall financial information available. The adviser evaluates a variety of factors when assigning a value to these holdings, but the determination involves some degree of subjectivity and the value assigned for the fund may differ from the value assigned by other mutual funds holding the same security.

Liquidity: A particular investment or an entire market segment may become less liquid or even illiquid, sometimes abruptly, which could limit the fund's ability to purchase or sell holdings in a timely manner at a desired price. An inability to sell a portfolio holding can

adversely affect the fund's overall value or prevent the fund from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities. Liquidity risk may be magnified during periods of substantial market volatility and unexpected episodes of illiquidity may limit the fund's ability to pay redemption proceeds without selling holdings at an unfavorable time or at a suitable price. Large redemptions may also have a negative impact on the fund's overall liquidity.

Active management: The fund's overall investment program and holdings selected by the fund's investment adviser may underperform the broad markets, relevant indices, or other funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund could be harmed by intentional cyberattacks and other cybersecurity breaches, including unauthorized access to the fund's assets, confidential information, or other proprietary information. In addition, a cybersecurity breach could cause one of the fund's service providers or financial intermediaries to suffer unauthorized data access, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality.

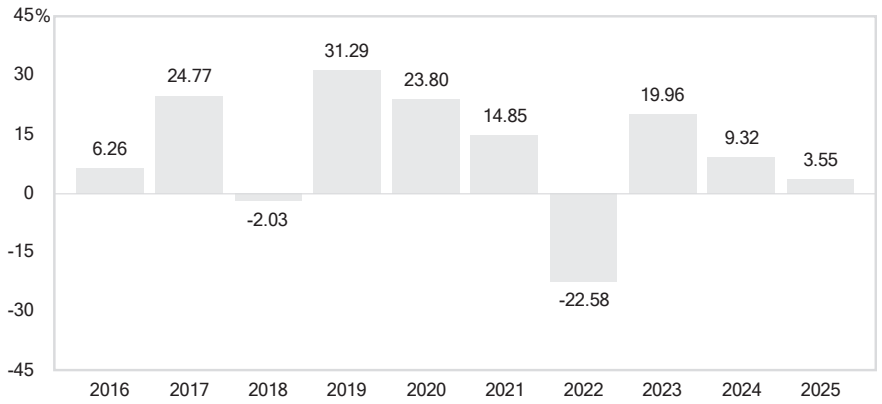
Performance

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower.

The following bar chart illustrates how much returns can differ from year to year by showing calendar year returns and the best and worst calendar quarter returns during those years for the fund's Portfolio Class. Returns for other share classes vary since they have different expenses.

MID-CAP GROWTH PORTFOLIO

Calendar Year Returns



	Quarter Ended	Total Return		Quarter Ended	Total Return
Best Quarter	6/30/20	27.78%	Worst Quarter	3/31/20	-23.34%

The following table shows the average annual total returns for each class of the fund that has been in operation for at least a full calendar year. The fund's performance information included in the table is compared with a regulatory required index that represents an overall securities market (Russell 3000® Index). In addition, the table may also include one or more indexes that more closely align to the fund's investment strategy.

Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2025			
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Inception date
Portfolio	3.55 %	3.84 %	9.81 %	**12/31/1996**
Portfolio—II Class	3.29	3.58	9.54	**04/30/2002**
Russell 3000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.15	13.15	14.29	
Russell Midcap® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	8.66	6.65	12.49	
Lipper Variable Annuity Underlying Mid-Cap Growth Funds Average	5.14	3.21	10.99	

Updated performance information is available through troweprice.com.

Management

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

Investment Subadviser T. Rowe Price Investment Management, Inc. (Price Investment Management)

Name	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
Ashley Woodruff	Portfolio Manager and Chair of Investment Advisory Committee	2025	2007*
Don Easley	Co-Portfolio Manager and Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2025	2000

* Ms. Woodruff originally joined T. Rowe Price in 2007 and returned in 2018.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund is not sold directly to the general public but is instead offered as an underlying investment option for variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchases of the fund.

You may purchase, redeem, or exchange shares of the fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. You must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares through your insurance company.

Tax Information

The fund distributes any dividends and capital gains to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Variable product owners seeking to understand the tax consequences of their investment, including redemptions of fund shares and the impact of dividend and capital gains distributions by the fund, should consult with the insurance company that issued their variable product or refer to their variable annuity or variable life insurance contract prospectus.

Payments to Insurance Companies, Broker-Dealers, and Other Financial Intermediaries

The fund is generally available only through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. The fund and/or its related companies may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company or other financial intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment option or by influencing an insurance company to include the fund as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your insurance company or financial intermediary, or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website, for more information.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Investment Adviser(s)

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is the investment adviser for all funds sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (T. Rowe Price Funds); is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. As of December 31, 2025, T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (Firm) had approximately $1.78 trillion in assets under management.

T. Rowe Price entered into a subadvisory agreement with Price Investment Management under which Price Investment Management is authorized to trade securities and make discretionary investment and voting decisions with respect to all or a portion of the fund's portfolio. Price Investment Management is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC; provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. Price Investment Management is a subsidiary of T. Rowe Price and its address is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231.

Portfolio Management

The portfolio managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio managers are Ashley Woodruff and Don Easley. Ms. Woodruff is ultimately responsible for oversight of the fund's portfolio. The following information provides the year that the portfolio managers first joined the Firm and the portfolio managers' specific business experience during the past five years (although the portfolio managers may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Ms. Woodruff has been portfolio manager of the fund since 2025. She worked for the Firm from 2007 through 2013 and rejoined the Firm in 2018, and her investment experience dates from 2001. During the past five years, she has served as an equity research analyst, an associate portfolio manager, and a portfolio manager (beginning in 2025). Mr. Easley has been co-portfolio manager of the fund since 2025. He joined the Firm in 2000, and his investment experience dates from 1999. During the past five years, he has served as an associate portfolio and a portfolio manager. The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of the fund's shares.

T. Rowe Price has also established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The portfolio managers work with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Ashley Woodruff, chair, Don Easley, cochair; Maggie Brady, David Buckley, Samba Chunduri, Matt Frustaci, Matt Mahon, Brad Moldin, Rohit Pandey, Sal Rais, Vivek Rajeswaran, Emily Scudder, Courtney Sheldon, and Matthew Stevenson.

The Management Fee

The fund pays the investment adviser a management fee consisting of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee," which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm and is based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund and ETF assets.

Group Fee Schedule

0.334%*	First $50 billion
0.305%	Next $30 billion
0.300%	Next $40 billion
0.295%	Next $40 billion
0.290%	Next $60 billion
0.285%	Next $80 billion
0.280%	Next $100 billion
0.275%	Next $100 billion
0.270%	Next $150 billion
0.265%	Next $195 billion
0.260%	Thereafter

* Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's management fee is determined by applying the group fee rate and individual fund fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. For the prior fiscal year, the group fee rate was 0.28% and the fund's individual fund fee rate was 0.35%. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily.

The expense limitation agreement limits the fund's operating expenses or total expense ratio but does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

The management fee is charged to the fund and each share class of the fund bears its proportionate share of the management fee. An expense limitation agreement that limits the operating expenses or total expense ratio of a particular share class does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Directors (Board) and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) is contained in Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ended June 30, and made available on the fund's website at troweprice.com/prospectus.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Charges

Variable annuity and variable life insurance fees and charges imposed on contract holders and participants by the insurance companies are in addition to those described previously and are described in the variable annuity contract and variable life insurance prospectuses.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Conflicts

The fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Shares of the fund may be offered to separate accounts established by any number of insurance companies. The fund currently does not foresee any disadvantages to variable annuity contract owners due to the fact that the fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies; however, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interests of owners of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies for which the fund serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. The fund's Board is required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life policy owners, and will determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict were to occur, an insurance company participating in the fund might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the fund. This might force the fund to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S), STRATEGIES, AND RISKS

Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in mid-cap stocks with potential for above-average earnings growth.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of mid-cap companies whose earnings T. Rowe Price expects to grow at a faster rate than the average company. Shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior notice of a change to the fund's 80% investment policy. Any derivatives that provide

exposure to the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, or to one or more market risk factors associated with the investment focus suggested by the fund's name, are counted (as applicable) toward compliance with the fund's 80% investment policy.

The fund defines mid-cap companies as those whose market capitalization (number of shares outstanding multiplied by share price) falls within the range of either the S&P MidCap 400® Index or the Russell Midcap® Growth Index. As of December 31, 2025, the market capitalization ranges for the S&P MidCap 400® Index and the Russell Midcap® Growth Index were approximately $1.68 billion to $32.94 billion, and $1.18 billion to $88.94 billion, respectively. The market capitalization of the companies in the indexes change over time and the indexes are periodically reconstituted to ensure that they continue to accurately reflect the mid-cap equity market.

Mid-cap companies are often in the earlier phase of their life cycles, but are no longer considered new or emerging. By being more focused in their business activities, these companies may be more responsive and better able to adapt to the changing needs of their markets than large-cap companies. Mid-cap companies also tend to have greater resources, and therefore generally represent less risk, than small-cap companies. They are usually mature enough to have established organizational structures and the depth of management needed to expand their operations. In addition, they generally have sufficient financial resources and access to capital to finance their growth.

The fund's growth-oriented approach to stock selection reflects the belief that when a company's earnings grow faster than both inflation and the overall economy, it will result in a higher stock price.

In selecting investments, the adviser generally favors companies with one or more of the following:

- proven products or services;
- a record of above-average earnings growth;
- demonstrated potential to sustain earnings growth;
- connection to an industry experiencing increasing demand; or
- stock prices that appear to undervalue their growth prospects.

The fund may invest in companies through initial public offerings and non-public offerings, known as private placements, which are exempt from registration under the federal securities laws and are only sold to certain investors meeting predefined criteria. These offerings can be a key source of capital for businesses, especially small or start-up companies. The offering document for a private placement specifies the terms of the offering, including the amount of money to be raised and the type of investor that can be solicited to participate in the offering, but contains more limited information on the company when compared to a public offering.

At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in the same economic sector.

While most assets are typically invested in U.S. common stocks, the fund may invest in foreign stocks in keeping with its objective(s).

The fund may sell assets for a variety of reasons, including in response to a change in the original investment considerations or to limit losses, adjust the characteristics of the overall portfolio, or redeploy assets into different opportunities.

The fund invests in the following types of securities or assets:

Common and Preferred Stocks

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

Principal Risks

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, include the following:

Mid-cap stocks: Stocks of mid-cap companies generally entail greater risk and are usually more volatile than stocks of large-cap companies. In comparison to large-cap companies, mid-cap companies tend to have less seasoned management, narrower product lines, and less capital reserves and liquidity and are therefore more sensitive to economic, market, and industry changes. However, by being more focused in their business activities, mid-cap companies may at times be more responsive and better able to adapt to the changing needs of their markets than large-cap companies. Mid-cap companies also tend to have greater resources, and therefore

represent less risk, than small-cap companies. They are usually mature enough to have established organizational structures and the depth of management needed to expand their operations. In addition, they generally have sufficient financial resources and access to capital to finance their growth.

Growth investing: Different investment styles tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market conditions and investor sentiment. Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than other types of stocks, and their prices may fluctuate more dramatically than the overall stock markets. Growth stocks are typically priced higher than other stocks because investors believe they have more growth potential, which may or may not be realized. Since these companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their businesses, they may lack the dividends that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. In addition, earnings disappointments often lead to sharply falling prices for growth stocks.

Stock investing: The fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the overall stock markets, a particular industry, or specific holdings. Stock markets as a whole can be volatile and decline for many reasons, such as adverse local, regional, or global political, regulatory, or economic developments; changes in investor psychology; or heavy selling at the same time by major institutional investors in the market. The prospects for an industry or company may deteriorate because of a variety of factors, including disappointing earnings or changes in the competitive environment. In addition, the adviser's assessment of companies whose stocks are held by the fund may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance, even in rising markets. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of the issuer's bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

Market conditions: The value of investments held by the fund may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain issuers, particular industries or sectors, or the overall markets. Rapid or unexpected changes in market conditions could cause the fund to liquidate its holdings at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. The value of a particular holding may decrease due to developments related to that issuer, but also due to general market conditions, including real or perceived economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. In addition, local, regional, or global events such as war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, political and social unrest, regulatory changes, recessions, tariffs and shifts in monetary or trade policies, natural or environmental disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases or other public health issues could have a significant negative impact on securities markets and the fund's investments. Any of these events may lead to unexpected suspensions or closures of securities exchanges; travel restrictions or quarantines; business disruptions and closures; inability to obtain raw materials, supplies, and component parts; reduced or disrupted operations for the fund's service providers or issuers in which the fund invests; and an extended adverse impact on global market conditions. Government intervention (including sanctions) in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the economies (including through changes in business activity and increased unemployment) and financial markets of specific countries or worldwide.

Sector exposure: At times, the fund may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of issuers conducting business in a related group of industries within the same economic sector. Issuers within the same economic sector may be similarly affected by specific market events impacting that sector. As a result, the fund is more susceptible to adverse developments affecting an economic sector in which the fund has significant investments and may perform poorly during a downturn in one or more of the industries within that economic sector.

Private placements and IPOs: Many private placement securities are issued by companies that are not required to file periodic financial reports, leading to challenges in evaluating the company's overall business prospects and gauging how the investment is likely to perform over time. The more limited financial information and lack of publicly available prices require the fund to determine a fair value for such investments. The fair value prices for the fund's private placements are based on a variety of factors and are reviewed on a regular basis and updated as additional information becomes available. However, the fair valuation process involves a significant amount of judgment and the fair value prices determined for the fund could differ from those of other market participants. An initial public offering, which marks the debut of a company's stock on a public stock exchange, results in greater available financing for the company and more information available to evaluate the company's investment prospects. However, these companies that only recently began to publicly trade tend to have limited products and customers, may not be fully prepared for the additional oversight and regulation that results, and do not have a trading history to assess how the stock has behaved during various market cycles.

Liquidity: A particular investment or an entire market segment may become less liquid or even illiquid, sometimes abruptly, which can adversely affect the fund's overall value and its ability to limit losses. Less liquid or illiquid investments can be more difficult to purchase or sell at an advantageous price or time, and there is an increased risk that the investment may not be sold for the price at which the fund

is valuing it. Market prices of holdings with reduced liquidity may be volatile and an inability to sell a portfolio holding can adversely affect the fund's value or prevent the fund from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities. Liquidity risk may be magnified during periods of substantial market volatility due to higher than normal redemption rates. Unexpected episodes of illiquidity may limit the fund's ability to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period. Large redemptions by one or more shareholders owning a significant percentage of the fund's assets may also have a negative impact on the fund's overall liquidity. To meet redemption requests during periods of illiquidity, the fund may be forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions.

Active management: The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform other funds with a similar benchmark or similar investment program if the fund's investment selections or overall strategies fail to produce the intended results. Regulatory, tax, or other developments may affect the investment strategies available to a portfolio manager, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective(s).

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches may involve deliberate attacks and unauthorized access to the digital information systems (for example, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) used by the fund, its investment adviser and subadviser(s) (as applicable), or its service providers but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks, which are efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. These breaches may, among other things, result in financial losses to the fund and its shareholders, cause the fund to lose proprietary information, disrupt business operations, or result in the unauthorized release of confidential information. Further, cybersecurity breaches involving the fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, trading counterparties, or issuers in which the fund invests could subject the fund to many of the same risks associated with direct breaches.

Additional Investment Management Practices

The fund may employ additional investment management practices as described in this section. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the SAI, which contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

ESG Integration

The Firm integrates the analysis of governance and sustainability factors into the investment process in an effort to maximize financial performance (known as ESG integration). The Firm focuses on the particular governance and sustainability factors considered most likely to have a material impact on the performance of the holdings or potential holdings in the fund's portfolio. For certain types of investments, including, but not limited to, cash, currency positions, and particular types of derivatives, this analysis may not be relevant or possible due to a lack of data.

Reserve Position

The adviser normally maintains a certain portion of the fund's assets in reserves. The reserve position helps the adviser to manage liquidity and take advantage of investment opportunities without selling other fund assets, meet redemption requests, and manage cash flows into the fund, and manage risk by increasing the reserve position during periods of current or expected market volatility. The fund's reserve position typically consists of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund or short-term bond fund (which do not charge any management fees and are not available for public purchase); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and non-U.S. dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective(s). Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

Temporary Defensive Position

The adviser may assume a temporary defensive position for the fund in order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, such as to provide flexibility in satisfying significant redemption activity, managing flows into or out of the fund, or paying expenses. The temporary defensive position may be inconsistent with the fund's principal investment objective(s) and/or strategies, which may impact the fund's returns or its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). For temporary defensive purposes, the fund may hold a greater amount of assets in reserves than normal or invest without limit in cash or other liquid instruments.

Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets

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

Borrowings may not exceed 33⅓% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights tables, which provide information about each class' financial history, are based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The tables are part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its Form N-CSR and are incorporated by reference into the SAI (available upon request). The financial statements were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$28.95	$29.11	$25.85	$34.47	$33.47
Investment activities					
Net investment loss[1][2]	(0.04)	(0.03)	—[3]	(0.05)	(0.14)
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	1.07	2.74	5.12	(7.74)	4.98
Total from investment activities	1.03	2.71	5.12	(7.79)	4.84
Distributions					
Net realized gain	(3.78)	(2.87)	(1.86)	(0.83)	(3.84)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$26.20**	**$28.95**	**$29.11**	**$25.85**	**$34.47**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][4]	**3.55%**	**9.32%**	**19.96%**	**(22.58)%**	**14.85%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.84%	0.83%	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%
Net investment loss	(0.15)%	(0.10)%	(0.00)%	(0.18)%	(0.39)%
Portfolio turnover rate	41.8%	31.2%	28.2%	22.3%	18.8%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$352,276	$497,811	$480,140	$422,825	$576,739

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Amounts round to less than $0.01 per share.
(4) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio - II Class

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$26.59	$27.02	$24.13	$32.32	$31.63
Investment activities					
Net investment loss[1][2]	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.07)	(0.11)	(0.22)
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	0.99	2.54	4.76	(7.25)	4.70
Total from investment activities	0.88	2.44	4.69	(7.36)	4.48
Distributions					
Net realized gain	(3.78)	(2.87)	(1.80)	(0.83)	(3.79)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$23.69**	**$26.59**	**$27.02**	**$24.13**	**$32.32**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**3.29%**	**9.04%**	**19.63%**	**(22.75)%**	**14.57%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	1.09%	1.09%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	1.09%	1.08%	1.09%	1.09%	1.09%
Net investment loss	(0.40)%	(0.34)%	(0.26)%	(0.44)%	(0.64)%
Portfolio turnover rate	41.8%	31.2%	28.2%	22.3%	18.8%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$104,840	$78,633	$67,576	$50,985	$71,773

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their portfolio holdings periodically on troweprice.com. A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings and other portfolio information for the T. Rowe Price Funds is available in the SAI.

T. ROWE PRICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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The following policies and procedures generally apply to the T. Rowe Price Variable Insurance Portfolios, which are T. Rowe Price mutual funds specifically designed to be made available through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. For instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares of the funds, you should refer to your insurance contract prospectus.

INVESTING IN T. ROWE PRICE VARIABLE INSURANCE PORTFOLIOS

Shares of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are designed to be offered to insurance company separate accounts established for the purpose of funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts holders or participants are not the shareholders of the funds. Rather, the separate account of the insurance company is the shareholder. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts are described in separate prospectuses issued by the insurance companies. The funds assume no responsibility for any insurance company prospectuses or variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

Some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are available only in a single share class (Portfolio Class), while some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are also available in a II Class. Shares of the funds are sold and redeemed without the imposition of any sales charges, commissions, or redemption fees, although shares of the II Class are subject to a 12b-1 fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets. In addition, certain other charges may apply to variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Those charges are disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus.

Your ability to exchange from these funds into any other T. Rowe Price Fund that serves as an investment option under your insurance contract is governed by the terms of that contract and the insurance contract prospectus, as well as the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy described later in this section.

DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

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

Each II Class has adopted a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of II Class shares out of II Class assets. Under such 12b-1 plan, the II Class may make payments at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets to various insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. Because the fees are paid from the II Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment and, over time, could result in you paying more than with other types of sales charges. The Portfolio Class has not adopted a 12b-1 plan and does not pay any distribution fees to third parties.

In addition to the administrative fee payments made by the Portfolio and II Class and the 12b-1 payments made by the II Class, T. Rowe Price or its affiliates will, at their own expense, provide compensation to certain insurance companies that provide shareholder or other services to the Variable Insurance Portfolios, commonly referred to as revenue sharing. These payments typically take the form of asset-based payments. These payments are used to compensate insurance companies for distribution and shareholder servicing activities, including subaccounting, subtransfer agency, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or its affiliates' own resources and not as an expense of the funds). The SAI provides more information about these payment arrangements.

Comparison of Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Fees

The following table summarizes the distribution and service (12b-1) fee and administrative fee arrangements applicable to each class based on its average daily net assets.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Portfolio Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
II Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

How and When Shares Are Priced

The trade date for your transaction request generally depends on the day and time that your insurance company or T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by your insurance company or T. Rowe Price or its agent. The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, the fund's assets are valued and totaled; liabilities are subtracted; and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. Investment for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by T. Rowe Price, as the valuation designee, designated by the Board, by taking into account various, adopted factors and methodologies for determining the fair value. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

T. Rowe Price uses various pricing services to obtain closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. T. Rowe Price cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. T. Rowe Price routinely evaluates its fair value processes.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If T. Rowe Price determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of trading on the NYSE will, in its judgment, affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, T. Rowe Price will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, T. Rowe Price reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

T. Rowe Price may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, T. Rowe Price may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. T. Rowe Price also evaluates a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

How the Trade Date Is Determined

The insurance companies purchase shares of the fund for their separate accounts, using premiums allocated by the contract holders or participants. Shares are purchased at the net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives the premium payment in

correct form. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the fund are subject to the limits stated in the insurance contract prospectus issued by the insurance company.

The insurance companies redeem shares of the fund to make benefit or surrender payments under the terms of their contracts. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the NYSE is open and are priced at the fund's net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives a surrender request in acceptable form.

The funds have authorized certain insurance companies, financial intermediaries, or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. Generally, when insurance companies receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the insurance company. The insurance company or financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price or its agent and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the insurance company or financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your insurance company or financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your insurance company or financial intermediary by the close of trading on the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

Note: The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS

Purchasing Shares

All initial and subsequent investments by insurance companies or financial intermediaries are typically made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire or electronic payment was initiated. The Variable Insurance Portfolios do not require a particular minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases. However, you should check with your insurance company to determine if a minimum applies to your investment. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit purchase orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management.

When authorized by the fund, certain financial institutions purchasing fund shares on behalf of customers through T. Rowe Price Client Account Management may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The financial institution is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

U.S. Dollars All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars.

Nonpayment Purchases may be canceled for any orders that are not paid in full. The purchaser may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase due to nonpayment.

Redeeming Shares

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit redemption orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to insurance companies and financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on the next business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the insurance company or financial intermediary. However, you should check with your insurance company about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds under your insurance contract.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Client Account Management.

Meeting Redemption Requests It is expected that the funds will typically hold sufficient cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests, although a fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash (redemptions in-kind), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above (generally if the shareholder is able to accept securities in-kind) and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The funds may rely on an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In certain circumstances, the T. Rowe Price Funds may also meet redemption requests by utilizing overdraft protection afforded to the fund's account by the fund custodian. In addition, certain funds have a revolving line of credit in place to help meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs, if necessary.

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

Large Redemptions Large redemptions can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, if, during any 90-day period, a shareholder redeems fund shares worth more than $250,000 (or 1% of the value of a fund's assets if that amount is less than $250,000), we reserve the right to pay part or all of the redemption proceeds in excess of this amount in readily marketable securities instead of in cash. Although the fund normally intends to pay redemption proceeds solely in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay any redemption proceeds exceeding this amount in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a fund. This in-kind distribution may be in the form of a pro-rata slice of the fund's portfolio (potentially with certain exclusions and modifications). We will value these securities in the same manner as we do in computing the fund's net asset value. The redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder or account will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If a shareholder or account owner continues to hold the securities, he or she may be subject to any ownership restrictions imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of $1 million or more.

Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds The Variable Insurance Portfolios typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form. Proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank the next business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances). In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of Directors of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the money market fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy

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

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (30-Day

Purchase Block). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

General Exceptions As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the 30-Day Purchase Block (certain of these exceptions are not applicable to Variable Insurance Portfolios):

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions made by or in connection with activity in a defined benefit or nonqualified plan, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Transactions having a value of $5,000 or less (insurance companies and financial intermediaries may apply the Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy to transactions of any amount); and
- Certain shares purchased or redeemed in exchange for securities and cash (transactions in-kind), subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price.

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

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

Omnibus Accounts Financial intermediaries and insurance companies may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts or underlying contract holder accounts) in the fund on behalf of their customers. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity by underlying contract holders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the insurance company (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects suspicious trading activity, T. Rowe Price will contact the insurance company and may request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all of the underlying contract holders. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the insurance company to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying contract holder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries and insurance companies to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the financial intermediaries' and insurance companies' timely performance of their responsibilities.

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

The terms of your insurance contract may further restrict your ability to trade between investment options available under your contract. You should carefully review your insurance contract or consult with your insurance company directly to determine the trading policy, as well as any rules or conditions on transactions that will apply to your trades in the T. Rowe Price Funds and any other investment options available under your contract.

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

Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls, requiring personalized security codes or certain identifying information for inquiries and requests, and requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of transactions immediately after you receive confirmation of them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

Fund Operations and Shareholder Services

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. These fees are included in a fund's financial statements.

INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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

For a discussion of the tax status of your variable annuity contract, please refer to the insurance contract prospectus. Any tax forms applicable to your investment will be provided to you by your insurance company.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders, which are the various insurance companies that have established separate accounts in connection with their issuance of variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The following table provides details on dividend and other distribution payments:

	Dividend Payment Schedule
Fund	**Dividends**
Limited-Term Bond	• Shares normally begin to earn any dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price. • Dividends, if any, are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.
Equity Income and Moderate Allocation	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March, June, September, and December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All other funds	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All funds	• If necessary, a fund may make additional distributions on short notice to minimize any fund level tax liabilities.

Shares of the Limited-Term Bond Portfolio will normally earn dividends through the date of redemption. The funds do not pay dividends in

fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, $0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (for example, $0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, $0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (for example, $0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

All fund distributions made to a separate account will be reinvested automatically in additional fund shares, unless a shareholder (separate account) elects to receive distributions in cash. Under current law, dividends and distributions made by the fund to separate accounts are generally not taxable to the separate accounts, the insurance company, or the contract holder, provided that the separate account meets the diversification requirements of Code Section 817(h) and other tax-related requirements are satisfied. Each of the Variable Insurance Portfolios intends to diversify its investments in the manner required under Code Section 817(h).

Capital Gain Payments

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

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE FUNDS

T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents, in their sole discretion, reserve the following rights: (1) to waive or lower investment minimums; (2) to accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) to refuse any purchase or exchange order; (4) to cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order placed through a financial intermediary no later than the business day after the order is received by the financial intermediary (including, but not limited to, orders deemed to result in excessive trading, market timing, or 5% ownership); (5) to cease offering fund shares at any time to all or certain groups of investors; (6) to freeze any account and suspend account services when notice has been received of a dispute regarding the ownership of the account, or a legal claim against an account, upon initial notification to T. Rowe Price of a shareholder's death until T. Rowe Price receives required documentation in correct form, or if there is reason to believe a fraudulent transaction may occur; (7) to otherwise modify the conditions of purchase and modify or terminate any services at any time; (8) to waive any wire fees charged to a group of shareholders; (9) to act on instructions reasonably believed to be genuine; (10) to involuntarily redeem an account at the net asset value calculated the day the account is redeemed when permitted by law, including in cases of threatening or abusive conduct, suspected fraudulent or illegal activity, or if the fund or its agent is unable, through its procedures, to verify the identity of the person(s) or entity opening an account; and (11) for money market funds, to suspend redemptions to facilitate an orderly liquidation.

In an effort to protect T. Rowe Price Funds from the possible adverse effects of a substantial redemption in a large account, as a matter of general policy, no contract holder or participant or group of contract holders or participants controlled by the same person or group of persons will knowingly be permitted to purchase in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of the fund, except upon approval by the fund's management.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies, and practices, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Additional information about the fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. The fund's annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements are included in its Form N-CSRs. To obtain free copies of any of these documents, or for shareholder inquiries, contact your insurance company. Certain documents and updated performance information are available without charge through troweprice.com/prospectus.

Annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and other fund information are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's internet site at sec.gov. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Moderate Allocation Portfolio

The fund is only available as an investment option for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks the highest total return over time consistent with an emphasis on both capital appreciation and income.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions or insurance contract fees and expenses, which are not reflected in the table and example below. If these additional fees and expenses were reflected, expenses shown would be higher.**

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

Annual fund operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	
Management fees	0.53 %
Other expenses	0.36
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.15
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.04 [a]
Fee waiver/expense reimbursement	(0.19)[b,c]
Total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver/expense reimbursement	**0.85** [a,b]

[a] The figures shown in the fee table do not match the "Ratios to average net assets" shown in the Financial Highlights table, as those figures do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

[b] T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has contractually agreed to indefinitely waive its fees and/or bear any expenses (excluding interest; expenses related to borrowings, taxes, and brokerage; nonrecurring, extraordinary expenses; acquired fund fees and expenses; and 12b-1 fees, if any) that would cause the fund's ratio of expenses to average daily net assets to exceed 0.85%. The agreement may only be terminated with approval by the fund's shareholders. Fees waived and expenses borne by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. are subject to reimbursement by the fund (or class'), provided no reimbursement will be made if it would result in the fund's (or class') expense ratio exceeding its applicable limitation at the time of the waiver/payment or reimbursement, whichever is lower. No reimbursement will be made more than three years after any waiver or payment.

[c] T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc., is required to permanently waive a portion of its management fee charged to the fund in an amount sufficient to fully offset that portion of management fee paid by each underlying T. Rowe Price Fund related to the fund's investment therein. The amount of the waiver will vary each fiscal year in proportion to the amount invested in other T. Rowe Price Funds. The T. Rowe Price Funds would be required to seek regulatory approval in order to terminate this arrangement.

Example This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. The example also assumes that any current expense limitation arrangement remains in place for the period noted in the previous table; therefore, the figures have been adjusted to reflect fee waivers or expense reimbursements only in the periods for which the expense limitation arrangement is expected to continue. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$ 87	$ 271	$ 471	**$** 1,049

Portfolio Turnover The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 52.8% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks, and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund pursues its objective(s) by investing in a diversified portfolio typically consisting of approximately 60% of its net assets in stocks and 40% of its net assets in bonds, money market securities and cash reserves. The fund may invest up to 40% of its net assets in foreign securities, including international stocks and non-U.S. dollar denominated bonds. Domestic stocks are generally selected from the overall U.S. stock market. International stocks are selected primarily from large companies in developed markets but may also include investments in emerging markets. Bonds, which may be issued by U.S. or foreign issuers and issued with fixed or floating interest

rates, are primarily rated investment grade (i.e., assigned one of the four highest credit ratings by credit rating agencies) and are chosen across the entire government, corporate, and mortgage- and asset-backed securities markets. Maturities generally reflect the adviser's outlook for interest rates. The fund also gains exposure to stocks and fixed income securities, as well as specific asset classes, through futures, options, or investments in other T. Rowe Price mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds.

The adviser may decide to overweight or underweight a particular asset class based on its outlook for the economy and financial markets. Under normal conditions, the fund's allocation to the broad asset classes will be within the following ranges, each as a percentage of the fund's net assets: stocks (50-70%) and bonds, money market securities, and cash reserves (30-50%). When deciding upon allocations within these prescribed limits, the adviser may favor stocks when strong economic growth is expected and may favor fixed income securities if the economy is expected to slow sufficiently to hurt corporate profit growth. The adviser may adjust the fund's portfolio and overall risk profile by making tactical decisions to overweight or underweight particular asset classes or sectors based on its outlook for the global economy and securities markets.

When selecting particular stocks, the adviser examines relative values and prospects among growth- and value-oriented stocks, U.S. and international stocks, small- to large-cap stocks, and stocks of companies involved in activities related to commodities and other real assets. This process draws heavily upon the adviser's proprietary stock research expertise. While the fund maintains a diversified portfolio, its portfolio manager may, at any particular time, shift stock selection toward markets or market sectors that appear to offer attractive value and appreciation potential.

A similar security selection process applies to bonds. When deciding whether to adjust duration, credit risk exposure, or allocations among the various sectors (for example, high yield or "junk" bonds, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, foreign bonds, and emerging markets bonds), the adviser weighs such factors as the outlook for inflation and the economy, corporate earnings, expected interest rate movements and currency valuations, and the yield advantage that lower-rated bonds may offer over investment-grade bonds.

The fund may use a variety of derivatives, such as futures, forwards, options, and swaps for a number of purposes, such as for hedging risk or managing certain exposure. Specifically, the fund uses credit default swaps, credit default swap indexes (CDX), forward currency exchange contracts, interest rate futures, interest rate swaps, and interest rate swaptions.

Credit default swaps are typically used to protect the value of certain portfolio holdings as an alternative to cash bonds, and to manage the fund's overall credit risk exposure. A CDX allows the fund to manage credit risk or take a position on a basket of credit entities (such as credit default swaps or a reference index) rather than transacting in a single-name credit default swap. Forward currency exchange contracts are typically used to protect the fund's non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities from adverse currency movements. Interest rate futures and interest rate swaps are primarily used to manage the fund's exposure to interest rate changes and limit overall volatility by adjusting the portfolio's duration and extending or shorting the overall maturity of the fund. Interest rate swaptions are primarily used in an effort to manage exposure to changes in interest rates or to adjust portfolio duration.

Principal Risks

As with any fund, there is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective(s). The fund's share price fluctuates, which means you could lose money by investing in the fund. The fund has partial exposure to a variety of risks in proportion to the amount it invests in stocks, bonds, and money market securities. The principal risks of investing in this fund, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, are summarized as follows:

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

Fixed income markets: Economic and other market developments can adversely affect the fixed income securities markets. At times, participants in these markets may develop concerns about the ability of certain issuers of debt instruments to make timely principal and interest payments, or they may develop concerns about the ability of financial institutions that make markets in certain debt instruments to facilitate an orderly market. Those concerns could cause increased volatility and reduced liquidity in particular securities or in the overall fixed income markets and the related derivatives markets. A lack of liquidity or other adverse credit market conditions may hamper the fund's ability to sell the debt instruments in which it invests or to find and purchase suitable debt instruments.

Market conditions: The value of the fund's investments may decrease, sometimes rapidly or unexpectedly, due to factors affecting an issuer held by the fund, particular industries, or the overall securities markets. A variety of factors can increase the volatility of the fund's holdings and markets generally, including geopolitical developments (such as trade and tariff arrangements, sanctions, and cybersecurity attacks), recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes, war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and outbreaks of

infectious illnesses or other widespread public health issues (such as the coronavirus pandemic) and related governmental and public responses. Certain events may cause instability across global markets, including reduced liquidity and disruptions in trading markets, while some events may affect certain geographic regions, countries, sectors, and industries more significantly than others. Government intervention in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. These adverse developments may cause broad declines in market value due to short-term market movements or for significantly longer periods during more prolonged market downturns.

Interest rates: A rise in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to fall and its yield to rise. Conversely, a decline in interest rates typically causes the price of a fixed rate debt instrument to rise and the yield to fall. The prices and yields of inflation-linked bonds are directly impacted by the rate of inflation as well as changes in interest rates. Generally, funds with longer weighted average maturities and durations carry greater interest rate risk. Changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or governments are likely to affect the interest rates or yields of the securities in which the fund invests.

Prepayments and extensions: The fund is subject to prepayment risks because the principal on mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, or any debt instrument with an embedded call option may be prepaid at any time, which could reduce the security's yield and market value. The rate of prepayments tends to increase as interest rates fall, which could cause the average maturity of the portfolio to shorten. Extension risk may result from a rise in interest rates, which tends to make mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other callable debt instruments more volatile.

Credit quality: An issuer of a debt instrument could suffer an adverse change in financial condition that results in a payment default (failure to make scheduled interest or principal payments), rating downgrade, or inability to meet a financial obligation. Securities that are rated below investment grade carry greater risk of default and should be considered speculative.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities tend to be more volatile and have lower overall liquidity and trading volume than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Further, securities of non-U.S. issuers are subject to trading markets with potential governmental interference, varying regulatory, auditing, and accounting standards, and settlement and clearance practices that differ from those of U.S. issuers. Investment in non-U.S. securities also carries currency risk. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful. Such investments may have higher transaction costs compared with U.S. markets. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Emerging markets: Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in the U.S. and other developed markets. Emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, less developed legal and regulatory regimes, and political systems that are less stable than those of developed countries. In addition to the risks associated with investing outside the U.S., emerging markets are more susceptible to governmental interference, political and economic uncertainty, local taxes and restrictions on the fund's investments, less efficient trading markets with lower overall liquidity, and more volatile currency exchange rates.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives exposes the fund to additional volatility and potential losses and the fund may not achieve the purpose of using the derivative. A derivative involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the reference or assets on which the derivative is based, including liquidity risk, valuation risk, correlation risk, market risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty and credit risk, operational risk, management risk, legal risk, and regulatory risk. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid, and difficult to value, and changes in the value of a derivative may not properly correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index. The fund could be exposed to significant losses if it is unable to close a derivatives position due to the lack of a liquid secondary trading market. The prices of derivatives may move in unexpected ways, especially in abnormal market conditions. Derivatives also expose the fund to settlement risk, such as if the fund is required to acquire, buy, or sell the underlying reference or asset at an undesirable price, has challenges with offsetting transactions, or risks associated with cash settlement. Certain derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations. The use of derivatives includes the risk of potential operational issues. Derivatives are exposed to legal risks, such as the legality or enforceability of a contract. The adviser may not be able to accurately predict the direction of prices, economic factors, or other associated risks which could cause loss in value or impair the fund's efforts to reduce overall volatility. New regulations may make derivatives more costly, limit availability, or otherwise affect their value or performance.

Liquidity: The fund may not be able to meet requests to redeem shares issued by the fund without significant dilution of the remaining shareholders' interests in the fund. In addition, the fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Reduced liquidity in the bond markets can result from a number of events, such as limited trading activity, reductions in bond inventory, and rapid

or unexpected changes in interest rates. Markets with lower overall liquidity could lead to greater price volatility and limit the fund's ability to sell a holding at a suitable price.

Investments in other funds: The fund bears the risk that its underlying funds will fail to successfully employ their investment strategies. One or more underlying fund's underperformance or failure to meet its investment objective(s) as intended could cause the fund to underperform similarly managed funds.

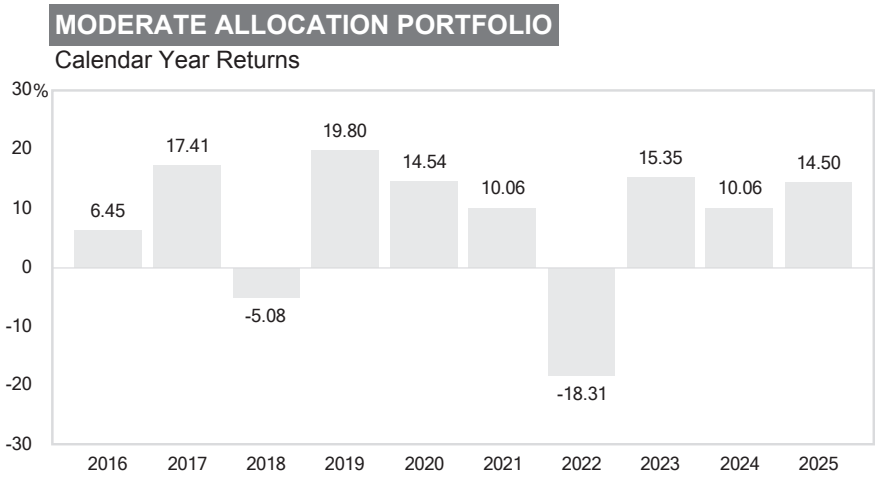
Active management: The fund's overall investment program and holdings selected by the fund's investment adviser may underperform the broad markets, relevant indices, or other funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund could be harmed by intentional cyberattacks and other cybersecurity breaches, including unauthorized access to the fund's assets, confidential information, or other proprietary information. In addition, a cybersecurity breach could cause one of the fund's service providers or financial intermediaries to suffer unauthorized data access, data corruption, or loss of operational functionality.

Performance

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. The fund's performance information represents only past performance and is not necessarily an indication of future results. Figures shown reflect fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund, but do not reflect insurance contract fees and expenses. If insurance contract fees and expenses were included, results would have been lower.

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



	Quarter Ended	Total Return		Quarter Ended	Total Return
Best Quarter	6/30/20	15.64%	Worst Quarter	3/31/20	-15.50%

The following table shows the average annual total returns for the fund. The fund's performance information included in the table is compared with a regulatory required index that represents an overall securities market (MSCI All Country World Index Net). In addition, the table may also include one or more indexes that more closely align to the fund's investment strategy.

Average Annual Total Returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2025			
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Inception date
Moderate Allocation Portfolio	14.50 %	5.50 %	7.84 %	**12/30/1994**
MSCI All Country World Index Net (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	22.34	11.19	11.72	
Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	15.95	5.95	7.83	
Russell 3000® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.15	13.15	14.29	

Updated performance information is available through troweprice.com.

Management

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

Investment Subadviser T. Rowe Price Investment Management, Inc. (Price Investment Management)

Investment Subadviser T. Rowe Price International Ltd (Price International)

Investment Subadviser T. Rowe Price Hong Kong Limited (Price Hong Kong)

Name	Title	Managed Fund Since	Joined Investment Adviser
Christina Noonan	Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2025	2015
Charles Shriver	Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2011	1991
Toby Thompson	Cochair of Investment Advisory Committee	2020	1993*

* Mr. Thompson originally joined T. Rowe Price in 1993 and returned in 2010.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The fund is not sold directly to the general public but is instead offered as an underlying investment option for variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Although the fund does not require a minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases from insurance companies, your insurance company may impose investment minimums for your purchases of the fund.

You may purchase, redeem, or exchange shares of the fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. You must purchase, redeem, and exchange shares through your insurance company.

Tax Information

The fund distributes any dividends and capital gains to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. Variable product owners seeking to understand the tax consequences of their investment, including redemptions of fund shares and the impact of dividend and capital gains distributions by the fund, should consult with the insurance company that issued their variable product or refer to their variable annuity or variable life insurance contract prospectus.

Payments to Insurance Companies, Broker-Dealers, and Other Financial Intermediaries

The fund is generally available only through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. The fund and/or its related companies may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company or other financial intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend the fund over another investment option or by influencing an insurance company to include the fund as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your insurance company or financial intermediary, or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website, for more information.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Investment Adviser(s)

T. Rowe Price is the fund's investment adviser and oversees the selection of the fund's investments and management of the fund's portfolio pursuant to an investment management agreement between the investment adviser and the fund. T. Rowe Price is the investment adviser for all funds sponsored and managed by T. Rowe Price (T. Rowe Price Funds); is an SEC-registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. The address for T. Rowe Price is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231. As of December 31, 2025, T. Rowe Price and its affiliates (Firm) had approximately $1.78 trillion in assets under management.

T. Rowe Price entered into a subadvisory agreement with Price Investment Management under which Price Investment Management is authorized to trade securities and make discretionary investment and voting decisions with respect to all or a portion of the fund's portfolio. Price Investment Management is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC; provides investment management services to individual and institutional investors and sponsors; and serves as adviser and subadviser to registered investment companies, institutional separate accounts, and common trust funds. Price Investment Management is a subsidiary of T. Rowe Price and its address is 1307 Point Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231.

T. Rowe Price has entered into a subadvisory agreement with Price International under which Price International is authorized to trade securities and make discretionary investment decisions on behalf of the fund. Price International is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC, and is authorized or licensed by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority and other global regulators. Price International sponsors and serves as adviser to foreign collective investment schemes and provides investment management services to registered investment companies and other institutional investors. Price International is headquartered in London and has several branch offices around the world. Price International is a direct subsidiary of T. Rowe Price and its address is Warwick Court, 5 Paternoster Square, London, EC4M 7DX, United Kingdom.

T. Rowe Price has entered into a subadvisory agreement with Price Hong Kong under which Price Hong Kong is authorized to trade securities and make discretionary investment decisions on behalf of the fund. Price Hong Kong is licensed with the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC. Price Hong Kong serves as a subadviser to investment companies and provides investment management services for other clients who seek to primarily invest in the Asia-Pacific securities markets. Price Hong Kong is a subsidiary of T. Rowe Price and T. Rowe Price International, and its address is 6/F Chater House, 8 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

Portfolio Management

The portfolio managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The portfolio managers are Christina Noonan, Charles Shriver, and Toby Thompson. The following information provides the year that the portfolio managers first joined the Firm and the portfolio managers' specific business experience during the past five years (although the portfolio managers may have had portfolio management responsibilities for a longer period). Ms. Noonan has been co-portfolio manager of the fund since 2025. She joined the Firm in 2015, and her investment experience dates from 2012. During the past five years, she has served as an associate portfolio manager and a portfolio manager (beginning in 2025). Mr. Shriver has been a portfolio manager of the fund since 2011. He joined the Firm in 1991, and his investment experience dates from 1999. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio manager. Mr. Thompson has been co-portfolio manager of the fund since 2020. He originally joined the Firm in 1993, and returned in 2010. His investment experience dates from 1993. During the past five years, he has served as a portfolio manager. The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of the fund's shares.

T. Rowe Price has also established an Investment Advisory Committee with respect to the fund. The portfolio managers work with the committee in developing and executing the fund's investment program. The members of the committee are as follows: Christina Noonan, Charles Shriver, and Toby Thompson, cochairs; Rick de los Reyes, David Eiswert, Erin Garrett, Arif Husain, Wyatt Lee, Paul Massaro, Sebastien Page, Robert Panariello, Amy Seman, Guido Stubenrauch, Justin Thomson, and Justin White.

The Management Fee

The fund pays the investment adviser a management fee consisting of two components—an "individual fund fee," which reflects the fund's particular characteristics, and a "group fee," which is designed to reflect the benefits of the shared resources of the Firm and is based on the combined net assets of all T. Rowe Price Funds (except the funds-of-funds, TRP Reserve Funds, Multi-Sector Account Portfolios, and any index or private-label mutual funds). The group fee schedule (in the following table) is graduated, declining as the combined assets of the T. Rowe Price Funds rise, so shareholders benefit from the overall growth in mutual fund and ETF assets.

Group Fee Schedule

0.334%*	First $50 billion
0.305%	Next $30 billion
0.300%	Next $40 billion
0.295%	Next $40 billion
0.290%	Next $60 billion
0.285%	Next $80 billion
0.280%	Next $100 billion
0.275%	Next $100 billion
0.270%	Next $150 billion
0.265%	Next $195 billion
0.260%	Thereafter

* Represents a blended group fee rate containing various breakpoints.

The fund's management fee is determined by applying the group fee rate and individual fund fee rate to the fund's average daily net assets. For the prior fiscal year, the group fee rate was 0.28% and the fund's individual fund fee rate was 0.25%. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily.

The expense limitation agreement limits the fund's operating expenses or total expense ratio but does not result in a reduced or waived management fee.

A discussion about the factors considered by the fund's Board of Directors (Board) and its conclusions in approving the fund's investment management agreement (and any subadvisory agreement, if applicable) is contained in Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ended June 30, and made available on the fund's website at troweprice.com/prospectus.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Charges

Variable annuity and variable life insurance fees and charges imposed on contract holders and participants by the insurance companies are in addition to those described previously and are described in the variable annuity contract and variable life insurance prospectuses.

Variable Annuity Contracts and Variable Life Insurance Conflicts

The fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Shares of the fund may be offered to separate accounts established by any number of insurance companies. The fund currently does not foresee any disadvantages to variable annuity contract owners due to the fact that the fund may serve as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies; however, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interests of owners of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies for which the fund serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. The fund's Board is required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life policy owners, and will determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict were to occur, an insurance company participating in the fund might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the fund. This might force the fund to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S), STRATEGIES, AND RISKS

Investment Objective(s)

The fund seeks the highest total return over time consistent with an emphasis on both capital appreciation and income.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund pursues its objective(s) by investing in a diversified portfolio typically consisting of approximately 60% of its net assets in stocks and 40% of its net assets in bonds, money market securities and cash reserves. The fund may invest up to 40% of its net assets in foreign securities, including international stocks and non-U.S. dollar denominated bonds. Domestic stocks are generally selected from the overall U.S. stock market. International stocks are selected primarily from large companies in developed markets but may also include investments in emerging markets. Bonds, which may be issued by U.S. or foreign issuers and issued with fixed or floating interest rates, are primarily rated investment grade (i.e., assigned one of the four highest credit ratings by credit rating agencies) and are chosen across the entire government, corporate, and mortgage- and asset-backed securities markets. Maturities generally reflect the adviser's outlook for interest rates. The fund also gains exposure to stocks and fixed income securities, as well as specific asset classes, through futures, options, or investments in other T. Rowe Price mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds.

The adviser may decide to overweight or underweight a particular asset class based on its outlook for the economy and financial markets. Under normal conditions, the fund's allocation to the broad asset classes will be within the following ranges, each as a percentage of the fund's net assets: stocks (50-70%) and bonds, money market securities, and cash reserves (30-50%). When deciding upon allocations within these prescribed limits, the adviser may favor stocks when strong economic growth is expected and may favor fixed income securities if the economy is expected to slow sufficiently to hurt corporate profit growth. The adviser may adjust the fund's portfolio and overall risk profile by making tactical decisions to overweight or underweight particular asset classes or sectors based on its outlook for the global economy and securities markets.

Stocks of many well-established corporations offer the potential for appreciation and rising dividends. While smaller companies usually reinvest earnings in their own growth and therefore pay little or no dividends, they may offer the possibility of even greater appreciation if their businesses prosper. Historically, stocks have provided higher returns over time than bonds or money market securities and offer a way to invest for long-term growth of capital. Also, stocks have provided greater long-term protection against the erosion of purchasing power caused by inflation than bonds.

The fund offers a way to try to balance the potential capital appreciation of common stocks with the income and relative stability of bonds over the long term. While there is no guarantee, spreading investments across several types of assets could reduce the fund's overall volatility, since prices of stocks and bonds may respond differently to changes in economic conditions and interest rate levels. A rise in bond prices, for example, could help offset a fall in stock prices. Money market securities should have a stabilizing influence. In addition, the income provided by bonds and money market securities can contribute positively to total return by cushioning the impact of any price declines and enhancing price increases.

The potential advantages of international investments are extra diversification and enhanced returns. Since international stock and bond markets may move independently from U.S. securities markets, they could reduce the fund's price fluctuations while offering a way to participate in markets that may generate attractive returns. However, if U.S. and international markets move in the same direction, the positive or negative effect on the fund's share price could be magnified.

When selecting particular stocks, the adviser examines relative values and prospects among growth- and value-oriented stocks, U.S. and international stocks, small- to large-cap stocks, and stocks of companies involved in activities related to commodities and other real assets. This process draws heavily upon the adviser's proprietary stock research expertise. While the fund maintains a diversified portfolio, its portfolio manager may, at any particular time, shift stock selection toward markets or market sectors that appear to offer attractive value and appreciation potential.

A similar security selection process applies to bonds. When deciding whether to adjust duration, credit risk exposure, or allocations among the various sectors (for example, high yield or "junk" bonds, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, foreign bonds, and emerging markets bonds), the adviser weighs such factors as the outlook for inflation and the economy, corporate earnings, expected interest rate movements and currency valuations, and the yield advantage that lower-rated bonds may offer over investment-grade bonds.

The fund may use derivatives, such as futures, forwards (such as foreign currency exchange contracts), options, structured securities, or swaps. The fund uses derivatives to efficiently manage its portfolio, such as managing exposure to an asset, markets, or various market factors, seeking additional returns, protecting against losses, and mitigating risks. The fund specifically uses credit default swaps, CDX, forward currency exchange contracts, interest rate futures, interest rate swaps, and interest rate swaptions.

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futures and interest rate swaps are primarily used to manage the fund's exposure to interest rate changes and limit overall volatility by adjusting the portfolio's duration and extending or shorting the overall maturity of the fund. Interest rate swaptions are primarily used in an effort to manage exposure to changes in interest rates or to adjust portfolio duration.

The fund may sell assets for a variety of reasons, including in response to a change in the original investment considerations or to limit losses, adjust the characteristics of the overall portfolio, or redeploy assets into different opportunities.

The fund invests in the following types of securities or assets:

Common and Preferred Stocks

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

Foreign Securities

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

Bonds

A bond is an interest-bearing security. The issuer has a contractual obligation to pay interest at a stated rate on specific dates and to repay principal (the bond's face value) on a specified date. An issuer may have the right to redeem or "call" a bond before maturity, and the investor may have to invest the proceeds at lower market rates. Bonds can be issued by U.S. and foreign governments, states, and municipalities, as well as a wide variety of companies.

A bond's annual interest income, set by its coupon rate, is usually fixed for the life of the bond. Its yield (income as a percent of current price) will fluctuate to reflect changes in interest rate levels. A bond's price usually rises when interest rates fall and vice versa, so its yield generally stays consistent with current market conditions.

Conventional fixed rate bonds offer a coupon rate for a fixed maturity with no adjustment for inflation. Real rate of return bonds also offer a fixed coupon but include ongoing inflation adjustments for the life of the bond.

Certain bonds have floating or variable interest rates that are adjusted periodically based on a particular index. These interest rate adjustments tend to minimize fluctuations in the bonds' principal values. The maturity of certain floating rate securities may be shortened under certain specified conditions.

Bonds, including asset- and mortgage-backed securities, may be secured (backed by specific collateral) or may be unsecured (backed only by the issuer's general creditworthiness).

Mortgage-Backed Securities

The fund may invest in a variety of mortgage-backed securities. Mortgage lenders pool individual home mortgages with similar characteristics to back a certificate or bond, which is sold to investors such as the fund. Interest and principal payments generated by the underlying mortgages are passed through to the investors. The "big three" issuers are the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Government National Mortgage Association certificates are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, while others, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation certificates, are only supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or by the credit of the agency. (The Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation operate under conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, an independent federal agency.) Private mortgage bankers and other institutions also issue mortgage-backed securities.

Mortgage-backed securities are subject to scheduled and unscheduled principal payments as homeowners pay down or prepay their mortgages. As these payments are received, they must be reinvested when interest rates may be higher or lower than on the original mortgage security. Therefore, these securities are not an effective means of locking in long-term interest rates. In addition, when interest rates fall, the rate of mortgage prepayments, including refinancings, tends to increase. Refinanced mortgages are paid off at face value or "par," causing a loss for any investor who may have purchased the security at a price above par. In such an environment, this risk limits the potential price appreciation of these securities and can negatively affect the fund's net asset value. When interest rates rise, the prices of mortgage-backed securities can be expected to decline. In addition, when interest rates rise and prepayments slow, the effective duration of mortgage-backed securities extends, resulting in increased price volatility. There is no limit on the portion of the fund's fixed income investments in these securities.

Additional mortgage-backed securities in which the fund may invest include:

Collateralized Mortgage Obligations Collateralized mortgage obligations are debt instruments that are fully collateralized by a portfolio of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities including Government National Mortgage Association, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and non-agency-backed mortgages. All interest and principal payments from the underlying mortgages are passed through to the collateralized mortgage obligations in such a way as to create different classes with varying risk characteristics, payment structures, and maturity dates. Collateralized mortgage obligation classes may pay fixed or variable rates of interest, and certain classes have priority over others with respect to the receipt of prepayments and allocation of defaults.

Stripped Mortgage Securities Stripped mortgage securities are created by separating the interest and principal payments generated by a pool of mortgage-backed securities or a collateralized mortgage obligation to create additional classes of securities. Generally, one class receives interest-only payments and another receives principal-only payments. Unlike other mortgage-backed securities and principal-only strips, the value of interest-only strips tends to move in the same direction as interest rates. The fund can use interest-only strips as a hedge against falling prepayment rates (when interest rates are rising) and/or in an unfavorable market environment. Principal-only strips can be used as a hedge against rising prepayment rates (when interest rates are falling) and/or in a favorable market environment. Interest-only strips and principal-only strips are acutely sensitive to interest rate changes and to the rate of principal prepayments.

A rapid or unexpected increase in prepayments can severely depress the price of interest-only strips, while a rapid or unexpected decrease in prepayments could have the same effect on principal-only strips. Of course, under the opposite conditions these securities may appreciate in value. These securities can be very volatile in price and may have lower overall liquidity than most other mortgage-backed securities. Certain non-stripped collateralized mortgage obligation classes may also exhibit these qualities, especially those that pay variable rates of interest that adjust inversely with, and more rapidly than, short-term interest rates. In addition, if interest rates rise rapidly and prepayment rates slow more than expected, certain collateralized mortgage obligation classes, in addition to losing value, can exhibit characteristics of long-term securities and become more volatile. There is no guarantee that the fund's investments in collateralized mortgage obligations, interest-only strips, or principal-only strips will be successful, and the fund's total return could be adversely affected as a result.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Commercial mortgage-backed securities are securities created from a pool of commercial mortgage loans, such as loans for hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, and apartment buildings. Interest and principal payments from the loans are passed on to the investor according to a schedule of payments. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the loans themselves and on the structure of the particular deal. Generally, deals are structured with senior and subordinate classes. The degree of subordination is determined by the credit rating agencies that rate the individual classes of the structure. Commercial mortgages are generally structured with prepayment penalties, which greatly reduce prepayment risk to the investor. However, the value of these securities may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the individual borrowers, their tenants, the servicing agents, or the general state of commercial real estate. There is no limit on the portion of the fund's fixed income investments in these securities.

Asset-Backed Securities

An underlying pool of assets, such as credit card or automobile trade receivables or corporate loans or bonds, backs asset-backed securities and provides the interest and principal payments to investors. On occasion, the pool of assets may also include a swap obligation, which is used to change the cash flows on the underlying assets. As an example, a swap may be used to allow floating rate assets to back a fixed rate obligation. Credit quality depends primarily on the quality of the underlying assets, the level of any credit support provided by the structure or a line of credit, and the credit quality of the swap counterparty, if any. The underlying assets (i.e., loans) are sometimes subject to prepayments, which can shorten the asset-backed security's effective maturity and may lower its return. The value of these asset-backed securities also may change because of actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of the

individual borrowers, the originator, the servicing agent, the financial institution providing the credit support, or the swap counterparty. There is no limit on the portion of the fund's fixed income investments that may be invested in asset-backed securities.

Inflation-Linked Securities

Inflation-linked securities are instruments whose interest and principal payments are adjusted for inflation, which represents a sustained increase in the prices of goods and services that can erode the purchasing power of money. Treasury inflation protected securities are inflation-linked securities issued by the U.S. government. Inflation-linked bonds are also issued by corporations, U.S. government agencies, and foreign governments. The inflation adjustment, which is applied periodically to the principal of the bond, follows a designated inflation index, such as the Consumer Price Index. A fixed coupon rate is applied to the inflation-adjusted principal so that as inflation rises, both the principal value and the interest payments increase. This can provide investors with a hedge against inflation, as it helps preserve the purchasing power of such investment. Because of this inflation-adjustment feature, inflation protected bonds typically have lower yields than conventional fixed rate bonds. In the case of Treasury inflation protected securities, repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. For securities that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the security to be repaid at maturity is subject to credit risk.

Inflation-linked bonds normally decline in price when real interest rates rise. (A real interest rate is calculated by subtracting the inflation rate from a nominal interest rate. For example, if a 10-year U.S. Treasury note is yielding 5% and inflation expectations for the next 10 years are 2%, the real interest rate is 3%.) If inflation is negative, the principal and income of an inflation-linked bond could decline and result in losses for the fund.

High Yield or "Junk" Bonds

The price and yield of below investment-grade (high yield or "junk") bonds, including below investment-grade emerging market bonds, can be expected to fluctuate more than the price and yield of higher-quality bonds. Because these bonds are rated below BBB (or an equivalent rating) or are in default, they are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. Successful investment in lower-medium and low-quality bonds involves greater investment risk and is highly dependent on T. Rowe Price's credit analysis. A real or perceived economic downturn or higher interest rates could cause a decline in high yield bond prices by lessening the ability of issuers to make principal and interest payments. These bonds are often thinly traded and can be more difficult to sell and value accurately than higher-quality bonds. Because objective pricing data may be less available, judgment may play a greater role in the valuation process. In addition, the entire high yield bond market can experience sudden and sharp price swings due to a variety of factors, including changes in economic forecasts, stock market activity, large or sustained sales by major investors, a high-profile default, or just a change in the market's psychology. This type of volatility is usually associated more with stocks than bonds, but "junk" bond investors should be prepared for it.

Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives, including, without limitation, futures, forwards (such as foreign currency exchange contracts), options, structured securities, or swaps, as well as others that combine the risk characteristics and features of these instruments. The fund may use derivatives for a variety of purposes, such as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset(s); as part of strategies designed to manage exposure to, for example, issuers, portions of the yield curve, indexes, sectors, assets, currencies and/or geographic regions; gain alpha; hedge against decline in value; and/or to reduce or hedge exposure to other risks, such as interest rate, credit, duration, or currency risk. A derivative is a financial instrument whose value is derived from an underlying reference or asset, such as a stock, bond, currency, interest rate, commodity, digital asset, or an index. Many types of investments representing a wide range of risks and potential rewards may be considered derivatives, including conventional instruments such as futures and options, as well as other potentially more complex investments such as swaps and structured notes. The use of derivatives can involve leverage. Leverage has the effect of magnifying returns, positively or negatively. The effect on returns will depend on the extent to which an investment is leveraged. For example, an investment of $1, leveraged at 2 to 1, would have the effect of an investment of $2. Leverage ratios can be higher or lower with a corresponding effect on returns.

Derivatives that may be used include the following instruments:

Futures and Options Futures are often used to establish exposures or manage or hedge risk because they enable the investor to buy or sell an asset in the future at an agreed-upon price. Options may be used to generate additional income, to enhance returns, or as a defensive technique to protect against anticipated declines in the value of an asset. Call options give the investor the right to purchase (when the investor purchases the option), or the obligation to sell (when the investor "writes" or sells the option), an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Put options give the purchaser of the option the right to sell, or the seller (or "writer") of the option the obligation to buy, an asset at a predetermined price in the future. Futures and options contracts may be bought or sold for any number of reasons, including to manage exposure to changes in interest rates, bond prices, and foreign currencies; as an efficient means of

increasing or decreasing the fund's exposure to certain markets; to improve risk-adjusted returns; to protect the value of portfolio securities; and to serve as a cash management tool. Call or put options may be purchased or sold on securities, futures, financial indexes, and foreign currencies. The fund may choose to continue a futures contract by "rolling over" an expiring futures contract into an identical contract with a later maturity date. This could increase the fund's transaction costs and portfolio turnover rate.

Swaps The fund may invest in interest rate, index, total return, credit default, and other types of swap agreements, as well as options on swaps, commonly referred to as "swaptions," and interest rate swap futures, which are instruments that provide a way to obtain swap exposure and the benefits of futures in one contract. Interest rate, index, and total return swaps are two-party contracts under which the fund and a counterparty, such as a broker or dealer, agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or indexes. Credit default swaps are agreements where one party (the protection buyer) will make periodic payments to another party (the protection seller) in exchange for protection against specified credit events, such as defaults and bankruptcies related to an issuer or underlying credit instrument. Swap futures are futures contracts on interest rate swaps that enable purchasers to settle in cash at a future date at the price determined by a specific benchmark rate at the end of a fixed period. Swaps, swaptions, and swap futures can be used for a variety of purposes, including to manage the fund's overall exposure to changes in interest or foreign currency exchange rates and credit quality; as an efficient means of adjusting the fund's exposure to certain markets; in an effort to enhance income or total return or protect the value of portfolio securities; to serve as a cash management tool; and to adjust portfolio duration or credit risk exposure.

Currency Derivatives The fund may engage in foreign currency transactions either on a spot (cash) basis at the rate prevailing in the currency exchange market at the time or through forward currency exchange contracts, which are contracts between two counterparties to exchange one currency for another on a future date at a specified exchange rate. In addition to foreign currency forwards, futures, swaps, and options on foreign currencies may also be used to protect the fund's foreign securities from adverse currency movements relative to the U.S. dollar, as well as to gain exposure to currencies and markets expected to increase or decrease in value relative to other currencies or securities.

The fund may attempt to hedge its exposure to potentially unfavorable currency changes. Forward currency contracts can be used to adjust the foreign exchange exposure of the fund with a view to protecting the portfolio from adverse currency movements, based on the investment adviser's outlook. However, forward currency contracts can also be used in an effort to benefit from a currency believed to be appreciating in value versus other currencies. The fund may invest in non-U.S. currencies directly without holding any non-U.S. bonds or securities denominated in those currencies.

Investments in Other Investment Companies

The fund may invest in other investment companies, including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and closed-end funds, subject to any applicable limitations under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The fund may purchase the securities of another investment company to temporarily gain exposure to a portion of the market while awaiting the purchase of securities or as an efficient means of gaining exposure to a particular asset class. The fund might also purchase shares of another investment company, including shares of other T. Rowe Price Funds, to gain exposure to the securities in the investment company's portfolio at times when the fund may not be able to buy those securities directly, or as a means of gaining efficient and cost-effective exposure to certain asset classes. Any investment in another investment company would be consistent with the fund's objective(s) and investment program.

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

As a shareholder of another investment company, the fund must pay its pro-rata share of that investment company's fees and expenses. If the fund invests in another T. Rowe Price Fund, the management fee paid by the fund will be reduced to ensure that the fund does not incur duplicate management fees as a result of its investment.

Investments in other investment companies could allow the fund to obtain the benefits of a more diversified portfolio than might otherwise be available through direct investments in a particular asset class and will subject the fund to the risks associated with the particular asset class or asset classes in which an underlying fund invests.

Principal Risks

The principal risks associated with the fund's principal investment strategies, which may be even greater in unfavorable or uncertain market conditions, include the following:

Stock investing: The fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the overall stock markets, a particular industry, or specific holdings. Stock markets as a whole can be volatile and decline for many reasons, such as adverse local, regional, or global political, regulatory, or economic developments; changes in investor psychology; or heavy selling at the same time by major institutional investors in the market. The prospects for an industry or company may deteriorate because of a variety of factors, including disappointing earnings or changes in the competitive environment. In addition, the adviser's assessment of companies whose stocks are held by the fund may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance, even in rising markets. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of the issuer's bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

Fixed income markets: The market price of investments owned by the fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The fund's investments may decline in value due to factors affecting the overall fixed income markets or particular industries or sectors. The value of a holding may decline due to developments related to a particular issuer, but also due to general fixed income market conditions, including real or perceived adverse economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. The fund may experience heavy redemptions that could cause it to liquidate its assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value.

Market conditions: The value of investments held by the fund may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain issuers, particular industries or sectors, or the overall markets. Rapid or unexpected changes in market conditions could cause the fund to liquidate its holdings at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. The value of a particular holding may decrease due to developments related to that issuer, but also due to general market conditions, including real or perceived economic developments, such as changes in interest rates, credit quality, inflation, or currency rates, or generally adverse investor sentiment. The value of a holding may also decline due to factors that negatively affect a particular industry or sector, such as labor shortages, increased production costs, or competitive conditions. In addition, local, regional, or global events such as war, military conflict, acts of terrorism, political and social unrest, regulatory changes, recessions, tariffs and shifts in monetary or trade policies, natural or environmental disasters, and the spread of infectious diseases or other public health issues could have a significant negative impact on securities markets and the fund's investments. Any of these events may lead to unexpected suspensions or closures of securities exchanges; travel restrictions or quarantines; business disruptions and closures; inability to obtain raw materials, supplies, and component parts; reduced or disrupted operations for the fund's service providers or issuers in which the fund invests; and an extended adverse impact on global market conditions. Government intervention (including sanctions) in markets may impact interest rates, market volatility, and security pricing. The occurrence of any of these events could adversely affect the economies (including through changes in business activity and increased unemployment) and financial markets of specific countries or worldwide.

Interest rates: The prices of bonds and other fixed income securities typically increase as interest rates fall, and prices typically decrease as interest rates rise (bond prices and interest rates usually move in opposite directions). Such decreases in prices are due to the bonds and notes in the fund's portfolio becoming less attractive to other investors when securities with higher yields become available. The prices and yields of inflation-linked bonds are directly impacted by the rate of inflation as well as changes in interest rates. Generally, funds with longer weighted average maturities (i.e., an average of the maturities of the underlying debt instruments, "weighted" by the percentage of the fund's assets it represents) and durations (i.e., the measure of the price sensitivity of a fund to changes in interest rates) carry greater interest rate risk. As a result, in a rising interest rate environment, the net asset value of a fund with a longer weighted average maturity or duration typically decreases at a faster rate than the net asset value of a fund with a shorter weighted average maturity or duration. In addition, recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or governments are likely to affect the interest rates or yields of the securities in which the fund invests. An elevated inflation environment may heighten risks associated with rising interest rates. As a result, rapid changes in interest rates may increase the fund's overall exposure to interest rate risk.

Prepayments and extensions: A fund investing in mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other debt instruments that have embedded call options can be negatively impacted when interest rates fall because borrowers tend to refinance and prepay principal. Receiving increasing prepayments in a falling interest rate environment causes the average maturity of the fund's portfolio to shorten, reducing its potential for price gains. It also requires the fund to reinvest proceeds at lower interest rates, which reduces the fund's total return and yield, and could result in a loss if bond prices fall below the level that the fund paid for them. A rise in interest rates or lack of refinancing opportunities can cause the fund's weighted average maturity to lengthen unexpectedly due to a drop in expected

prepayments of mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and callable debt instruments. This would increase the fund's sensitivity to rising interest rates and its potential for price declines.

Credit quality: An issuer of a debt instrument held by the fund could default (fail to make scheduled interest or principal payments), potentially reducing the fund's income and share price. Credit risk is increased when portfolio holdings are downgraded or the perceived financial condition of an issuer deteriorates. Holdings with an investment-grade rating should have a relatively low risk of encountering financial problems and a relatively high probability of future payments. However, holdings rated below investment grade are more susceptible to adverse economic conditions than other investment-grade holdings and may have speculative characteristics. Holdings rated below investment grade should be regarded as speculative because their issuers may be more susceptible to financial setbacks and recession than more creditworthy issuers.

Foreign investing: Non-U.S. securities may lose value because of declining foreign currencies or adverse local, political, social, and economic developments such as war, natural disasters, public health emergencies, labor strikes, political instability, hyperinflation, currency devaluations, and overdependence on particular industries; government interference in markets such as nationalization and exchange controls, expropriation of assets, restrictions on foreign ownership or imposition of punitive taxes; and the imposition of international trade and capital flow barriers and other protectionist, repatriation, or retaliatory measures. Securities of non-U.S. issuers (including depositary receipts and other instruments that represent interests in a non-U.S. issuer) tend to be more volatile than U.S. securities and are subject to trading markets with lower overall liquidity and trading volume. The fund could experience losses based solely on the weakness of foreign currencies in which the fund's holdings are denominated versus the U.S. dollar, and changes in the exchange rates between such currencies and the U.S. dollar. Any attempts to hedge currency risk could be unsuccessful, and it is difficult to hedge the currency risks of many emerging markets countries. In addition, investments outside the U.S. are subject to settlement practices and regulatory and financial reporting standards that differ from those of the U.S. Non-U.S. securities may receive less coverage than U.S. securities by market analysts and the financial press, and may provide financial information less frequently or to a lesser extent. Furthermore, trading in foreign markets generally involves higher transaction costs than trading in U.S. markets. A foreign trading market may close for national holidays or without warning for extended time periods, or may have different clearance and settlement procedures, causing delays and preventing the fund from buying or selling securities in that market. Investments in emerging market countries are subject to greater risk and overall volatility than investments in developed markets.

Emerging markets: Investments in emerging markets are subject to the risk of abrupt and severe price declines. The economic and political structures of emerging market countries, in most cases, do not compare favorably with the U.S. or other developed countries in terms of wealth and stability, and their financial markets often lack liquidity. These economies are less developed, can be overly reliant on particular industries, and are more vulnerable to the ebb and flow of international trade, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. Governments in many emerging market countries participate to a significant degree in their economies and securities markets. As a result, foreign investments may be restricted and subject to greater government control, including repatriation of sales proceeds. Emerging market securities exchanges are more likely to experience problems with the clearing and settling of trades, as well as the custody of holdings by local banks, agents, and depositories. In addition, the accounting standards in emerging market countries may be unreliable and could present an inaccurate picture of a company's finances. Some countries have histories of instability and upheaval that could cause their governments to act in a detrimental or hostile manner toward private enterprise or foreign investment. Investments in countries or regions that have recently begun moving away from central planning and state-owned industries toward free markets should be regarded as speculative.

While some countries have made progress in economic growth, liberalization, fiscal discipline, and political and social stability, there is no assurance these trends will continue. Significant risks, such as war and terrorism, currently affect some emerging market countries. The fund's performance will likely be hurt by exposure to countries in the midst of hyperinflation, currency devaluation, trade disagreements, sudden political upheaval, or interventionist government policies. The volatility of emerging markets may be heightened by the actions (such as significant buying or selling) of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local securities prices and, therefore, could cause fund share prices to decline.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives exposes the fund to additional volatility and potential losses and the fund may not achieve the purpose of using the derivative. A derivative involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the reference or assets on which the derivative is based, including liquidity risk, valuation risk, correlation risk, market risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty and credit risk, operational risk, management risk, legal risk, and regulatory risk. Derivatives can be illiquid and the fund could be exposed to significant losses if it is unable to close a derivatives position due to the lack of liquidity in the secondary trading market. Valuation for derivatives may not be readily available and more difficult in times of market turmoil. Changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with, and may be more sensitive to market events than, the underlying asset, rate, or index, and the fund could lose more than the initial amount invested or not achieve the purpose of using the derivative.

Changes in the general level of interest rates may cause fluctuations in the value of an asset. Derivatives may be sensitive to changes in economic and market conditions, which could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. Changes in the value of a derivative or other similar instrument may also create margin delivery or settlement payment obligations. Derivatives also expose the fund to settlement risk, such as if the fund is required to acquire, buy, or sell the underlying reference or asset at an undesirable price, has challenges with offsetting transactions, or risks associated with cash settlement. Certain derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations. Some derivatives are "leveraged" or may create economic leverage for the fund and therefore may magnify or otherwise increase investment losses to the fund. Relatively small market movements may result in large changes in the value of derivatives positions and can result in losses that greatly exceed the amount originally invested. The use of derivatives includes the risk of potential operational issues, including documentation issues, settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error. Derivatives are exposed to legal risks, such as the legality or enforceability of a contract or insufficient documentation, capacity, or authority. The adviser may not be able to accurately predict the direction of prices, economic factors, or other associated risks which could cause loss in value or impair the fund's efforts to reduce overall volatility. The federal income tax treatment of a derivative may not be as favorable as a direct investment in an underlying asset. New regulations may make derivatives more costly, limit availability, or otherwise affect their value or performance.

Liquidity: The fund may not be able to meet requests to redeem shares issued by the fund without significant dilution of the remaining shareholders' interests in the fund. In addition, the fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Sectors of the bond market can experience sudden downturns in trading activity. During periods of reduced market liquidity, the spread between the price at which a security can be bought and the price at which it can be sold can widen, and the fund may not be able to sell a holding readily at a price that reflects what the fund believes it should be worth. Securities with lower overall liquidity can also become more difficult to value. Liquidity risk may be the result of, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of traditional broker-dealers to make a market in fixed income securities or the lack of an active market. The potential for liquidity risk may be magnified by a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where selling activity from fixed income investors may be higher than normal, potentially causing increased supply in the market.

Investments in other funds: The fund is subject to the risks of the performance and execution of the investment programs of its underlying funds. The fund does not control the investments of the underlying funds, which may implement their investment strategies in a manner not anticipated by the fund. Poor security selection by an underlying fund could cause that underlying fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with similar investment objectives, which in turn could cause the fund to underperform similarly managed funds. An underlying fund may change its investment program or policies without the fund's approval, which could force the fund to reduce or eliminate its allocation to the underlying fund at an unfavorable time.

Active management: The investment adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The fund could underperform other funds with a similar benchmark or similar investment program if the fund's investment selections or overall strategies fail to produce the intended results. Regulatory, tax, or other developments may affect the investment strategies available to a portfolio manager, which could adversely affect the ability to implement the fund's overall investment program and achieve the fund's investment objective(s).

Cybersecurity breaches: The fund may be subject to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity breaches may involve deliberate attacks and unauthorized access to the digital information systems (for example, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) used by the fund, its investment adviser and subadviser(s) (as applicable), or its service providers but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks, which are efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users. These breaches may, among other things, result in financial losses to the fund and its shareholders, cause the fund to lose proprietary information, disrupt business operations, or result in the unauthorized release of confidential information. Further, cybersecurity breaches involving the fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, trading counterparties, or issuers in which the fund invests could subject the fund to many of the same risks associated with direct breaches.

Additional Investment Management Practices

The fund may employ additional investment management practices as described in this section. The fund's investments may be subject to further restrictions and risks described in the SAI, which contains more detailed information about the fund and its investments, operations, and expenses.

Reserve Position

The adviser normally maintains a certain portion of the fund's assets in reserves. The reserve position helps the adviser to manage liquidity and take advantage of investment opportunities without selling other fund assets, meet redemption requests, and manage cash flows into the fund, and manage risk by increasing the reserve position during periods of current or expected market volatility. The fund's

reserve position typically consists of: (1) shares of a T. Rowe Price internal money market fund or short-term bond fund (which do not charge any management fees and are not available for public purchase); (2) short-term, high-quality U.S. and non-U.S. dollar-denominated money market securities, including repurchase agreements; and (3) U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar currencies. If the fund has significant holdings in reserves, it could compromise its ability to achieve its objective(s). Non-U.S. dollar reserves are subject to currency risk.

Temporary Defensive Position

The adviser may assume a temporary defensive position for the fund in order to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, such as to provide flexibility in satisfying significant redemption activity, managing flows into or out of the fund, or paying expenses. The temporary defensive position may be inconsistent with the fund's principal investment objective(s) and/or strategies, which may impact the fund's returns or its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). For temporary defensive purposes, the fund may hold a greater amount of assets in reserves than normal or invest without limit in cash or other liquid instruments.

Borrowing Money and Transferring Assets

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

Borrowings may not exceed 33⅓% of the fund's total assets. This limitation includes any borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, applies at the time of the transaction, and continues to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights table, which provides information about the fund's financial history, is based on a single share outstanding throughout the periods shown. The table is part of the fund's financial statements, which are included in its Form N-CSR and are incorporated by reference into the SAI (available upon request). The financial statements were audited by the fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For a share outstanding throughout each period

	Year Ended 12/31/25	12/31/24	12/31/23	12/31/22	12/31/21
NET ASSET VALUE					
Beginning of period	$20.94	$20.02	$17.81	$22.63	$22.92
Investment activities					
Net investment income[1][2]	0.50	0.46	0.43	0.31	0.24
Net realized and unrealized gain/loss	2.50	1.55	2.27	(4.45)	2.02
Total from investment activities	3.00	2.01	2.70	(4.14)	2.26
Distributions					
Net investment income	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.44)	(0.30)	(0.24)
Net realized gain	(1.01)	(0.60)	(0.05)	(0.38)	(2.31)
Total distributions	(1.51)	(1.09)	(0.49)	(0.68)	(2.55)
NET ASSET VALUE					
End of period	**$22.43**	**$20.94**	**$20.02**	**$17.81**	**$22.63**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Total return[2][3]	**14.50%**	**10.06%**	**15.35%**	**(18.31)%**	**10.06%**
Ratios to average net assets:[2]					
Gross expenses before waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.89%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Net expenses after waivers/payments by Price Associates	0.70%	0.71%	0.71%	0.70%	0.71%
Net investment income	2.26%	2.19%	2.28%	1.60%	1.00%
Portfolio turnover rate	52.8%	59.0%	78.1%	98.9%	82.3%
Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	$219,535	$200,160	$183,817	$161,984	$209,296

(1) Per share amounts calculated using average shares outstanding method.
(2) Includes the impact of expense-related arrangements with Price Associates.
(3) Total return reflects the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in the fund during each period, assuming reinvestment of all distributions, and payment of no redemption or account fees, if applicable.

DISCLOSURE OF FUND PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Most T. Rowe Price Funds disclose their portfolio holdings periodically on troweprice.com. A description of the policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings and other portfolio information for the T. Rowe Price Funds is available in the SAI.

T. ROWE PRICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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The following policies and procedures generally apply to the T. Rowe Price Variable Insurance Portfolios, which are T. Rowe Price mutual funds specifically designed to be made available through variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. For instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares of the funds, you should refer to your insurance contract prospectus.

INVESTING IN T. ROWE PRICE VARIABLE INSURANCE PORTFOLIOS

Shares of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are designed to be offered to insurance company separate accounts established for the purpose of funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts holders or participants are not the shareholders of the funds. Rather, the separate account of the insurance company is the shareholder. The variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts are described in separate prospectuses issued by the insurance companies. The funds assume no responsibility for any insurance company prospectuses or variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts.

Some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are available only in a single share class (Portfolio Class), while some of the Variable Insurance Portfolios are also available in a II Class. Shares of the funds are sold and redeemed without the imposition of any sales charges, commissions, or redemption fees, although shares of the II Class are subject to a 12b-1 fee at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets. In addition, certain other charges may apply to variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts. Those charges are disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus.

Your ability to exchange from these funds into any other T. Rowe Price Fund that serves as an investment option under your insurance contract is governed by the terms of that contract and the insurance contract prospectus, as well as the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy described later in this section.

DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

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

Each II Class has adopted a 12b-1 plan to pay certain expenses associated with the distribution of II Class shares out of II Class assets. Under such 12b-1 plan, the II Class may make payments at a rate of up to 0.25% of the class' average daily net assets to various insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. These payments may be more or less than the costs incurred by the insurance companies, their agents, and contract distributors for distribution and servicing of fund shares. Because the fees are paid from the II Class net assets on an ongoing basis, they will increase the cost of your investment and, over time, could result in you paying more than with other types of sales charges. The Portfolio Class has not adopted a 12b-1 plan and does not pay any distribution fees to third parties.

In addition to the administrative fee payments made by the Portfolio and II Class and the 12b-1 payments made by the II Class, T. Rowe Price or its affiliates will, at their own expense, provide compensation to certain insurance companies that provide shareholder or other services to the Variable Insurance Portfolios, commonly referred to as revenue sharing. These payments typically take the form of asset-based payments. These payments are used to compensate insurance companies for distribution and shareholder servicing activities, including subaccounting, subtransfer agency, or other services. Some of these payments may include expense reimbursements and meeting and marketing support payments (out of T. Rowe Price's or its affiliates' own resources and not as an expense of the funds). The SAI provides more information about these payment arrangements.

Comparison of Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Fees

The following table summarizes the distribution and service (12b-1) fee and administrative fee arrangements applicable to each class based on its average daily net assets.

Class	12b-1 Fee Payments	Administrative Fee Payments
Portfolio Class	None	Up to 0.15% per year
II Class	Up to 0.25% per year	Up to 0.15% per year

PRICING OF SHARES AND TRANSACTIONS

How and When Shares Are Priced

The trade date for your transaction request generally depends on the day and time that your insurance company or T. Rowe Price receives your request and will normally be executed using the next share price calculated after your order is received in correct form by your insurance company or T. Rowe Price or its agent. The share price, also called the net asset value, for each share class of a fund is calculated as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which is normally 4 p.m. ET, on each day that the NYSE is open for business. Net asset values are not calculated for the funds on days when the NYSE is scheduled to be closed for trading (for example, weekends and certain U.S. national holidays). If the NYSE is unexpectedly closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or if the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the funds reserve the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day.

To calculate the net asset value, the fund's assets are valued and totaled; liabilities are subtracted; and each class' proportionate share of the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding of that class. Market values are used to price portfolio holdings for which market quotations are readily available. Market values generally reflect the prices at which securities actually trade or represent prices that have been adjusted based on evaluations and information provided by the fund's pricing services. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of the mutual fund on the day of valuation. Investment for which market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by T. Rowe Price, as the valuation designee, designated by the Board, by taking into account various, adopted factors and methodologies for determining the fair value. This value may differ from the value the fund receives upon sale of the securities.

T. Rowe Price uses various pricing services to obtain closing market prices, as well as information used to adjust those prices and to value most fixed income securities. T. Rowe Price cannot predict how often it will use closing prices or how often it will adjust those prices. T. Rowe Price routinely evaluates its fair value processes.

Non-U.S. equity securities are valued on the basis of their most recent closing market prices at 4 p.m. ET, except under the following circumstances. Most foreign markets close before 4 p.m. ET. For example, the most recent closing prices for securities traded in certain Asian markets may be as much as 15 hours old at 4 p.m. ET. If T. Rowe Price determines that developments between the close of a foreign market and the close of trading on the NYSE will, in its judgment, affect the value of some or all of the fund's securities, T. Rowe Price will adjust the previous closing prices to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities as of 4 p.m. ET. In deciding whether to make these adjustments, T. Rowe Price reviews a variety of factors, including developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, and the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities.

T. Rowe Price may also fair value certain securities or a group of securities in other situations—for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the fund is open. For a fund that has investments in securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the fund's net asset value may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares. If an event occurs that affects the value of a security after the close of the market, such as a default of a commercial paper issuer or a significant move in short-term interest rates, T. Rowe Price may make a price adjustment depending on the nature and significance of the event. T. Rowe Price also evaluates a variety of factors when assigning fair values to private placements and other restricted securities. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts or assign different fair values than the fair value that the fund assigns to the same security.

How the Trade Date Is Determined

The insurance companies purchase shares of the fund for their separate accounts, using premiums allocated by the contract holders or participants. Shares are purchased at the net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives the premium payment in

correct form. Initial and subsequent payments allocated to the fund are subject to the limits stated in the insurance contract prospectus issued by the insurance company.

The insurance companies redeem shares of the fund to make benefit or surrender payments under the terms of their contracts. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the NYSE is open and are priced at the fund's net asset value next determined after the insurance company receives a surrender request in acceptable form.

The funds have authorized certain insurance companies, financial intermediaries, or their designees to accept orders to buy or sell fund shares on their behalf. Generally, when insurance companies receive an order in correct form, the order is considered as being placed with the fund and shares will be bought or sold at the net asset value next calculated after the order is received by the insurance company. The insurance company or financial intermediary must transmit the order to T. Rowe Price or its agent and pay for such shares in accordance with the agreement with T. Rowe Price, or the order may be canceled and the insurance company or financial intermediary could be held liable for the losses. If the fund does not have such an agreement in place with your insurance company or financial intermediary, T. Rowe Price or its agent must receive the request in correct form from your insurance company or financial intermediary by the close of trading on the NYSE in order for your transaction to be priced at that business day's net asset value.

Note: The time at which transactions and shares are priced and the time until which orders are accepted may be changed in case of an emergency or if the NYSE closes at a time other than 4 p.m. ET. The funds reserve the right to not treat an unscheduled intraday disruption or closure in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE and still accept transactions and calculate their net asset value as of 4 p.m. ET.

GENERAL POLICIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS

Purchasing Shares

All initial and subsequent investments by insurance companies or financial intermediaries are typically made by bank wire or electronic payment. There is no assurance that the share price for the purchase will be the same day the wire or electronic payment was initiated. The Variable Insurance Portfolios do not require a particular minimum amount for initial or subsequent purchases. However, you should check with your insurance company to determine if a minimum applies to your investment. Purchases by financial intermediaries are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit purchase orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management.

When authorized by the fund, certain financial institutions purchasing fund shares on behalf of customers through T. Rowe Price Client Account Management may place a purchase order unaccompanied by payment. Payment for these shares must be received by the time designated by the fund (not to exceed the period established for settlement under applicable regulations). If payment is not received by this time, the order may be canceled. The financial institution is responsible for any costs or losses incurred by the fund or T. Rowe Price if payment is delayed or not received.

U.S. Dollars All purchases must be paid for in U.S. dollars.

Nonpayment Purchases may be canceled for any orders that are not paid in full. The purchaser may be responsible for any losses or expenses incurred by the fund or its transfer agent, and the fund can redeem shares as reimbursement. The funds and their agents have the right to reject or cancel any purchase due to nonpayment.

Redeeming Shares

Unless otherwise indicated, redemption proceeds will be sent via bank wire to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank. Redemptions are typically initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation or by calling Client Account Management. The fund may permit financial intermediaries to submit redemption orders for shares through various other methods as well, if approved by Client Account Management. Normally, the fund transmits proceeds to insurance companies and financial intermediaries for redemption orders received in correct form on the next business day after receipt of the order, depending on the arrangement with the insurance company or financial intermediary. However, you should check with your insurance company about procedures for receiving your redemption proceeds under your insurance contract.

Please note that certain purchase and redemption requests initiated through the National Securities Clearing Corporation may be rejected, and in such instances, the transaction must be placed by contacting Client Account Management.

Meeting Redemption Requests It is expected that the funds will typically hold sufficient cash or cash equivalents to meet redemption requests, although a fund may also use the proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests if consistent with the management of the fund. These redemption methods will be used regularly and may also be used in deteriorating or stressed market conditions. The funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds with securities from the fund's portfolio rather than in cash (redemptions in-kind), as described under "Large Redemptions." Redemptions in-kind may be used regularly in circumstances as described above (generally if the shareholder is able to accept securities in-kind) and may also be used in stressed market conditions.

The funds may rely on an interfund lending exemptive order received from the SEC that permits the T. Rowe Price Funds to borrow money from and/or lend money to other T. Rowe Price Funds to help the fund meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs. In certain circumstances, the T. Rowe Price Funds may also meet redemption requests by utilizing overdraft protection afforded to the fund's account by the fund custodian. In addition, certain funds have a revolving line of credit in place to help meet short-term redemptions and liquidity needs, if necessary.

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

Large Redemptions Large redemptions can adversely affect a portfolio manager's ability to implement a fund's investment strategy by causing the premature sale of securities that would otherwise be held longer. Therefore, if, during any 90-day period, a shareholder redeems fund shares worth more than $250,000 (or 1% of the value of a fund's assets if that amount is less than $250,000), we reserve the right to pay part or all of the redemption proceeds in excess of this amount in readily marketable securities instead of in cash. Although the fund normally intends to pay redemption proceeds solely in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the fund reserves the right (without prior notice) to pay any redemption proceeds exceeding this amount in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by a fund. This in-kind distribution may be in the form of a pro-rata slice of the fund's portfolio (potentially with certain exclusions and modifications). We will value these securities in the same manner as we do in computing the fund's net asset value. The redeeming shareholder or account will be responsible for disposing of the securities, and the shareholder or account will be subject to the risks that the value of the securities could decline prior to their sale, the securities could be difficult to sell, and brokerage fees could be incurred. If a shareholder or account owner continues to hold the securities, he or she may be subject to any ownership restrictions imposed by the issuers. For example, real estate investment trusts often impose ownership restrictions on their equity securities. In addition, we request that you give us at least three business days' notice for any redemption of $1 million or more.

Delays in Sending Redemption Proceeds The Variable Insurance Portfolios typically expect that redemption requests will be paid out to redeeming shareholders by the business day following the receipt of a redemption request that is in correct form. Proceeds sent by wire are typically credited to the insurance company's or financial intermediary's designated bank the next business day after the redemption. However, under certain circumstances, and when deemed to be in a fund's best interests, proceeds may not be sent for up to seven calendar days after receipt of a valid redemption order (for example, during periods of deteriorating or stressed market conditions or during extraordinary or emergency circumstances). In addition, under certain limited circumstances, the Board of Directors of a money market fund may elect to permanently suspend redemptions in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the money market fund (subject to any additional liquidation requirements).

Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy

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

Subject to certain exceptions, each T. Rowe Price Fund restricts a shareholder's purchases (including through exchanges) into a fund account for a period of 30 calendar days after the shareholder has redeemed or exchanged out of that same fund account (30-Day

Purchase Block). The calendar day after the date of redemption is considered Day 1 for purposes of computing the period before another purchase may be made.

General Exceptions As of the date of this prospectus, the following types of transactions generally are not subject to the 30-Day Purchase Block (certain of these exceptions are not applicable to Variable Insurance Portfolios):

- Shares purchased or redeemed in money market funds and ultra short-term bond funds;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through a systematic purchase or withdrawal plan;
- Checkwriting redemptions from bond funds and money market funds;
- Shares purchased through the reinvestment of dividends or capital gain distributions;
- Shares redeemed automatically by a fund to pay fund fees or shareholder account fees;
- Transfers and changes of account registration within the same fund;
- Shares purchased by asset transfer or direct rollover;
- Shares purchased or redeemed through IRA conversions and recharacterizations;
- Shares redeemed to return an excess contribution from a retirement account;
- Transactions in Section 529 college savings plans;
- Certain transactions made by or in connection with activity in a defined benefit or nonqualified plan, subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price;
- Shares converted from one share class to another share class in the same fund;
- Shares of T. Rowe Price Funds that are purchased by another T. Rowe Price Fund, including shares purchased by T. Rowe Price fund-of-funds products, and shares purchased by discretionary accounts managed by T. Rowe Price or one of its affiliates (please note that shareholders of the investing T. Rowe Price Fund are still subject to the policy);
- Transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor-advised charitable gift fund as approved by T. Rowe Price;
- Transactions having a value of $5,000 or less (insurance companies and financial intermediaries may apply the Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy to transactions of any amount); and
- Certain shares purchased or redeemed in exchange for securities and cash (transactions in-kind), subject to prior approval by T. Rowe Price.

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

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

Omnibus Accounts Financial intermediaries and insurance companies may maintain their underlying accounts directly with the fund, although they often establish an omnibus account (one account with the fund that represents multiple underlying shareholder accounts or underlying contract holder accounts) in the fund on behalf of their customers. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the T. Rowe Price Funds, T. Rowe Price is not able to monitor the trading activity by underlying contract holders. However, T. Rowe Price monitors aggregate trading activity at the insurance company (omnibus account) level in an attempt to identify activity that indicates potential excessive or short-term trading. If it detects suspicious trading activity, T. Rowe Price will contact the insurance company and may request personal identifying information and transaction histories for some or all of the underlying contract holders. If T. Rowe Price believes that excessive or short-term trading has occurred and there is no exception for such trades under the funds' Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy previously described, it will instruct the insurance company to impose restrictions to discourage such practices and take appropriate action with respect to the underlying contract holder, including restricting purchases for 30 calendar days or longer. There is no assurance that T. Rowe Price will be able to properly enforce its Excessive and Short-Term Trading Policy for omnibus accounts. Because T. Rowe Price generally relies on financial intermediaries and insurance companies to provide information and impose restrictions for omnibus accounts, its ability to monitor and deter excessive trading will be dependent upon the financial intermediaries' and insurance companies' timely performance of their responsibilities.

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

The terms of your insurance contract may further restrict your ability to trade between investment options available under your contract. You should carefully review your insurance contract or consult with your insurance company directly to determine the trading policy, as well as any rules or conditions on transactions that will apply to your trades in the T. Rowe Price Funds and any other investment options available under your contract.

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

Responsibility for Unauthorized Transactions

T. Rowe Price and its agents use procedures reasonably designed to confirm that telephone, electronic, and other instructions are genuine. These procedures include recording telephone calls, requiring personalized security codes or certain identifying information for inquiries and requests, and requiring Medallion signature guarantees for certain transactions and account changes. If T. Rowe Price and its agents follow these procedures, they are not responsible for any losses that may occur due to unauthorized instructions. In addition, you should verify the accuracy of transactions immediately after you receive confirmation of them and notify T. Rowe Price of any inaccuracies.

Fund Operations and Shareholder Services

T. Rowe Price and The Bank of New York Mellon, subject to the oversight of T. Rowe Price, each provide certain accounting services to the T. Rowe Price Funds. T. Rowe Price Services, Inc., acts as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent and provides shareholder and administrative services to the funds. These companies receive compensation from the funds for their services. These fees are included in a fund's financial statements.

INFORMATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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

For a discussion of the tax status of your variable annuity contract, please refer to the insurance contract prospectus. Any tax forms applicable to your investment will be provided to you by your insurance company.

To the extent possible, all net investment income and realized capital gains are distributed to shareholders, which are the various insurance companies that have established separate accounts in connection with their issuance of variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The following table provides details on dividend and other distribution payments:

	Dividend Payment Schedule
Fund	**Dividends**
Limited-Term Bond	• Shares normally begin to earn any dividends on the business day after payment is received by T. Rowe Price. • Dividends, if any, are declared daily and paid on the first business day of each month.
Equity Income and Moderate Allocation	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid quarterly, in March, June, September, and December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All other funds	• Dividends, if any, are declared and paid annually, generally in December. • Must be a shareholder on the dividend record date.
All funds	• If necessary, a fund may make additional distributions on short notice to minimize any fund level tax liabilities.

Shares of the Limited-Term Bond Portfolio will normally earn dividends through the date of redemption. The funds do not pay dividends in

fractional cents. Any dividend amount earned for a particular day on all shares held that is one-half of one cent or greater (for example, $0.016) will be rounded up to the next whole cent (for example, $0.02), and any amount that is less than one-half of one cent (for example, $0.014) will be rounded down to the nearest whole cent (for example, $0.01). Please note that if the dividend payable on all shares held is less than one-half of one cent for a particular day, no dividend will be earned for that day.

All fund distributions made to a separate account will be reinvested automatically in additional fund shares, unless a shareholder (separate account) elects to receive distributions in cash. Under current law, dividends and distributions made by the fund to separate accounts are generally not taxable to the separate accounts, the insurance company, or the contract holder, provided that the separate account meets the diversification requirements of Code Section 817(h) and other tax-related requirements are satisfied. Each of the Variable Insurance Portfolios intends to diversify its investments in the manner required under Code Section 817(h).

Capital Gain Payments

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

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE FUNDS

T. Rowe Price Funds and their agents, in their sole discretion, reserve the following rights: (1) to waive or lower investment minimums; (2) to accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) to refuse any purchase or exchange order; (4) to cancel or rescind any purchase or exchange order placed through a financial intermediary no later than the business day after the order is received by the financial intermediary (including, but not limited to, orders deemed to result in excessive trading, market timing, or 5% ownership); (5) to cease offering fund shares at any time to all or certain groups of investors; (6) to freeze any account and suspend account services when notice has been received of a dispute regarding the ownership of the account, or a legal claim against an account, upon initial notification to T. Rowe Price of a shareholder's death until T. Rowe Price receives required documentation in correct form, or if there is reason to believe a fraudulent transaction may occur; (7) to otherwise modify the conditions of purchase and modify or terminate any services at any time; (8) to waive any wire fees charged to a group of shareholders; (9) to act on instructions reasonably believed to be genuine; (10) to involuntarily redeem an account at the net asset value calculated the day the account is redeemed when permitted by law, including in cases of threatening or abusive conduct, suspected fraudulent or illegal activity, or if the fund or its agent is unable, through its procedures, to verify the identity of the person(s) or entity opening an account; and (11) for money market funds, to suspend redemptions to facilitate an orderly liquidation.

In an effort to protect T. Rowe Price Funds from the possible adverse effects of a substantial redemption in a large account, as a matter of general policy, no contract holder or participant or group of contract holders or participants controlled by the same person or group of persons will knowingly be permitted to purchase in excess of 5% of the outstanding shares of the fund, except upon approval by the fund's management.

The fund's Statement of Additional Information, which contains a more detailed description of the fund's operations, investment restrictions, policies, and practices, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means that it is legally part of this prospectus even if you do not request a copy. Additional information about the fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. The fund's annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The fund's annual and semi-annual financial statements are included in its Form N-CSRs. To obtain free copies of any of these documents, or for shareholder inquiries, contact your insurance company. Certain documents and updated performance information are available without charge through troweprice.com/prospectus.

Annual and semi-annual shareholder reports and other fund information are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's internet site at sec.gov. Copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Balanced Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Balanced Portfolio (the “Fund”) seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and reasonable current income.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.19%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.20%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$20	$64	$113	$255

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 68% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an active management approach, investing 60-70% of its assets in dividend-paying and, to a lesser extent, non-dividend-paying common stocks of established large companies. In choosing these stocks, the advisor seeks durable businesses that appear to be undervalued but have prospects for improvement. These stocks are commonly referred to as value stocks. The remaining 30% to 40% of the Fund's assets are invested mainly in fixed income securities that the advisor believes will generate a moderate level of current income. These securities include investment-grade corporate bonds, with some exposure to U.S. Treasury bonds, government agency bonds, and mortgage-backed securities.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund's share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.
- ***Investing in Equity Markets.*** The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. Market volatility can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.
- ***Market Capitalization (Market Cap).*** Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap. Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.
- ***Value Investing.*** The Fund's approach to value investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that use a different investment style. The

Fund's investments in value stocks are subject to the risk that the stocks' valuations do not improve at the anticipated rate or that their returns do not move in tandem with the returns of other investment styles or the broader stock market.

- ***Information Technology Sector.*** From time to time, stocks of companies within the information technology sector may make up a significant portion of the Fund's investment portfolio. As a result, the Fund's performance may be impacted by the general condition of the information technology sector.
- ***Investing in Bond Markets*.** The Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by certain bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed in its principal investment strategies, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.
- ***Interest Rate Risk*.** During periods of rising interest rates, bond prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value. The prices of longer-term bonds are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of shorter-term bonds.
- ***Income Risk*.** During periods of falling interest rates, the Fund's income may decline. The income paid by shorter-term bonds is subject to a higher degree of fluctuation than the income paid by longer-term bonds.
- ***Credit Risk*.** Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.
- ***Bond Liquidity Risk*.** If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell.

- ***Call Risk.*** Certain bonds held by the Fund may be callable. The issuer of a callable bond has the right to "call" (redeem) the bond before its maturity date. Calls on bonds held by the Fund would result in the Fund losing any price appreciation above the bond's call price. In addition, because bond calls occur more frequently during periods of falling interest rates, the Fund likely would be forced to reinvest the proceeds of any called bonds at a lower interest rate than that of the called bonds, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. Frequent bond calls and subsequent reinvestments of the proceeds also would increase the Fund's turnover rate.
- ***Prepayment Risk*.** Certain bonds are subject to risks associated with prepayment. Prepayment risk for callable bonds is described under ***Call Risk***. With respect to mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and similar debt securities, prepayment typically refers to borrowers repaying their debt early (e.g., before the maturity date). Prepayment of bonds held by the Fund would result in the Fund losing any price appreciation above the amount repaid (or the bond's call price, in the case of callable bonds). In addition, because prepayments occur more frequently in low interest rate environments, the Fund likely would be forced to reinvest the proceeds from any prepayments at a lower interest rate than when the prepaid bonds were purchased, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. Frequent prepayments and subsequent reinvestment of the proceeds also would increase the Fund's turnover rate.
- ***Extension Risk*.** During periods of rising interest rates, certain bonds held by the Fund may be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated. As a result, the value of the bonds may fall, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments.
- ***Active Management.*** The Fund is actively managed. The advisor's security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective.

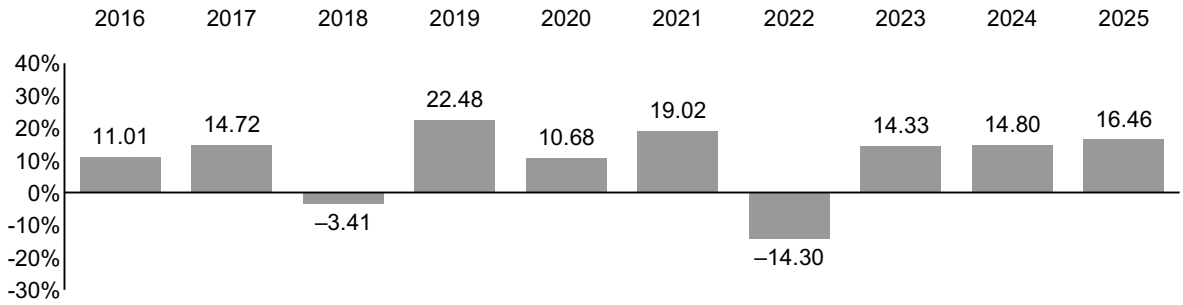
An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The Composite Stock/Bond Index is weighted 65% in the S&P 500 Index and 35% in the Bloomberg U.S. Credit A or Better Bond Index. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do not reflect additional

fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Balanced Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	12.21%	June 30, 2020
Lowest	-13.84%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Balanced Portfolio	16.46%	9.29%	10.03%
Composite Stock/Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	14.31%	9.20%	10.61%
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.05	13.07	14.21
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	7.30	-0.36	2.01

Investment Advisor

Wellington Management Company LLP (Wellington Management)

Portfolio Managers

Loren L. Moran, CFA, Senior Managing Director and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. She has managed the fixed income portion of the Fund since 2021 (co-managed since 2017).

Daniel J. Pozen, Senior Managing Director and Equity Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has managed the stock portion of the Fund since 2019.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Balanced Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and reasonable current income.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

The Fund's advisor seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objective by investing the Fund's assets in equity and fixed income securities.

What is Active Management?

Actively managed funds typically seek to exceed the average returns of a particular financial market or market segment. The Fund's advisor will select securities to buy and sell based on the advisor's judgments about companies and their financial prospects, the prices of the securities, and the markets and the economy in general. In selecting securities, an advisor may rely on, among other things, research, market forecasts, quantitative models, and their own judgment and experience.

The Fund is a balanced fund. Balanced funds generally seek to provide some combination of current income and capital appreciation by investing in a mix of stocks and bonds. Because prices of stocks and bonds can respond differently to economic events and influences, a balanced fund should experience less volatility than a fund investing exclusively in stocks.

Wellington Management, the Fund's advisor, typically invests approximately 60% to 70% of the Fund's assets in dividend-paying and, to a lesser extent, non-dividend-paying common stocks of established large companies. The remaining 30% to 40% of the Fund's assets are invested mainly in fixed income securities that the advisor believes will generate a moderate level of current income. Although the mix of stocks and bonds varies from time to time, depending on the advisor's view of economic and market conditions, the stock portion can be expected to represent at least 60% of the Fund's holdings under normal circumstances.

Security Selection

The Fund is managed according to traditional methods of active investment management. Securities are bought and sold based on the advisor's judgments about companies and their financial prospects and about bond issuers and the general level of interest rates. The Fund's advisor may, at times, select securities that cause the Fund to focus in a particular market sector, which would subject the Fund to proportionately higher exposure to the risks of that sector.

Stock Selection. In selecting stocks, Wellington Management identifies what it considers to be undervalued stocks of primarily established large companies with durable businesses. The advisor considers a stock to be undervalued if company earnings, or potential earnings, are not fully reflected in the stock's share price. In other words, the current market prices of these large-cap stocks

may be less than what the advisor thinks they should be. The advisor considers a business to be durable if cash flows are resilient across a business cycle, and the business is able to achieve a superior level and duration of growth and/or income. The advisor's goal is to identify and purchase these securities before their value is recognized by other investors. This is commonly referred to as value investing. The advisor emphasizes stocks that, on average, provide a higher level of dividend income than is generally provided by stocks in the overall market. The advisor also emphasizes the long-term rate of value creation rather than short-term rate of change in sales or earnings. By adhering to this stock selection strategy and by investing in a wide variety of companies and industries, the advisor expects to moderate overall risk. The advisor will generally sell stocks when the valuation is no longer attractive or the business' stability has been materially impacted.

Stocks of publicly traded companies are often classified according to market capitalization, which is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It is important to understand that there is no "official" definition of each type of small-cap, mid-cap, or large-cap and that market capitalization ranges can change over time.

A fund's median market capitalization, which is the midpoint of the market capitalization of the fund's stocks weighted by the proportion of the fund's assets invested in each stock, can be used as an indicator of the size of the companies in which it invests. Stocks representing half of a fund's assets will have market capitalizations above the median, and the rest will fall below it. As of December 31, 2025, the asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock holdings was:

Vanguard Fund	Asset-Weighted Median Market Capitalization
Balanced Portfolio	$330 billion

Bond Selection. In selecting bonds, Wellington Management identifies investment-grade bonds that it believes will generate a moderate level of current income. These may include short-, intermediate-, and long-term corporate, U.S. Treasury, government agency, local currency, and asset-backed bonds, as well as mortgage-backed securities. The advisor does not generally make large adjustments in the average maturity of the Fund's bond holdings in anticipation of changes in interest rates. The average duration of the Fund's bond portfolio as of December 31, 2025, was 6.6 years.

The Fund typically invests in bonds that are of investment-grade quality. This means that the bonds are rated at least Baa3 by Moody's or BBB by S&P Global Ratings, or if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the advisor.

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

- *Large-Cap Stocks* represent the largest publicly traded companies, which are often well-established and widely recognized. These companies typically have significant market share, global reach, and a history of financial stability. While they may not offer as much growth potential as smaller companies, they are generally considered more resilient during economic downturns but still not immune from a decrease in price.
- *Value Stocks* typically represent companies that appear to be undervalued based on financial metrics like price-to-earnings or book value. These stocks are often priced lower relative to their fundamentals, which may reflect temporary challenges, such as recent earnings or negative market sentiment, rather than long-term issues. Value stocks typically offer higher dividend yields than other types of stocks, which can make them attractive to investors seeking income as well as potential price appreciation.

What are Bonds?

Generally speaking, a **bond** represents a debt or loan issued by, for example, a corporation, a government, or a financial institution. In most instances, the issuer agrees to pay the bondholder a fixed, variable, or floating rate of interest for a specified length of time, and to repay the bond in full on a specified **maturity** date. The **income** earned by a bond (or its **yield**, when expressed as a percentage of the bond's price) can vary based on its **maturity**. Longer-term bonds tend to have higher yields than shorter-term bonds, but are more sensitive to fluctuations in value. By contrast, shorter-term bonds are less likely to fluctuate in value, but tend to have lower yields. A bond's **duration** is a measure of how sensitive its price is to changes in interest rates. For example, if a bond has a duration of 2 years, its price would fall by approximately 2% when interest rates rise by 1%. On the other hand, the bond's price would rise by approximately 2% when interest rates fall by 1%. A bond's **credit quality** rating is an assessment of the issuer's ability to make timely interest payments and repay the bond in full on its stated maturity date. The higher a bond's credit quality, the greater the perceived chance that the issuer will meet its payment obligations (and vice versa). Investment-grade bonds are those whose credit quality is considered by independent bond rating agencies, or through independent analysis conducted by an advisor, to be sufficient to ensure timely payment of principal and interest under current economic circumstances. Below investment-grade securities, which include bonds commonly known as "junk bonds," have lower credit quality ratings.

- *Corporate Bonds* are issued by businesses that want to borrow money for some purpose, often to develop a new product or service, to expand into a new market, or to buy another company. As with other types of bonds, the issuer promises to repay the principal on a specific date and to make interest payments in the meantime. The amount of interest offered depends both on market conditions and on the financial health of the corporation issuing the bonds. For example, companies with lower credit ratings generally need to offer a higher interest rate in order to obtain buyers for their bonds.

- *U.S. Government and Agency Securities* represent loans by investors to the U.S. Treasury or to a wide variety of government agencies and instrumentalities. Securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and a small number of U.S. government agencies (such as the Government National Mortgage Association) are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. However, securities issued by most U.S. government entities, including the U.S. government-sponsored enterprises discussed below, are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The market values of U.S. government and agency securities and U.S. Treasury securities are subject to fluctuation and to the expectation that the U.S. Treasury will be able to honor its obligations.

  A number of government-sponsored enterprises, such as the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, issue debt and mortgage-backed securities. Although government-sponsored enterprises may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, they are not funded by congressional appropriations. For example, in September 2008, the U.S. Treasury placed the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation under conservatorship and appointed the Federal Housing Finance Agency to manage their daily operations. In addition, the U.S. Treasury entered into purchase agreements with the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to provide them with capital in exchange for senior preferred stock. However, in general, a government-sponsored enterprise's securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and they are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. In most cases, securities issued by a government-sponsored enterprise are supported only by the credit of the government-sponsored enterprise itself. In some cases, a government-sponsored enterprise's securities may be supported by the ability of the government-sponsored enterprise to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or may be supported by the U.S. government in another way.

- *Asset-Backed Securities* represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, pools of underlying assets such as bank loans or credit card, automobile, or trade receivables. Asset-backed securities are issued by entities formed solely for the purpose of issuing such securities, and their value depends on repayments by underlying borrowers. The maturities of asset-backed securities are driven by borrowers' prepayments, making them difficult to predict.

- *Mortgage-Backed Securities* represent partial ownership in pools of commercial or residential mortgage loans made by financial institutions to finance a borrower's real estate purchase. These loans are packaged by private corporations (non-agency mortgage-backed securities) or government issuers (agency mortgage-backed securities) for sale to investors. As the underlying mortgage loans are paid by borrowers, the investors receive payments of interest and principal.

  As discussed under *U.S. Government and Agency Securities*, most mortgage-backed securities issued by U.S. government entities or government-sponsored enterprises are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. One exception is securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Equity Markets. The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. These periods of rising and falling values can occur for unpredictable timeframes over the short and long term. Market volatility also is unpredictable and can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap) — Large-Cap Companies. Large-cap companies are typically more well-established, well-known, and mature companies from an operational perspective than smaller cap companies. Because of this, they may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller cap companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The Fund's focus on large-cap companies could affect its performance relative to a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Value Investing. Companies and their stock are often classified as growth or value. Growth investing and value investing are two investment styles used by advisors. Under certain market conditions these investment styles may perform differently, generating varying returns. The Fund's approach to value investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that use a different investment style. The Fund's investments in value stocks are subject to the risk that the stocks' valuations do not improve at the anticipated rate or that their returns do not move in tandem with the returns of other investment styles or the broader stock market.

Information Technology Sector. From time to time, stocks of companies within the information technology sector may make up a significant portion of the Fund's investment portfolio. As a result, the Fund's performance may be impacted by the general condition of the information technology sector. Companies in the information technology sector can be negatively affected by products becoming obsolete due to increased competition or short product life cycles, changing consumer preference, and/or expiring intellectual property rights, government scrutiny, changing regulations, and legal actions.

Investing in Bond Markets. The Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may

expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by the following bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed throughout this Prospectus, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.

Interest Rate Risk. The Fund's investments in bonds can be sensitive to interest rate changes and may be affected differently depending on the overall interest rate environment. During periods of rising interest rates, bond prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value. The prices of longer-term bonds are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of shorter-term bonds.

Income Risk. During periods of falling interest rates, the Fund's income may decline because the Fund may have to invest new cash flow and cash from maturing bonds in bonds with lower yields. The income paid by shorter-term bonds is subject to a higher degree of fluctuation than the income paid by longer-term bonds.

Credit Risk. Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. The Fund could be impacted by factors negatively impacting the issuers of its corporate bond holdings. For example, if a company is restructured, there could be a substantial decline in the credit quality and market value of any bonds issued by that company. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.

Bond Liquidity Risk. If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell. For example, liquidity in the corporate bond market may be impacted by overall market conditions or by a decline in the availability of credit.

Call Risk. Certain bonds held by the Fund may be callable. The issuer of a callable bond has the right to "call" (redeem) the bond before its maturity date. When a bond is called, the principal value of the bond is repaid earlier than anticipated (prepayment) and the investor (in this case, the Fund) no longer receives the interest payments that would have been paid up to the expected maturity date. In addition, bond calls and the resulting prepayments cause the Fund to lose any price appreciation that would have occurred between the time the bond was called and its original maturity date.

During periods of falling interest rates, it benefits issuers to call bonds with high interest rates. When this occurs, the Fund likely will be forced to reinvest the proceeds of any called bonds at a lower interest rate than that of the called bonds, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. If the Fund holds multiple callable bonds, frequent bond calls (as is likely during periods of falling interest rates) and the Fund's subsequent reinvestment of the proceeds also would increase the Fund's turnover rate.

Prepayment Risk. Certain bonds may be repaid in full prior to their maturity dates. Prepayment can be driven by bond calls (see **Call Risk**) or by borrowers repaying their debt earlier than anticipated (in the case of mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and similar debt securities such as collateralized mortgage obligations). In both cases, prepayment results in the principal value of a bond being repaid prior to its maturity date, resulting in fewer interest payments overall. Prepayments cause the investor (in this case, the Fund) to lose any price appreciation that would have occurred between the time the principal was paid in full and the original maturity date.

Prepayments occur more frequently in low interest rate environments. For example, during periods of falling interest rates, homeowners are more likely to refinance their mortgages, resulting in prepayment of mortgage-backed securities. Similarly, credit card holders are more likely to pay off their credit card bills, resulting in prepayment of asset-backed securities. As an investor in these securities, the Fund likely would be forced to reinvest the proceeds from any prepayments at a lower interest rate than when the prepaid bonds were purchased, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. In addition, frequent prepayments (as is likely during periods of falling interest rates) and the Fund's subsequent reinvestment of the proceeds would increase the Fund's turnover rate.

Extension Risk. During periods of rising interest rates, certain bonds held by the Fund may be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated. As a result, the value of the bonds may fall, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. For example, investments in mortgage-backed securities are subject to the risk that homeowners will repay their mortgages more slowly than anticipated during periods of rising interest rates, which would extend the duration of mortgage-backed securities held by the Fund. The proceeds from such securities would then be unavailable to reinvest at higher interest rates.

Active Management. The Fund is actively managed. Active management permits the advisor to use reasonable discretion on how to invest the assets of the Fund in a manner that helps the advisor achieve the strategy of the Fund. The advisor's security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund

to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective. All else being equal, actively managed funds can have higher fees and expenses than passively managed funds.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these

holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund. When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Investing in Derivatives. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Ownership Limitations Risk. As the Vanguard funds continue to grow, they may be increasingly impacted by ownership limitations that apply to certain securities held by the Vanguard funds ("limited securities"). An ownership limitation restricts the amount of a security that funds within the same fund complex or funds advised by the same investment advisor can own. These limitations may apply even where an external manager or different affiliate of

Vanguard provides investment advisory services to a fund. Ownership limitations restrict the amount that funds can invest in certain securities, due to either regulatory limits that apply to certain industries (for example, banking and utilities) or mechanisms that some issuers have in place to deter takeover attempts (for example, poison pills). These restrictions can have negative impacts on funds, including the inability of an index fund to track its index, the inability of a fund to meet its investment objectives, negative performance impacts, and unanticipated tax consequences. The impact of a particular ownership limitation on a Vanguard fund will vary based on several factors, including, but not limited to, a fund's investment strategy and its current and desired exposure to limited securities, the industry to which the limitation applies, the country or region of a particular issuer, and the regulatory body imposing the limitation. In addition to the impacts of specific ownership limitations, the Vanguard funds are also subject to the risk of multiple ownership limitations applying at one time, which could increase the likelihood of a fund experiencing the negative impacts listed above. The Vanguard funds attempt to mitigate the impacts of ownership limitations through the various methods discussed below in "Methods to address ownership limitations." However, it is possible that these methods will be unsuccessful and could also expose the Vanguard funds to other potential risks and negative consequences.

Impacts of Ownership Limitations. When an ownership limitation applies, the Vanguard funds may need to allocate ownership of impacted securities across impacted Vanguard funds, and a Vanguard fund may not be able to buy additional securities or continue to hold existing securities above its allocated amounts. For index funds, this can result in tracking error if a fund cannot buy or hold the securities it needs in order to replicate or sample its target index. For active funds, this can result in a fund not being able to take advantage of favorable opportunities to invest in securities that are subject to limitations. For both index and active funds, the inability to buy or hold securities could prevent a fund from being able to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy, and/or could negatively impact the fund's performance. In addition, the steps taken to address ownership limitations could result in additional costs and/or unanticipated tax consequences to a fund that affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders. The more assets the Vanguard funds hold, the more likely it is that ownership limitations will negatively impact Vanguard funds because they will not be able to purchase additional shares of limited securities above their allocated amounts in order to fully invest their assets in accordance with their investment strategies.

Methods to Address Ownership Limitations. The Vanguard funds try to manage the negative impacts of these ownership limitations on the Vanguard funds by seeking permission (relief) from regulators and/or issuers to purchase or hold more securities than the amount allowed by ownership limitations. However, it is

not always possible to secure relief and such relief could be revoked if the Vanguard funds are unable to satisfy the applicable conditions, or if the regulator or issuer changes its position or policy or if the applicable legal requirements become more restrictive. There is an increasing amount of uncertainty around how much ownership limitations relief regulators will grant to asset managers like Vanguard. Given this uncertainty, there is no guarantee that Vanguard or the Vanguard funds will be able to maintain their existing relief or obtain additional relief from ownership limitations in the future. A regulator may impose certain conditions on the Vanguard funds in connection with granting relief from an ownership limitation, including, for example, that the funds vote in a certain way with respect to shares of the limited security that the Vanguard funds hold in excess of the ownership limitation. Regulatory relief may also depend on the operational independence of certain Vanguard subsidiaries and/or business divisions.

In addition, the relief upon which Vanguard and the Vanguard funds currently rely, which has allowed Vanguard to exceed certain ownership limitations, could be reduced or revoked, forcing the Vanguard funds to sell down one or more securities to comply with the ownership limitations. If a fund has to sell securities, there could be negative impacts to fund performance as well as unanticipated tax consequences that could impact the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders.

When a Vanguard fund cannot buy or hold securities directly due to ownership limitations, the fund will typically try to get indirect exposure to impacted securities. The fund does this so that it can replicate as closely as possible the returns the fund would get if it directly owned the impacted securities. Indirect exposure can be accomplished through the use of derivatives, such as total return swaps, or by investing in wholly owned subsidiaries that hold the impacted securities. Both of these methods of obtaining indirect exposure increase fund costs, and, depending on the extent to which these alternatives are used by a fund to avoid exceeding ownership limits, the added costs could have a negative impact on the fund's performance. With respect to an index fund, these added costs could also result in tracking error relative to the fund's target index. The risks associated with derivatives use are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this Prospectus.

There is no guarantee that laws and regulations always will allow that indirect exposure to limited securities may be omitted for purposes of determining the Vanguard funds' exposure to limited securities and compliance with the applicable ownership limitations. In such circumstances, the Vanguard funds could not use these techniques and would be required to sell down the indirect and/or direct holdings in the applicable limited securities.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Foreign Securities

Although the Fund typically does not make significant investments in foreign securities, it reserves the right to invest up to 25% of its assets in foreign securities, which may include depositary receipts. Foreign securities may be traded on U.S. or foreign markets.

Other Types of Investments

The Fund may invest in derivatives such as fixed income futures contracts, options, straddles, credit swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, foreign currency exchange forward contracts, or other derivatives. In general, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate. The Fund may use derivatives to obtain exposure to a stock, a basket of stocks, or an index. Derivatives may also be used as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry. The Fund will not use derivatives for speculation or for the purpose of leveraging (magnifying) investment returns.

A foreign currency exchange forward contract is an agreement to buy or sell a currency at a specific price on a specific date, usually 30, 60, or 90 days in the future. In other words, the contract guarantees an exchange rate on a given date. Advisors of funds that invest in foreign securities can use these contracts to guard against unfavorable changes in currency rates. These contracts, however, would not prevent the Fund's securities from falling in value as a result of risks other than unfavorable currency exchange movements. The Fund may use these contracts to manage currency exposure and to settle trades in a foreign currency.

The Fund may invest in cash equivalent investments (such as repurchase agreements) and securities that are convertible into common stocks. The Fund may also invest modestly in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs).

Cash Management

The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures

The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when an advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case if the Fund is transitioning assets from one advisor to another or receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately. The Fund may also invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives as an alternative means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

In addition, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its normal investment policies and strategies—for instance, by allocating substantial assets to cash equivalent investments or other less volatile instruments—in response to adverse or unusual market, economic, political, or other conditions. In doing so, the Fund may succeed in avoiding losses but may otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

Cash equivalent investments include cash deposits, short-term bank deposits, and money market instruments such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, bank certificates of deposit (CDs), repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and banker's acceptances.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisor

Wellington Management Company LLP, 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, a Delaware limited liability partnership, is an investment counseling firm that provides investment services to investment companies, employee benefit plans, endowments, foundations, and other institutions. Wellington Management and its predecessor organizations have provided investment advisory services for over 90 years. Wellington Management is owned by the partners of Wellington Management Group LLP, a Massachusetts limited liability partnership. As of December 31, 2025, Wellington Management and its investment advisory affiliates had investment management authority with respect to approximately $1.3 trillion in client assets. The firm manages the Fund subject to the supervision and oversight of Vanguard and the trustees and officers of the Fund.

The Fund pays the advisor a base fee plus or minus a performance adjustment. The base fee, which is paid quarterly, is a percentage of average daily net assets under management during the most recent fiscal quarter. The base fee has breakpoints, which means that the percentage declines as assets go up. The performance adjustment, also paid quarterly, is based on the cumulative total return of the Fund relative to that of the Composite Stock/Bond Index over the preceding 36-month period. The Index is a composite benchmark, weighted 65% in the S&P 500 Index and 35% in the Bloomberg U.S. Credit A or Better Bond Index. When the performance adjustment is positive, the Fund's expenses increase; when it is negative, expenses decrease.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the advisory fee represented an effective annual rate of 0.05% of the Fund's average net assets before a performance-based decrease of 0.01%.

Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through its wholly owned subsidiary Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM), may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the

Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Loren L. Moran, CFA, Senior Managing Director and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. She has worked in investment management since 2006, has been with Wellington Management since 2014, and has managed the fixed income portion of the Fund since 2021 (co-managed since 2017). Education: B.S., Georgetown University.

Daniel J. Pozen, Senior Managing Director and Equity Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has worked in investment management since 1999, has been with Wellington Management since 2006, and has managed the stock portion of the Fund since 2019. Education: B.A., Williams College; M.B.A., Dartmouth College (Tuck).

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that

the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Vanguard Balanced Portfolio

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended December 31, 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$24.77**	**$23.29**	**$21.72**	**$28.41**	**$25.68**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.530	.534	.518	.471	.468
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	3.000	2.752	2.415	(4.277)	4.137
Total from Investment Operations	3.530	3.286	2.933	(3.806)	4.605
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.547)	(.571)	(.464)	(.480)	(.497)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(2.343)	(1.235)	(.899)	(2.404)	(1.378)
Total Distributions	(2.890)	(1.806)	(1.363)	(2.884)	(1.875)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$25.41**	**$24.77**	**$23.29**	**$21.72**	**$28.41**
Total Return	**16.46%**	**14.80%**	**14.33%**	**-14.30%**	**19.02%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$3,820	$3,535	$3,260	$3,142	$3,787
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets[2]	0.20%[3]	0.20%[4]	0.21%[4]	0.21%[4]	0.20%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	2.22%	2.25%	2.37%	2.05%	1.76%
Portfolio Turnover Rate[5]	68%	64%	40%	40%	33%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 Includes performance-based investment advisory fee increases (decreases) of (0.01%), (0.01%), (0.00%), 0.00%, and (0.01%).

3 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from broker commission abatement arrangements was 0.20%.

4 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset and broker commission abatement arrangements was 0.20%, 0.21% and 0.21%, respectively.

5 Includes 0%, 1%, 1%, 7%, and 1%, respectively, attributable to mortgage-dollar-roll activity.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes
Listed below are the broad-based securities market indexes, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. An index that is the broadest measure of the taxable U.S. bond market, including most U.S. Treasury, agency, corporate, mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and international dollar-denominated issues, all with investment-grade ratings (rated Baa3 or above by Moody's) and maturities of 1 year or more.

Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index. An index designed to measure all U.S. equity issues with readily available prices.

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For More Information
If you would like more information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Balanced Portfolio, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

Telephone: 800-522-5555; Text telephone for people with hearing impairment: 800-749-7273

Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

Fund's Investment Company Act file number: 811-05962

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Equity Index Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Equity Index Portfolio (the “Fund”) seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of large-capitalization stocks.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.13%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.14%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$14	$45	$79	$179

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 4% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the S&P 500 Index (the "Target Index"), a widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large U.S. companies. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. The Fund attempts to replicate the Target Index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Target Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Target Index.

The Fund may become nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, solely as a result of tracking an index. This could occur due to events such as an index rebalance or market movement. A nondiversified fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with diversified funds. In addition, the Fund could become concentrated in an industry or group of industries if the Target Index becomes concentrated due to market conditions or the performance of a single or related group of issuers.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund's share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.
- ***Investing in Equity Markets.*** The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. Market volatility can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.
- ***Market Capitalization (Market Cap).*** Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap.

Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

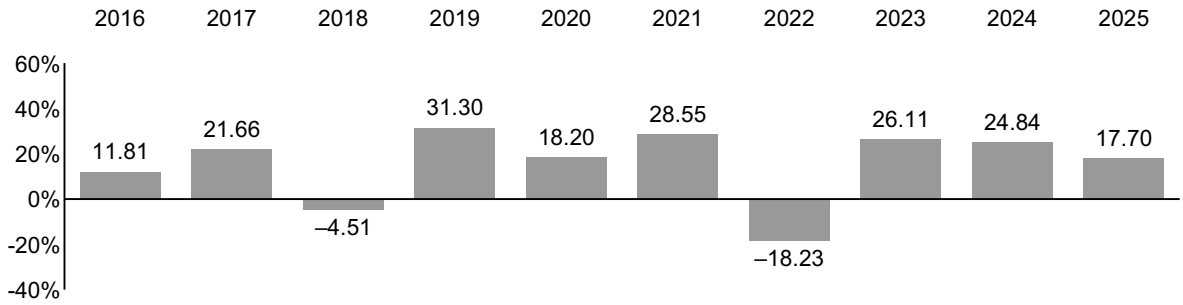
- ***Index Investing*.** The Fund is subject to risks associated with index investing. Because the Fund generally seeks to track the performance of the Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in the Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of the Target Index. This risk, known as tracking error risk, may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. The Fund also could be negatively impacted by changes to the Target Index made by the index provider or by errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders.
- ***Nondiversification.*** By tracking its broad-based Target Index, the Fund could become nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, due to events such as an index rebalance or market movement. The performance of nondiversified funds may be negatively impacted by relatively few securities or even a single security and their shares may experience significant fluctuations in value.
- ***Concentration Risk.*** Except as may be necessary to approximate the composition of its Target Index, the Fund will not concentrate its investments in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the same industry or group of industries. If the Target Index becomes concentrated and the Fund needs to concentrate in the same industry or group of industries, its performance could be negatively impacted by the industry or industries in which it is concentrated.
- ***Information Technology Sector.*** As of the Fund's most recent fiscal year end, stocks of companies within the information technology sector made up a significant portion of the Target Index. As a result, the performance of the Target Index, and therefore the performance of the Fund, may be impacted by the general condition of the information technology sector.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses, but do not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Equity Index Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	20.53%	June 30, 2020
Lowest	-19.66%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Equity Index Portfolio	17.70%	14.27%	14.66%
Standard & Poor's 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.88%	14.42%	14.82%
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.05	13.07	14.21

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Aurélie Denis, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VCM. She has co-managed the Fund since 2023.

Michelle Louie, CFA, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VCM. She has co-managed the Fund since 2017.

Walter Nejman, Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has co-managed the Fund since 2025.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Equity Index Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of large-capitalization stocks.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective
To achieve its investment objective, the Fund employs an indexing, or passive, investment approach designed to track the performance of its Target Index, the S&P 500 Index.

What are Index Funds?

Index funds attempt to track—not outperform—the performance of a specified market index. An index is a group of securities whose overall performance is used as a standard to measure the investment performance of a particular market. Some indexes represent entire markets, such as the U.S. stock market, while others cover a segment of a market, such as short-term bonds.

One cannot invest directly in an index. Instead, an index fund's advisor will typically seek to hold all, or substantially all, of the securities that make up the fund's target index (often referred to as "replicating" an index or a "full replication" approach) or a representative sample of the securities that make up a fund's target index ("sampling" an index).

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. Investments in derivatives may be counted toward the Fund's 80% policy to the extent that they provide investment exposure to the securities included within the policy or to one or more market risk factors associated with such securities. The Fund may change its 80% policy only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

The Fund may become nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, solely as a result of tracking an index. This could occur due to events such as an index rebalance or market movement. A nondiversified fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with diversified funds. A fund becomes nondiversified if, with respect to 75% of its total assets, the fund: (1) purchases more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer, or (2) purchases securities of any issuer when, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund's total assets are invested in that issuer's securities.The Fund may become nondiversified without shareholder approval pursuant to SEC relief. In addition, the Fund could become concentrated in an industry or group of industries if its Target Index becomes concentrated due to market conditions or the performance of a single or related group of issuers.

Security Selection

The Fund uses the replication method of indexing, meaning that the Fund generally holds the same stocks as those in its Target Index and in approximately the same proportions. The advisor buys and sells securities for the Fund for the purpose of tracking the Target Index.

The S&P 500 Index, a float-adjusted market cap-weighted index, includes 500 of the top companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization. As of December 31, 2025, the number of stocks (constituents) in the Target Index was 503. The constituents are reviewed and rebalanced by the index provider on a quarterly basis and are likely to change over time.

The Target Index is owned, calculated, and controlled by the Index Provider in its sole discretion. Neither the advisor nor any of its affiliates has discretion to select Target Index components or change the Target Index's methodology.

Stocks of publicly traded companies are often classified according to market capitalization, which is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It is important to understand that there is no "official" definition of each type of small-cap, mid-cap, or large-cap and that market capitalization ranges can change over time.

A fund's median market capitalization, which is the midpoint of the market capitalization of the fund's stocks weighted by the proportion of the fund's assets invested in each stock, can be used as an indicator of the size of the companies in which it invests. Stocks representing half of a fund's assets will have market capitalizations above the median, and the rest will fall below it. As of December 31, 2025, the asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock holdings was:

Vanguard Fund	Asset-Weighted Median Market Capitalization
Equity Index Portfolio	$383 billion

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

- *Large-Cap Stocks* represent the largest publicly traded companies, which are often well-established and widely recognized. These companies typically have significant market share, global reach, and a history of financial stability. While they may not offer as much growth potential as smaller companies, they are generally considered more resilient during economic downturns but still not immune from a decrease in price.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Equity Markets. The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. These periods of rising and falling values can occur for unpredictable timeframes over the short and long term. Market volatility also is unpredictable and can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap) — Large-Cap Companies. Large-cap companies are typically more well-established, well-known, and mature companies from an operational perspective than smaller cap companies. Because of this, they may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller cap companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The Fund's focus on large-cap companies could affect its performance relative to a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Index Investing. The Fund is subject to the following risks associated with index investing:

Passive Management. The Fund seeks to track the performance of its Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing. The advisor's use of an indexing, or passive, approach to select and maintain investments for the Fund means that the advisor will select investments for the purpose of tracking the Target Index and generally will not use strategies to reduce negative impacts to the Fund during periods of market volatility. As a result, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed.

Index Replication Strategy. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in its Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more of the securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index.

Tracking Error. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of its Target Index. It is important to understand that an index fund will never perform exactly the same as its target index because, among other things, an index fund has operating expenses and transaction costs and its target index does not. Beyond these inherent differences in the operation of an index fund versus the operation of its target index, there are a variety of other factors that can cause or result in tracking error. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Price differences between the securities held by the index fund and those included in its target index
- Cash flows into or out of the index fund
- The size of the index fund
- Compliance with new or existing regulatory requirements
- Portfolio transactions carried out by the index fund's advisor to minimize the distribution of capital gains
- Changes to the underlying securities that make up the target index
- Errors made by the provider of the target index

Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. An index fund using a sampling strategy may be more likely to experience tracking error than an index fund using a replicating strategy.

Index Provider. The Fund is subject to risks associated with its index provider. The securities that make up the Target Index and their weighting in the Target Index are determined by the index provider. The index provider does not provide any warranty or accept any liability with respect to the quality, accuracy, or completeness of the Target Index or any data used to compile the Target Index. Under normal circumstances, the index provider rebalances (updates) the Target Index on a regular schedule. However, the index provider may also rebalance the Target Index outside of the regular schedule or delay or cancel a scheduled rebalance, which could result in added costs for the Fund or cause the Fund to experience tracking error. The index provider may make errors, and it is possible that such errors may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time or at all. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders. The Fund's advisor does not provide any warranty or guarantee against any errors made by the index provider.

Nondiversification. By tracking its broad-based Target Index, the Fund could become nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Nondiversified funds invest a greater percentage of their assets in a small number of issuers than diversified funds, their performance may be negatively impacted by relatively few securities or even a single security, and their shares may experience significant fluctuations in value.

Concentration Risk. Except as may be necessary to approximate the composition of its Target Index, the Fund will not concentrate its investments in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the same industry or group of industries. However, it is possible that the Target Index could become concentrated due to market conditions or the performance of a single or related group of issuers. If the Target Index becomes concentrated and the Fund needs to concentrate in the same industry or group of industries, its performance could be negatively impacted by the industry or industries in which it is concentrated.

Information Technology Sector. As of the Fund's most recent fiscal year end, stocks of companies within the information technology sector made up a significant portion of the Target Index. As a result, the performance of the Target Index, and therefore the performance of the Fund, may be impacted by the general condition of the information technology sector. Companies in the information technology sector can be negatively affected by products becoming obsolete due to increased competition or short product life cycles, changing consumer preference, and/or expiring intellectual property rights, government scrutiny, changing regulations, and legal actions.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund. When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Investing in Derivatives. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of

market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Ownership Limitations Risk. As the Vanguard funds continue to grow, they may be increasingly impacted by ownership limitations that apply to certain securities held by the Vanguard funds ("limited securities"). An ownership limitation restricts the amount of a security that funds within the same fund complex or funds advised by the same investment advisor can own. These limitations may apply even where an external manager or different affiliate of Vanguard provides investment advisory services to a fund. Ownership limitations restrict the amount that funds can invest in certain securities, due to either regulatory limits that apply to certain industries (for example, banking and utilities) or mechanisms that some issuers have in place to deter takeover attempts (for example, poison pills). These restrictions can have negative impacts on funds, including the inability of an index fund to track its index, the inability of a fund to meet its investment objectives, negative performance impacts, and unanticipated tax consequences. The impact of a particular ownership limitation on a Vanguard fund will vary based on several factors, including, but not limited to, a fund's investment strategy and its current and desired exposure to limited securities, the industry to which the limitation applies, the country or region of a particular issuer, and the regulatory body imposing the limitation. In addition to the impacts of specific ownership limitations, the Vanguard funds are also subject to the risk of multiple ownership limitations applying at one time, which could increase the likelihood of a fund experiencing the negative impacts listed above. The Vanguard funds attempt to mitigate the impacts of ownership limitations through the various methods discussed below in "Methods to address ownership limitations." However, it is possible that these methods will be unsuccessful and could also expose the Vanguard funds to other potential risks and negative consequences.

Impacts of Ownership Limitations. When an ownership limitation applies, the Vanguard funds may need to allocate ownership of impacted securities across impacted Vanguard funds, and a Vanguard fund may not be able to buy additional securities or continue to hold existing securities above its allocated amounts. For index funds, this can result in tracking error if a fund cannot buy

or hold the securities it needs in order to replicate or sample its target index. For active funds, this can result in a fund not being able to take advantage of favorable opportunities to invest in securities that are subject to limitations. For both index and active funds, the inability to buy or hold securities could prevent a fund from being able to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy, and/or could negatively impact the fund's performance. In addition, the steps taken to address ownership limitations could result in additional costs and/or unanticipated tax consequences to a fund that affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders. The more assets the Vanguard funds hold, the more likely it is that ownership limitations will negatively impact Vanguard funds because they will not be able to purchase additional shares of limited securities above their allocated amounts in order to fully invest their assets in accordance with their investment strategies.

Methods to Address Ownership Limitations. The Vanguard funds try to manage the negative impacts of these ownership limitations on the Vanguard funds by seeking permission (relief) from regulators and/or issuers to purchase or hold more securities than the amount allowed by ownership limitations. However, it is not always possible to secure relief and such relief could be revoked if the Vanguard funds are unable to satisfy the applicable conditions, or if the regulator or issuer changes its position or policy or if the applicable legal requirements become more restrictive. There is an increasing amount of uncertainty around how much ownership limitations relief regulators will grant to asset managers like Vanguard. Given this uncertainty, there is no guarantee that Vanguard or the Vanguard funds will be able to maintain their existing relief or obtain additional relief from ownership limitations in the future. A regulator may impose certain conditions on the Vanguard funds in connection with granting relief from an ownership limitation, including, for example, that the funds vote in a certain way with respect to shares of the limited security that the Vanguard funds hold in excess of the ownership limitation. Regulatory relief may also depend on the operational independence of certain Vanguard subsidiaries and/or business divisions.

In addition, the relief upon which Vanguard and the Vanguard funds currently rely, which has allowed Vanguard to exceed certain ownership limitations, could be reduced or revoked, forcing the Vanguard funds to sell down one or more securities to comply with the ownership limitations. If a fund has to sell securities, there could be negative impacts to fund performance as well as unanticipated tax consequences that could impact the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders.

When a Vanguard fund cannot buy or hold securities directly due to ownership limitations, the fund will typically try to get indirect exposure to impacted securities. The fund does this so that it can replicate as closely as possible the returns the fund would get if it directly owned the impacted securities. Indirect

exposure can be accomplished through the use of derivatives, such as total return swaps, or by investing in wholly owned subsidiaries that hold the impacted securities. Both of these methods of obtaining indirect exposure increase fund costs, and, depending on the extent to which these alternatives are used by a fund to avoid exceeding ownership limits, the added costs could have a negative impact on the fund's performance. With respect to an index fund, these added costs could also result in tracking error relative to the fund's target index. The risks associated with derivatives use are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this Prospectus.

There is no guarantee that laws and regulations always will allow that indirect exposure to limited securities may be omitted for purposes of determining the Vanguard funds' exposure to limited securities and compliance with the applicable ownership limitations. In such circumstances, the Vanguard funds could not use these techniques and would be required to sell down the indirect and/or direct holdings in the applicable limited securities.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Substitute Index

The Fund reserves the right to substitute a different index for the index it currently tracks if the current index is discontinued, if the Fund's agreement with the provider of its Target Index is terminated, or for any other reason determined in good faith by the Board. In any such instance, the substitute index would represent the same market segment as the Target Index.

Foreign Securities

The Fund has the ability to invest in foreign securities to the extent necessary to carry out its investment strategy of holding all, or substantially all, of the stocks that make up its Target Index. It is not expected that the Fund will invest more than 5% of its assets in foreign securities.

Other Types of Investments

The Fund may also invest, to a limited extent, in derivatives. In general, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate. The Fund attempts to remain fully invested in stocks in order to track the Target Index as closely as possible; however, to help stay fully invested and to reduce transaction costs, the Fund may invest in derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives to obtain exposure to a stock, a basket of stocks, or an index. Derivatives may also be used as an

alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry. The Fund will not use derivatives for speculation or for the purpose of leveraging (magnifying) investment returns.

Cash Management

The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures

The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case when the Fund receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately. The Fund may also invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VCM, provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VCM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VCM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund's advisory expenses represented an effective annual rate of less than 0.01% of the Fund's average net assets.

The Fund reserves the right to utilize a multimanager approach in the future. Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through VCM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Aurélie Denis, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VCM. She has been with Vanguard since 2016, has worked in investment management since 2017She has co-managed the Fund since 2023. Education: B.S., Pennsylvania State University.

Michelle Louie, CFA, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VCM. She has been with Vanguard since 2010, has worked in investment management since 2011, has managed investment portfolios since 2016, and has co-managed the Fund since 2017. Education: B.S., The American University; M.B.A., Georgia Institute of Technology.

Walter Nejman, Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has been with Vanguard since 2005, has worked in investment management since 2008, and has co-managed the Fund since 2025. Education: B.A., Arcadia University; M.B.A., Villanova University.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that

the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Equity Index Portfolio

	Year Ended December 31,				
For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$72.14**	**$60.89**	**$50.74**	**$65.47**	**$53.76**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.834	.826	.833	.806	.738
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	11.370	13.851	11.870	(12.244)	13.978
Total from Investment Operations	12.204	14.677	12.703	(11.438)	14.716
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.815)	(.888)	(.794)	(.758)	(.754)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(1.569)	(2.539)	(1.759)	(2.534)	(2.252)
Total Distributions	(2.384)	(3.427)	(2.553)	(3.292)	(3.006)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$81.96**	**$72.14**	**$60.89**	**$50.74**	**$65.47**
Total Return	**17.70%**	**24.84%**	**26.11%**	**-18.23%**	**28.55%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$13,227	$11,479	$9,222	$7,592	$9,354
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%[2]	0.14%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	1.12%	1.23%	1.52%	1.48%	1.25%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.14%.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes

Listed below is the broad-based securities market index, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

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Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

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Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

High Yield Bond Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds High Yield Bond Portfolio (the "Fund") seeks to provide a high level of current income.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.22%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.24%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$25	$77	$135	$306

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 46% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an active management approach, investing in a diversified group of high-yielding, higher-risk corporate bonds with medium- and lower-range credit quality ratings (commonly known as “junk” bonds). The Fund has multiple advisors, each of which independently selects and maintains a portfolio of fixed income securities for the Fund. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in corporate bonds that are rated below Baa by Moody’s or the equivalent rating by any other independent bond rating agency, or, if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the Fund’s advisors. The Fund’s holdings generally have short- and intermediate-term maturities.

With no more than 20% of its assets, the Fund may invest in any of the following, in the aggregate: bonds that are rated below B or the equivalent, fixed- and floating-rate loans of medium to lower-range credit quality, or other securities that may include, but are not limited to, convertible securities or preferred stocks. The loans in which the Fund may invest will be rated Baa or below by Moody’s or the equivalent by another independent rating agency (or, if unrated, will be determined to be of comparable quality by the Fund’s advisors). Certain securities in which the Fund may invest are only eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 (144A securities).

The Fund may invest in derivatives such as fixed income futures contracts, foreign currency exchange forward contracts, fixed income options (including options on swaps), currency swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, credit default swaps, or other derivatives.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund’s share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund’s performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund’s investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

- ***Investing in Bond Markets*.** The Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by certain bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed in its principal investment strategies, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.
- ***Interest Rate Risk*.** During periods of rising interest rates, bond prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value. The prices of longer-term bonds are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of shorter-term bonds.
- ***Income Risk*.** During periods of falling interest rates, the Fund's income may decline. The income paid by shorter-term bonds is subject to a higher degree of fluctuation than the income paid by longer-term bonds.
- ***Credit Risk*.** Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.
- ***Bond Liquidity Risk*.** If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell. For example, the market for certain 144A securities may be less active than the market for publicly traded securities. Investing in such securities may heighten this risk for the Fund.
- ***Call Risk.*** Certain bonds held by the Fund may be callable. The issuer of a callable bond has the right to "call" (redeem) the bond before its maturity date. Calls on bonds held by the Fund would result in the Fund losing any price appreciation above the bond's call price. In addition, because bond calls occur more frequently during periods of falling interest rates, the Fund likely would be forced to reinvest the proceeds of any called bonds at a lower interest rate than that of the called bonds, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. Frequent

bond calls and subsequent reinvestments of the proceeds also would increase the Fund's turnover rate.

- ***Extension Risk*.** During periods of rising interest rates, certain bonds held by the Fund may be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated. As a result, the value of the bonds may fall, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments.
- ***High-Yield Securities.*** Bonds rated below investment-grade, also referred to as high-yield securities, are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's ability, or perceptions of the issuer's ability, to make timely principal and interest payments. They are more volatile, less liquid, and involve greater risk of default than investment-grade securities. Investing in high-yield securities could result in a loss of income and/or principal for the Fund.
- ***Bank Loans and Loan Interests.*** Investments in bank loans and loan interests (loans) are subject to the risk of loss in the event of default, insolvency, or the bankruptcy of the borrower. The Fund may have difficulty disposing of such investments because, in certain cases, their secondary market is not highly liquid. This lack of a highly liquid secondary market could have an adverse impact on the value of loans and on the Fund's ability to dispose of them in response to a specific economic event, such as a downgrade in the borrower's credit rating. In addition, transactions involving loans may take more than seven days to settle. As a result, the proceeds related to the sale of loans may not be available to the Fund to make additional investments or to meet the Fund's redemption obligations until a significant amount of time after the sale occurs (an "extended settlement"). To the extent that an extended settlement creates a need for short-term liquidity, the Fund may satisfy this need in a number of different ways. For example, the Fund may hold additional cash or sell other investments (potentially at an inopportune time, which could result in a loss to the Fund).
- ***Active Management.*** The Fund is actively managed. The advisors' security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective.
- ***Investing in Derivatives***. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit

its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

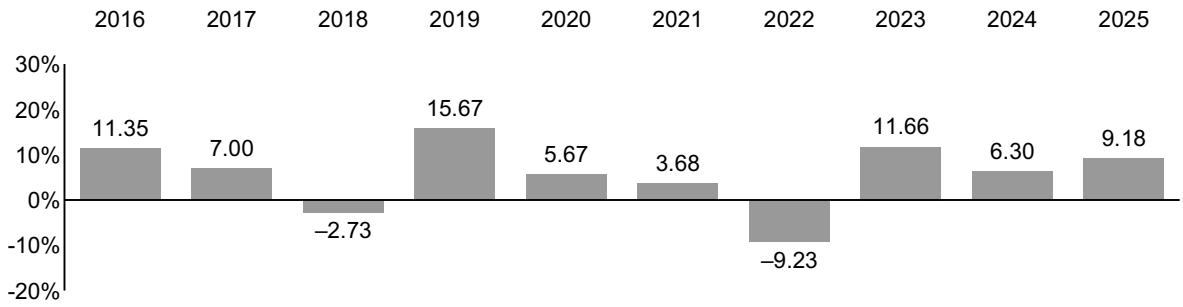
Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The High-Yield Corporate Composite Index is weighted 95% in the Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Ba/B 2% Issuer Capped Index and 5% in the Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Treasury Bond Index. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — High Yield Bond Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	8.45%	June 30, 2020
Lowest	-10.73%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
High Yield Bond Portfolio	9.18%	4.05%	5.62%
High-Yield Corporate Composite Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	8.63%	3.97%	5.93%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	8.62	4.51	6.53
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	7.30	-0.36	2.01

Investment Advisors

Wellington Management Company LLP (Wellington Management)

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Elizabeth H. Shortsleeve, Senior Managing Director and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. She has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2022.

Michael Chang, CFA, Principal of Vanguard and Senior Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2022.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisors do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds High Yield Bond Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of current income.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

The Fund's advisors seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective by investing primarily in a diversified group of high-yielding, higher-risk corporate bonds with medium- and lower-range credit quality ratings as well as fixed and floating rate loans of medium- to lower-range credit quality (commonly known as "junk" bonds).

What is Active Management?

Actively managed funds typically seek to exceed the average returns of a particular financial market or market segment. The Fund's advisors will select securities to buy and sell based on the advisors' judgments about companies and their financial prospects, the prices of the securities, and the markets and the economy in general. In selecting securities, an advisor may rely on, among other things, research, market forecasts, quantitative models, and their own judgment and experience.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in corporate bonds that are rated below Baa by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency, or, if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the Fund's advisors. Investments in derivatives may be counted toward the Fund's 80% policy to the extent that they provide investment exposure to the securities included within the policy or to one or more market risk factors associated with such securities. The Fund may change its 80% policy only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

Security Selection

The Fund uses multiple advisors, each of which independently selects and maintains a portfolio of investments for the Fund.

Wellington Management uses a process that combines bottom-up fundamental research with top-down strategy, comprehensive risk management, and a long-term investment horizon. The portfolio managers establish sector allocation, duration, and risk guidelines and use Wellington Management's in-house fixed income credit analysts for bottom-up analysis and security recommendations. The analysis focuses on the nature of a company's business, its strategy, and the quality of its management to identify companies whose prospects are stable or improving and whose bonds offer an attractive yield. Companies with improving prospects are normally more attractive because they offer better assurance of debt repayment and greater potential for capital appreciation. Final buy/sell decisions are made by the portfolio managers based on relative valuation and fundamental credit research.

Vanguard's actively managed fixed income funds use a portfolio manager-driven process that combines bottom-up fundamental research with top-down strategy. The Fixed Income Group's (FIG) high-yield team leverages the insights of FIG's Global Rates and Credit teams to develop the outlook for the high-yield sector, while dedicated portfolio managers, traders, and credit analysts are responsible for bottom-up analysis and security recommendations. Security selection decisions are based on a proprietary assessment of issuers and securities to identify companies with sustainable cash flows and capital structures and minimize or avoid excess credit losses and defaults over a market cycle. Risk optimization measures are present throughout the investment process, and FIG's Senior Investment Committee provides governance and oversight. Securities are bought and sold based on the portfolio manager's judgments about a security's fundamentals, technical factors, valuation, and contribution to the overall portfolio while controlling for downside risk.

The Fund primarily purchases corporate bonds rated below Baa by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency, or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the advisors. The Fund's holdings generally have short- and intermediate-term maturities. At a minimum, at the time of initial investment, all bonds and loans in which the Fund invests will be rated Caa or above by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency, or, if unrated, will be determined to be of comparable quality by an advisor.

Credit quality in the high-yield bond market can change suddenly and unexpectedly, and even recently issued credit ratings may not fully reflect the actual risks posed by a particular high-yield bond investment. It is the Fund's policy not to rely primarily on ratings issued by established credit rating agencies (such as Moody's), but to use such ratings in conjunction with the advisors' own independent and ongoing review of credit quality. In an effort to minimize credit risk, the Fund seeks to diversify its holdings among debt of at least 100 issuers, representing many industries. As of December 31, 2025, the Fund held debt of 437 issuers. This diversification may lessen the negative impact to the Fund of any particular issuer's failure to pay principal or interest.

With no more than 20% of its assets, the Fund may invest in any of the following, in the aggregate: bonds that are rated less than B by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency (or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the advisors); convertible securities; preferred stocks; and/or fixed- and floating-rate loans of medium- to lower-range credit quality. The loans in which the Fund may invest will be rated Baa or below by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency (or, if unrated, will be determined to be of comparable quality by the Fund's advisors). Such loans may include secondary assignments of fully collateralized,

unsubordinated, and fixed- or floating-rate loans made by banks or other financial institutions to corporations and other entities in connection with leveraged buyout or other financing transactions.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in government securities and/or bonds rated Baa or above by Moody's or the equivalent by another independent rating agency, or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the advisors (investment-grade securities). The Fund also may invest up to 10% of its assets in trust-preferred securities.

The Fund may invest in certain restricted securities, including securities that are only eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. Certain investment restrictions, such as required minimum or maximum investment in a particular type of security, are measured at the time the Fund purchases a security. The market value, credit quality, or other characteristics of the Fund's securities may change after they are purchased, and this may cause the amount of the Fund's assets invested in such securities to exceed the stated maximum restrictions or fall below the stated minimum restrictions. If any of these changes occur, the Fund would not be considered to be in violation of the investment restriction. However, purchases by the Fund during the time it is above or below the stated restriction, during normal market conditions, would be in compliance with applicable restrictions.

The Fund may invest in derivatives such as fixed income futures contracts, fixed income options (including options on swaps), currency swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, credit default swaps, or other derivatives.

The Fund may invest in derivatives only if the expected risks and rewards of the derivatives are consistent with the investment objective, policies, strategies, and risks of the Fund as disclosed in this Prospectus. In particular, derivatives will be used when they may help the advisor accomplish one or more of the following:

- Invest in eligible asset classes with greater efficiency and lower cost than is possible through direct investment.
- Add value when these instruments are favorably priced.
- Adjust sensitivity to changes in interest rates.
- Adjust the overall credit risk of the portfolio or actively overweight or underweight credit risk to specific bond issuers.
- Hedge foreign currency exposure.
- Hedge foreign interest rate exposure.

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

What are Bonds?

Generally speaking, a **bond** represents a debt or loan issued by, for example, a corporation, a government, or a financial institution. In most instances, the issuer agrees to pay the bondholder a fixed, variable, or floating rate of interest for a specified length of time, and to repay the bond in full on a specified **maturity** date. The **income** earned by a bond (or its **yield**, when expressed as a percentage of the bond's price) can vary based on its **maturity**. Longer-term bonds tend to have higher yields than shorter-term bonds, but are more sensitive to fluctuations in value. By contrast, shorter-term bonds are less likely to fluctuate in value, but tend to have lower yields. A bond's **duration** is a measure of how sensitive its price is to changes in interest rates. For example, if a bond has a duration of 2 years, its price would fall by approximately 2% when interest rates rise by 1%. On the other hand, the bond's price would rise by approximately 2% when interest rates fall by 1%. A bond's **credit quality** rating is an assessment of the issuer's ability to make timely interest payments and repay the bond in full on its stated maturity date. The higher a bond's credit quality, the greater the perceived chance that the issuer will meet its payment obligations (and vice versa). Investment-grade bonds are those whose credit quality is considered by independent bond rating agencies, or through independent analysis conducted by an advisor, to be sufficient to ensure timely payment of principal and interest under current economic circumstances. Below investment-grade securities, which include bonds commonly known as "junk bonds," have lower credit quality ratings.

- *Corporate Bonds* are issued by businesses that want to borrow money for some purpose, often to develop a new product or service, to expand into a new market, or to buy another company. As with other types of bonds, the issuer promises to repay the principal on a specific date and to make interest payments in the meantime. The amount of interest offered depends both on market conditions and on the financial health of the corporation issuing the bonds. For example, companies with lower credit ratings generally need to offer a higher interest rate in order to obtain buyers for their bonds.

- *High-Yield Securities* are rated below investment-grade by independent rating agencies. These securities are issued by corporations or other entities whose ability to pay interest and principal in a timely manner is considered questionable, which is reflected in their lower credit quality ratings. High-yield securities typically pay more interest than equivalent investment-grade securities in order to attract investors. Some high-yield securities are issued by smaller, less-established companies, while others are issued as part of a corporate restructuring such as an acquisition, a

merger, or a leveraged buyout. Some high-yield securities were once rated investment-grade, but have since been downgraded due to financial difficulties or other factors affecting their issuers. By contrast, if an issuer's financial condition improves, its high-yield securities could be upgraded to investment-grade.

- *Bank Loans and Loan Interests* are fixed or floating rate loans arranged through private negotiations between a company or a non-U.S. government and one or more financial institutions. Loans often involve borrowers who are less financially strong than companies with higher credit ratings and therefore may be more likely to encounter financial difficulties and be more vulnerable to adverse market events and negative sentiments. For this reason, loans are generally rated below investment-grade. A significant portion of floating rate investments may be "covenant lite" loans, which may contain fewer or less restrictive constraints on the borrower or other borrower-friendly characteristics.

- *Convertible Securities* are bonds or preferred stocks that are convertible into, or exchangeable for, common stocks.

- *Preferred Stocks* distribute set dividends from the issuer. The preferred stockholder's claim on the issuer's income and assets ranks before that of common stockholders, but after that of bondholders.

- *Trust-Preferred Securities* are preferred securities issued by a special purpose trust that holds subordinated debt of the trust's corporate parent. The interest received by the trust from the debt issued by the corporate parent is distributed to the holders of the trust-preferred securities. A trust-preferred security has characteristics of both a debt security and an equity security and generally will have the same risks as these types of securities, including **General Market Risk**, **Credit Risk**, **Interest Rate Risk**, and **Call Risk**. Trust-preferred securities typically are subordinated to the bonds and other obligations of the parent company and, therefore, may be subject to greater credit risk than such bonds and obligations.

- *144A Securities* are nonpublic securities exempt from registration requirements under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be sold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. The market for 144A securities may be less active than the market for publicly traded securities.

- *Derivatives,* in general, are financial contracts whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Bond Markets. The Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by the following bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed throughout this Prospectus, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.

Interest Rate Risk. The Fund's investments in bonds can be sensitive to interest rate changes and may be affected differently depending on the overall interest rate environment. During periods of rising interest rates, bond prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value. The prices of longer-term bonds are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of shorter-term bonds.

Income Risk. During periods of falling interest rates, the Fund's income may decline because the Fund may have to invest new cash flow and cash from maturing bonds in bonds with lower yields. The income paid by shorter-term bonds is subject to a higher degree of fluctuation than the income paid by longer-term bonds.

Credit Risk. Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. The Fund could be impacted by factors negatively impacting the issuers of its corporate bond holdings. For example, if a company is restructured, there could be a substantial decline in the credit quality and market value of any bonds issued by that company. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.

Bond Liquidity Risk. If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell. For example, the market for certain 144A securities may be less active than the market for publicly traded securities. Investing in such securities may heighten this risk for the Fund. In addition, liquidity in the corporate bond market may be impacted by overall market conditions or by a decline in the availability of credit.

Call Risk. Certain bonds held by the Fund may be callable. The issuer of a callable bond has the right to "call" (redeem) the bond before its maturity date. When a bond is called, the principal value of the bond is repaid earlier than anticipated (prepayment) and the investor (in this case, the Fund) no longer receives the interest payments that would have been paid up to the expected maturity date. In addition, bond calls and the resulting prepayments cause the Fund to lose any price appreciation that would have occurred between the time the bond was called and its original maturity date.

During periods of falling interest rates, it benefits issuers to call bonds with high interest rates. When this occurs, the Fund likely will be forced to reinvest the proceeds of any called bonds at a lower interest rate than that of the called bonds, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments. If the Fund holds multiple callable bonds, frequent bond calls (as is likely during periods of falling interest rates) and the Fund's subsequent reinvestment of the proceeds also would increase the Fund's turnover rate.

Extension Risk. During periods of rising interest rates, certain bonds held by the Fund may be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated. As a result, the value of the bonds may fall, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income and a potential loss in the value of the Fund's investments.

High-Yield Securities. Bonds rated below investment-grade, also referred to as high-yield securities, are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's ability, or perceptions of the issuer's ability, to make timely principal and interest payments. High-yield securities are more volatile, less liquid, and involve greater risk of default than investment-grade securities. In addition, issuers of high-yield securities may have a greater risk of insolvency or bankruptcy than issuers of investment-grade securities.

Bank Loans and Loan Interests. Investments in bank loans and loan interests (loans) are subject to the risk of loss in the event of default, insolvency, or the bankruptcy of the borrower. The Fund may have difficulty disposing of such investments because, in certain cases, their secondary market is not highly liquid. This lack of a highly liquid secondary market could have an adverse impact on the value of loans and on the Fund's ability to dispose of them in response to a specific economic event, such as a downgrade in the borrower's credit rating. In addition, transactions involving loans may take more than seven days to settle. As a result, the proceeds related to the sale of loans may not be available to the Fund to make additional investments or to meet the Fund's redemption obligations until a significant amount of time after the sale occurs (an "extended settlement"). To the extent that an extended settlement creates a need for short-term liquidity, the Fund may satisfy this need in a number of different ways. For example, the Fund may hold additional cash or sell other investments (potentially at an inopportune time, which could result in a loss to the Fund).

Active Management. The Fund is actively managed. Active management permits the advisors to use reasonable discretion on how to invest the assets of the Fund in a manner that helps the advisors achieve the strategy of the Fund. The advisors' security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective. All else being equal, actively managed funds can have higher fees and expenses than passively managed funds.

Investing in Derivatives. The Fund's use of derivatives may introduce risks that are different from, and/or greater than, investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. These risks include:

Leverage Risk. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. An adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. As a result, investing in derivatives may make the Fund's returns more volatile and increase the risk of loss. In certain market conditions, derivatives losses can increase at the same time the value of the Fund's other assets fall, resulting in the Fund's derivative positions becoming a larger percentage of the Fund's investments.

Counterparty Risk. Certain derivatives do not trade on an established exchange (referred to as over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives) and are simply financial contracts between the Fund and a counterparty. For these derivatives, the Fund is dependent on the counterparty to perform its obligations under the derivatives contract. Many counterparties are financial institutions such as banks and broker-dealers and their creditworthiness (and ability to pay or perform) may be negatively impacted by many factors. If the counterparty chooses to default on its obligations, or if it becomes bankrupt or insolvent and unable to fulfill its obligations, the Fund may experience delayed, partial, or nonpayment of amounts due under the derivatives contract, and the Fund's ability to recover the collateral that the Fund has posted with the counterparty may also be delayed or impaired. For derivatives traded on a centralized exchange, the Fund generally is dependent on the solvency of the relevant exchange or clearing house to deliver payments on derivatives for which the Fund is owed money.

Derivatives Liquidity Risk. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. There is a smaller pool of buyers and sellers for certain derivatives than there is for more traditional investments such as stocks. These buyers and sellers are often financial institutions that may be unable or unwilling to buy or sell derivatives, particularly during times of financial or market stress. The market for derivatives could suddenly become illiquid, which may result in significant, rapid, and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives. As a result, derivative instruments may be less liquid than more traditional investments, and the Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives positions at a desirable time or price. If the Fund is unable to exit its derivatives positions, the Fund may suffer further losses of value in its

derivatives holdings. In certain circumstances, the Fund may be forced to hold a derivative to maturity and take or make delivery of the underlying asset that the Fund would otherwise avoid.

Valuation Risk. Certain derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Other Derivatives Risks. Derivatives are highly specialized instruments that require investment techniques different from those associated with stocks, bonds, and other more traditional investments, and there is no guarantee that the use of derivatives will achieve their intended result. For example, if the Fund uses derivatives as a hedge against, or as a substitute for, a portfolio instrument, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the derivative will have or will develop imperfect or no correlation with the portfolio instrument. This could cause substantial losses for the Fund. Although hedging strategies involving derivatives can reduce the risk of loss, they can also reduce the opportunity for gain or even result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in other fund investments. There is also the risk that during adverse market conditions, an instrument which would usually operate as a hedge provides no hedging benefits at all.

Derivatives are subject to extensive regulations in the United States and other non-U.S. jurisdictions. Compliance with these regulations could increase the costs and risks of trading in derivatives and, as a result, may affect the Fund's returns. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions

could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund. When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Other Types of Investments
The Fund may invest in international dollar-denominated bonds, which are U.S. dollar-denominated bonds issued by foreign governments, agencies and instrumentalities of foreign governments, foreign corporations, or U.S. affiliates of foreign corporations. Because the values of such bonds are designated in the U.S. dollar rather than the issuer's local currency, it is the issuer that assumes the currency risk, usually to attract U.S. investors. As a result, the values of international dollar-denominated bonds are not affected directly by currency movements. However, if the foreign issuer's local currency weakens significantly compared to the U.S. dollar, negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make payments could cause the issuer's bonds to decline in value. Many issuers of international dollar-denominated bonds manage this risk by hedging their currency exposure, and their effectiveness in doing so is reflected in their credit rating.

The Fund may invest in foreign currency bonds, which are issued by foreign governments, government agencies, and companies and are denominated in the local currency of the foreign issuer.

Although it has no present plans to do so, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in non-cash-flow-producing high-yield bonds, such as zero-coupon bonds (which pay interest only at maturity) or payment-in-kind bonds (which pay interest in the form of additional securities).

Cash Management
The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures
The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when an advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case if the Fund is transitioning assets from one advisor to another or receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately.

In addition, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its normal investment policies and strategies—for instance, by allocating substantial assets to cash equivalent investments or other less

volatile instruments—in response to adverse or unusual market, economic, political, or other conditions. In doing so, the Fund may succeed in avoiding losses but may otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

Cash equivalent investments include cash deposits, short-term bank deposits, and money market instruments such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, bank certificates of deposit (CDs), repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and banker's acceptances.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisors

Wellington Management Company LLP, 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, provides investment advisory services for the Fund. Wellington Management is a Delaware limited liability partnership and an investment counseling firm that provides investment services to investment companies, employee benefit plans, endowments, foundations, and other institutions. Wellington Management and its predecessor organizations have provided investment advisory services for over 90 years. Wellington Management is owned by the partners of Wellington Management Group LLP, a Massachusetts limited liability partnership. As of December 31, 2025, Wellington Management and its investment advisory affiliates had investment management authority with respect to approximately $1.3 trillion in assets. The firm manages the Fund subject to the supervision and oversight of Vanguard and the trustees and officers of the Fund.

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VCM, provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VCM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VCM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

Wellington Management's advisory fee is paid quarterly and is a percentage of average daily net assets under management during the most recent fiscal quarter.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the advisory fee paid to Wellington Management represented an effective annual rate of 0.04% of the Fund's average net assets.

Although the Fund is managed in part by Vanguard and in part by Wellington Management, the Fund reserves the right to utilize a different manager approach in the future pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor

and overall manager, Vanguard, through VCM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Elizabeth H. Shortsleeve, Senior Managing Director and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. She has worked in investment management since 2007 and has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2022. Education: B.A., Georgetown University; M.B.A., Dartmouth College.

Michael Chang, CFA, Principal of Vanguard and Senior Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has worked in investment management since 2000, has managed investment portfolios since 2008, has been with Vanguard since 2017, and has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2022. Education: B. Com., University of British Columbia.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that

the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Vanguard High Yield Bond Portfolio

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended December 31, 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$7.40**	**$7.38**	**$6.96**	**$8.06**	**$8.12**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.439	.429	.398	.345	.337
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	.203	.013	.378	(1.074)	(.053)
Total from Investment Operations	.642	.442	.776	(.729)	.284
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.492)	(.422)	(.356)	(.371)	(.344)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(.492)	(.422)	(.356)	(.371)	(.344)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$7.55**	**$7.40**	**$7.38**	**$6.96**	**$8.06**
Total Return	**9.18%**	**6.30%**	**11.66%**	**-9.23%**	**3.68%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$811	$741	$735	$628	$779
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.24%	0.24%[2]	0.24%[2]	0.25%[2]	0.26%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	5.98%	5.91%	5.71%	4.82%	4.22%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	46%	50%	43%	34%	30%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.24%, 0.24%, and 0.25%, respectively.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes
Listed below are the broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. An index that is the broadest measure of the taxable U.S. bond market, including most U.S. Treasury, agency, corporate, mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and international dollar-denominated issues, all with investment-grade ratings (rated Baa3 or above by Moody's) and maturities of 1 year or more.

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For More Information
If you would like more information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds High Yield Bond Portfolio, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

Telephone: 800-522-5555; Text telephone for people with hearing impairment: 800-749-7273

Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

Fund's Investment Company Act file number: 811-05962

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Mid-Cap Index Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Mid-Cap Index Portfolio (the “Fund”) seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of mid-capitalization stocks.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.16%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.17%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$17	$55	$96	$217

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 22% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the CRSP US Mid Cap Index (the "Target Index"), a broadly diversified index of stocks of mid-size U.S. companies, as determined by the index provider. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. The Fund attempts to replicate the Target Index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Target Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Target Index.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund's share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.
- ***Investing in Equity Markets*.** The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. Market volatility can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.
- ***Market Capitalization (Market Cap).*** Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap. Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.
- ***Index Investing*.** The Fund is subject to risks associated with index investing. Because the Fund generally seeks to track the performance of the Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing, the Fund's

performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in the Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of the Target Index. This risk, known as tracking error risk, may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. The Fund also could be negatively impacted by changes to the Target Index made by the index provider or by errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders.

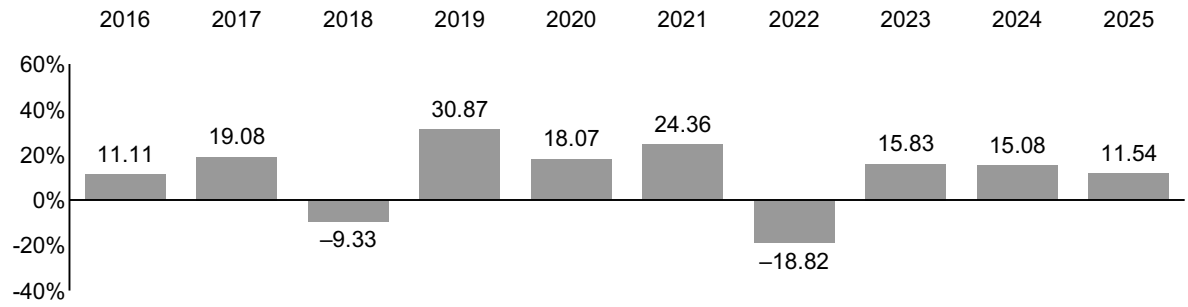
- ***Concentration Risk.*** Except as may be necessary to approximate the composition of its Target Index, the Fund will not concentrate its investments in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the same industry or group of industries. If the Target Index becomes concentrated and the Fund needs to concentrate in the same industry or group of industries, its performance could be negatively impacted by the industry or industries in which it is concentrated.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Mid-Cap Index Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	24.95%	June 30, 2020
Lowest	-25.82%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	11.54%	8.46%	10.77%
CRSP US Mid Cap Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	11.70%	8.62%	10.94%
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.05	13.07	14.21

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Aaron Choi, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has co-managed the Fund since 2023.

Kenny Narzikul, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has co-managed the Fund since 2025.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner,

may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Mid-Cap Index Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of mid-capitalization stocks.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund employs an indexing, or passive, investment approach designed to track the performance of its Target Index, the CRSP US Mid Cap Index.

What are Index Funds?

Index funds attempt to track—not outperform—the performance of a specified market index. An index is a group of securities whose overall performance is used as a standard to measure the investment performance of a particular market. Some indexes represent entire markets, such as the U.S. stock market, while others cover a segment of a market, such as short-term bonds.

One cannot invest directly in an index. Instead, an index fund's advisor will typically seek to hold all, or substantially all, of the securities that make up the fund's target index (often referred to as "replicating" an index or a "full replication" approach) or a representative sample of the securities that make up a fund's target index ("sampling" an index).

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. Investments in derivatives may be counted toward the Fund's 80% policy to the extent that they provide investment exposure to the securities included within the policy or to one or more market risk factors associated with such securities. The Fund may change its 80% policy only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

Security Selection

The Fund uses the replication method of indexing, meaning that the Fund generally holds the same stocks as those in its Target Index and in approximately the same proportions. The advisor buys and sells securities for the Fund for the purpose of tracking the Target Index. The Fund tracks the performance of the CRSP US Mid Cap Index, a float-adjusted market cap weighted index. The Target Index, which does not have a limit on the number of index constituents, targets U.S. companies that fall between the top 70% to 85% of investable equity market capitalization, as determined by the index provider.

As of December 31, 2025, the number of stocks (constituents) in the Target Index was 288. The constituents are reviewed and rebalanced by the index provider on a quarterly basis and are likely to change over time.

The Target Index is owned, calculated, and controlled by the index provider in its sole discretion. Neither the advisor nor any of its affiliates has discretion to select Target Index components or change the Target Index's methodology.

Stocks of publicly traded companies are often classified according to market capitalization, which is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It is important to understand that there is no "official" definition of each type of small-cap, mid-cap, or large-cap and that market capitalization ranges can change over time.

A fund's median market capitalization, which is the midpoint of the market capitalization of the fund's stocks weighted by the proportion of the fund's assets invested in each stock, can be used as an indicator of the size of the companies in which it invests. Stocks representing half of a fund's assets will have market capitalizations above the median, and the rest will fall below it. As of December 31, 2025, the asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock holdings was:

Vanguard Fund	Asset-Weighted Median Market Capitalization
Mid-Cap Index Portfolio	$42 billion

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

- *Mid-Cap Stocks* represent medium-sized companies, which can be companies that are more established than small-cap companies but do not have the market share of large-cap companies. These companies may be more agile than large-cap companies in responding to market changes, while also benefiting from more resources and operational maturity than small-cap companies. However, they can still face challenges during economic downturns.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military

conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Equity Markets. The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. These periods of rising and falling values can occur for unpredictable timeframes over the short and long term. Market volatility also is unpredictable and can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap) — Mid-Cap Companies. Mid-cap companies fall between large- and small-cap companies in size. Due to being smaller, they may be more affected by adverse business or economic events than larger companies. The Fund's focus on mid-cap companies could affect its performance relative to a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Index Investing. The Fund is subject to the following risks associated with index investing:

Passive Management. The Fund seeks to track the performance of its Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing. The advisor's use of an indexing, or passive, approach to select and maintain investments for the Fund means that the advisor will select investments for the purpose of tracking the Target Index and generally will not use strategies to reduce negative impacts to the Fund during periods of market volatility. As a result, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed.

Index Replication Strategy. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in its Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more of the securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index.

Tracking Error. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of its Target Index. It is important to understand that an index fund will never perform exactly the same as its target index because, among other things, an index fund has operating expenses and transaction costs and its target index does not. Beyond these inherent

differences in the operation of an index fund versus the operation of its target index, there are a variety of other factors that can cause or result in tracking error. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Price differences between the securities held by the index fund and those included in its target index
- Cash flows into or out of the index fund
- The size of the index fund
- Compliance with new or existing regulatory requirements
- Portfolio transactions carried out by the index fund's advisor to minimize the distribution of capital gains
- Changes to the underlying securities that make up the target index
- Errors made by the provider of the target index

Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. An index fund using a sampling strategy may be more likely to experience tracking error than an index fund using a replicating strategy.

Index Provider. The Fund is subject to risks associated with its index provider. The securities that make up the Target Index and their weighting in the Target Index are determined by the index provider. The index provider does not provide any warranty or accept any liability with respect to the quality, accuracy, or completeness of the Target Index or any data used to compile the Target Index. Under normal circumstances, the index provider rebalances (updates) the Target Index on a regular schedule. However, the index provider may also rebalance the Target Index outside of the regular schedule or delay or cancel a scheduled rebalance, which could result in added costs for the Fund or cause the Fund to experience tracking error. The index provider may make errors, and it is possible that such errors may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time or at all. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders. The Fund's advisor does not provide any warranty or guarantee against any errors made by the index provider.

Concentration Risk. Except as may be necessary to approximate the composition of its Target Index, the Fund will not concentrate its investments in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the same industry or group of industries. However, it is possible that the Target Index could become concentrated due to market conditions or the performance of a single or related group of issuers. If the Target Index becomes concentrated and the Fund needs to concentrate in the same industry or group of industries, its performance could be negatively impacted by the industry or industries in which it is concentrated.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund.

When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Investing in Derivatives. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Ownership Limitations Risk. As the Vanguard funds continue to grow, they may be increasingly impacted by ownership limitations that apply to certain securities held by the Vanguard funds ("limited securities"). An ownership limitation restricts the amount of a security that funds within the same fund complex or funds advised by the same investment advisor can own. These limitations may apply even where an external manager or different affiliate of Vanguard provides investment advisory services to a fund. Ownership limitations restrict the amount that funds can invest in certain securities, due to either regulatory limits that apply to certain industries (for example, banking and utilities) or mechanisms that some issuers have in place to deter takeover attempts (for example, poison pills). These restrictions can have negative impacts on funds, including the inability of an index fund to track its index, the

inability of a fund to meet its investment objectives, negative performance impacts, and unanticipated tax consequences. The impact of a particular ownership limitation on a Vanguard fund will vary based on several factors, including, but not limited to, a fund's investment strategy and its current and desired exposure to limited securities, the industry to which the limitation applies, the country or region of a particular issuer, and the regulatory body imposing the limitation. In addition to the impacts of specific ownership limitations, the Vanguard funds are also subject to the risk of multiple ownership limitations applying at one time, which could increase the likelihood of a fund experiencing the negative impacts listed above. The Vanguard funds attempt to mitigate the impacts of ownership limitations through the various methods discussed below in "Methods to address ownership limitations." However, it is possible that these methods will be unsuccessful and could also expose the Vanguard funds to other potential risks and negative consequences.

Impacts of Ownership Limitations. When an ownership limitation applies, the Vanguard funds may need to allocate ownership of impacted securities across impacted Vanguard funds, and a Vanguard fund may not be able to buy additional securities or continue to hold existing securities above its allocated amounts. For index funds, this can result in tracking error if a fund cannot buy or hold the securities it needs in order to replicate or sample its target index. For active funds, this can result in a fund not being able to take advantage of favorable opportunities to invest in securities that are subject to limitations. For both index and active funds, the inability to buy or hold securities could prevent a fund from being able to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy, and/or could negatively impact the fund's performance. In addition, the steps taken to address ownership limitations could result in additional costs and/or unanticipated tax consequences to a fund that affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders. The more assets the Vanguard funds hold, the more likely it is that ownership limitations will negatively impact Vanguard funds because they will not be able to purchase additional shares of limited securities above their allocated amounts in order to fully invest their assets in accordance with their investment strategies.

Methods to Address Ownership Limitations. The Vanguard funds try to manage the negative impacts of these ownership limitations on the Vanguard funds by seeking permission (relief) from regulators and/or issuers to purchase or hold more securities than the amount allowed by ownership limitations. However, it is not always possible to secure relief and such relief could be revoked if the Vanguard funds are unable to satisfy the applicable conditions, or if the regulator or issuer changes its position or policy or if the applicable legal requirements become more restrictive. There is an increasing amount of uncertainty around how much ownership limitations relief regulators will grant to asset managers like Vanguard. Given this uncertainty, there is no guarantee that Vanguard or the Vanguard funds will be able to maintain their existing relief

or obtain additional relief from ownership limitations in the future. A regulator may impose certain conditions on the Vanguard funds in connection with granting relief from an ownership limitation, including, for example, that the funds vote in a certain way with respect to shares of the limited security that the Vanguard funds hold in excess of the ownership limitation. Regulatory relief may also depend on the operational independence of certain Vanguard subsidiaries and/or business divisions.

In addition, the relief upon which Vanguard and the Vanguard funds currently rely, which has allowed Vanguard to exceed certain ownership limitations, could be reduced or revoked, forcing the Vanguard funds to sell down one or more securities to comply with the ownership limitations. If a fund has to sell securities, there could be negative impacts to fund performance as well as unanticipated tax consequences that could impact the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders.

When a Vanguard fund cannot buy or hold securities directly due to ownership limitations, the fund will typically try to get indirect exposure to impacted securities. The fund does this so that it can replicate as closely as possible the returns the fund would get if it directly owned the impacted securities. Indirect exposure can be accomplished through the use of derivatives, such as total return swaps, or by investing in wholly owned subsidiaries that hold the impacted securities. Both of these methods of obtaining indirect exposure increase fund costs, and, depending on the extent to which these alternatives are used by a fund to avoid exceeding ownership limits, the added costs could have a negative impact on the fund's performance. With respect to an index fund, these added costs could also result in tracking error relative to the fund's target index. The risks associated with derivatives use are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this Prospectus.

There is no guarantee that laws and regulations always will allow that indirect exposure to limited securities may be omitted for purposes of determining the Vanguard funds' exposure to limited securities and compliance with the applicable ownership limitations. In such circumstances, the Vanguard funds could not use these techniques and would be required to sell down the indirect and/or direct holdings in the applicable limited securities.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Substitute Index
The Fund reserves the right to substitute a different index for the index it currently tracks if the current index is discontinued, if the Fund's agreement with the provider of its Target Index is terminated, or for any other reason determined in good faith by the Board. In any such instance, the substitute index would represent the same market segment as the Target Index.

Foreign Securities
The Fund has the ability to invest in foreign securities to the extent necessary to carry out its investment strategy of holding all, or substantially all, of the stocks that make up its Target Index. It is not expected that the Fund will invest more than 5% of its assets in foreign securities.

Other Types of Investments
The Fund may invest in derivatives such as total return swaps, equity futures, or other derivatives. In general, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate. The Fund attempts to remain fully invested in stocks in order to track the Target Index as closely as possible; however, to help stay fully invested and to reduce transaction costs, the Fund may invest in derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives to obtain exposure to a stock, a basket of stocks, or an index. Derivatives may also be used as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry. The Fund will not use derivatives for speculation or for the purpose of leveraging (magnifying) investment returns.

Cash Management
The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures
The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case when the Fund receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately. The Fund may also

invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VPM, provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VPM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VPM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund's advisory expenses represented an effective annual rate of less than 0.01% of the Fund's average net assets.

The Fund reserves the right to utilize a multimanager approach in the future. Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through VPM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Aaron Choi, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has been with Vanguard since 2011, has worked in investment management since 2015, and has co-managed the Fund since 2023. Education: B.S., Pennsylvania State University.

Kenny Narzikul, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has been with Vanguard since 2012, has worked in investment management since 2016, has managed investment portfolios since 2023, and has co-managed the Fund since 2025. Education: B.B.A., James Madison University.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that

the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Mid-Cap Index Portfolio

	Year Ended December 31,				
For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$26.84**	**$23.93**	**$21.38**	**$29.48**	**$25.77**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.391	.351	.336	.319	.284
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	2.462	3.211	2.934	(5.464)	5.642
Total from Investment Operations	2.853	3.562	3.270	(5.145)	5.926
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.348)	(.356)	(.319)	(.282)	(.318)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(1.385)	(.296)	(.401)	(2.673)	(1.898)
Total Distributions	(1.733)	(.652)	(.720)	(2.955)	(2.216)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$27.96**	**$26.84**	**$23.93**	**$21.38**	**$29.48**
Total Return	**11.54%**	**15.08%**	**15.83%**	**-18.82%**	**24.36%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$3,227	$2,891	$2,551	$2,231	$2,781
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%[2]	0.17%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	1.45%	1.38%	1.53%	1.39%	1.03%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	22%	21%	16%	16%	20%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.17%.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes

Listed below is the broad-based securities market index, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index. An index designed to measure all U.S. equity issues with readily available prices.

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For More Information
If you would like more information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Mid-Cap Index Portfolio, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

Telephone: 800-522-5555; Text telephone for people with hearing impairment: 800-749-7273

Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

Fund's Investment Company Act file number: 811-05962

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Money Market Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Money Market Portfolio (the “Fund”) seeks to provide current income while maintaining liquidity and a stable share price of $1.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.12%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.15%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$15	$48	$85	$192

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an active management approach, investing primarily in high-quality, short-term money market instruments. Under normal circumstances, most of the Fund's assets are invested in securities issued by the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, which includes repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or by cash.

The Fund has elected to operate as a government money market fund under Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Government money market funds are required to invest at least 99.5% of their total assets in cash, U.S. government securities, and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or by cash. The Fund generally invests 100% of its assets in U.S. government securities (including repurchase agreements) and therefore satisfies the requirement for designation as a government money market fund. The Fund seeks to maintain a stable share price, or net asset value (NAV), of $1; maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and a dollar-weighted average life of 120 days or less; and invests in high-quality securities with effective maturities of 397 days or less. To be eligible for investment by the Fund, a security must be determined by methods approved by the board of trustees of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds to present minimal credit risk. As a result, the Fund selects securities based in part on a consideration of maturity, portfolio diversification, portfolio liquidity, and credit quality. Some of the securities held by the Fund, while still considered high quality, are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Securities held by the Fund may pay fixed, variable, or floating rates of interest.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund concentrates (i.e., invests more than 25% of) its assets in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the financial services industry, which includes, without limitation, securities issued by certain government-sponsored enterprises.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors

that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

- ***Investing in Bond Markets*.** The Fund invests in money market instruments, which are high quality, short-term debt securities. As a result, the Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by certain bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed in its principal investment strategies, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.
- ***Stable NAV***. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in maintaining a stable NAV. A wide variety of factors, such as significant market volatility, very low or negative interest rates, periods of high redemption activity, or other factors could affect the Fund's ability to maintain a stable NAV.
- ***Money Market Funds and Interest Rates.*** In general, the prices of money market instruments are less sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of longer-term debt securities. However, money market fund income is based on short-term interest rates, which means the Fund's income may fluctuate significantly over short periods and may decline during periods of falling interest rates. In addition, interest rate changes could have unpredictable impacts on the overall market, which could negatively impact the Fund. For example, the Fund may be subject to loss if interest rates increase substantially and/or rapidly. Depending on the duration and severity, a period of low or negative interest rates could prevent the Fund from, among other things, providing a positive yield to its shareholders, paying expenses out of current income, and/or achieving its investment objective, including maintaining a stable NAV of $1.
- ***Credit Risk*.** Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with

higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.

- ***Bond Liquidity Risk*.** If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell.
- ***Repurchase Agreements.*** The Fund invests in repurchase agreements, which are agreements under which the Fund acquires a security from a seller while simultaneously agreeing to resell the security to the seller at an agreed-upon price on a specific date. If the seller does not fulfill its obligation, the Fund could lose money, suffer delays, or incur costs arising from holding or selling the security.
- ***Variable and Floating Rate Securities.*** The Fund may invest in securities that pay variable or floating rates of interest. At any given time, the current interest rate of a variable or floating rate security may not accurately reflect current market interest rates, or may yield less than is appropriate to compensate the investor for the issuer's current credit quality. As a result, the value of the Fund's investments in such securities is subject to decline. In addition, an active market for variable and floating rate securities may not always exist at the time the Fund wishes to dispose of them.
- ***Active Management.*** The Fund is actively managed. The advisor's security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective.
- ***Industry Concentration***. The Fund concentrates its investments in the securities of issuers in the financial services industry. As a result, the Fund's performance depends to a greater extent on the overall condition of, and is more susceptible to events affecting, this industry.

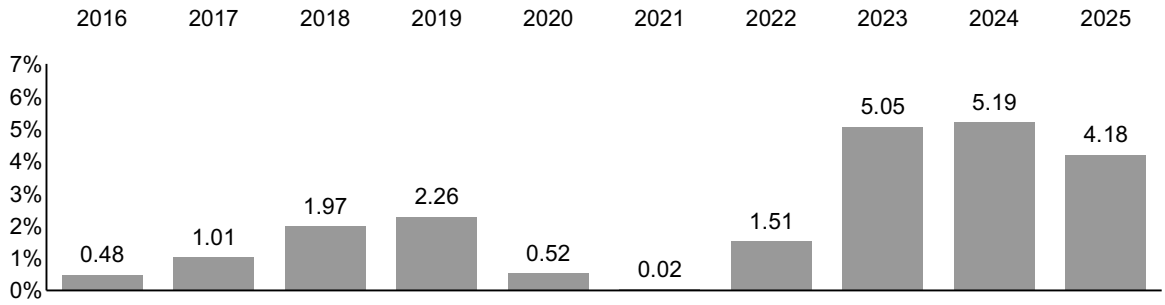
You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at $1 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not a bank account and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor is not required to reimburse the Fund for losses, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time, including during periods of market stress.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a market index and a relevant peer group average. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do

not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Effective January 20, 2021, the Fund changed its investment strategy and changed its designation to a "government" money market fund. Performance for the periods prior to January 20, 2021 is based on the prior investment strategy utilized by the Fund. The Spliced Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average reflects the performance of the Variable Insurance Money Market Funds Average through January 19, 2021, and the Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average thereafter. The inception date for the Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average was October 31, 2019. Index returns are not provided prior to that date. The inception date for the Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average was October 31, 2019. Index returns are not provided prior to that date. Returns for the Spliced Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average and the Variable Insurance Money Market Funds Average are derived from data provided by Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Money Market Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	1.33%	December 31, 2023
Lowest	0.00%	March 31, 2021

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Money Market Portfolio	4.18%	3.17%	2.20%
FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	4.40%	3.30%	2.22%
Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average	3.89	2.88	—
Spliced Variable Insurance U.S. Government Money Market Funds Average	3.89	2.88	1.83

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Eion D'Anjou, Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has co-managed the Fund since April 2026.

Nafis T. Smith, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has managed the Fund since 2025.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Money Market Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide current income while maintaining liquidity and a stable share price of $1.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

The Fund's advisor seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objective by investing the Fund's assets in high-quality, short-term money market instruments. Money market instruments typically mature in 397 days or less and their average maturity typically ranges from 30 to 60 days.

What is Active Management?

Actively managed funds typically seek to exceed the average returns of a particular financial market or market segment. The Fund's advisor will select securities to buy and sell based on the advisor's judgments about issuers and their financial prospects, the prices of the securities, and the markets and the economy in general. In selecting securities, an advisor may rely on, among other things, research, market forecasts, quantitative models, and their own judgment and experience.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund concentrates (i.e., invests more than 25% of) its assets in securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the financial services industry, which includes, without limitation, securities issued by certain government-sponsored enterprises. The Fund considers the financial services industry to include issuers principally engaged in providing financial services to consumers and industry, such as securities issued by government-sponsored enterprises, including the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Banks, and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation; U.S. and foreign banks; insurance companies; real estate-related companies (i.e., companies having at least 50% of their assets, revenues, or net income related to, or derived from, the real estate industry); securities firms; and leasing companies, among others.

The Fund intends to operate as a government money market fund under Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Government money market funds are required to invest at least 99.5% of their total assets in cash, U.S. government securities, and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or by cash. The Fund generally invests 100% of its assets in cash and U.S. government securities (including repurchase agreements). Therefore, the Fund satisfies the requirement for designation as a government money market fund. The Fund's policy to invest at least 99.5% of its assets in government securities may be changed only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

Under Rule 2a-7, Government Money Market Funds may maintain a stable NAV

through the use of amortized cost accounting and may, but are not required to, implement liquidity fees. The Fund will use amortized cost to transact at a stable NAV. The Fund does not currently intend to implement liquidity fees.

Security Selection

The Fund seeks to maintain a NAV of $1, and the Fund's advisor purchases and manages investments for the Fund with this goal in mind. The Fund must meet certain conditions based on its election to operate under Rule 2a-7, which include maintaining a dollar-weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and a dollar-weighted average life of 120 days or less; meeting applicable daily, weekly, and general liquidity requirements; and investing only in securities that have remaining maturities of 397 calendar days or less, are of high quality, and have been determined by methods approved by the Board to present minimal credit risk. Securities held by the Fund may pay fixed, variable, or floating rates of interest.

What are Weighted Average Maturity and Weighted Average Life?

Money market funds maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity (WAM) of 60 days or less and a dollar-weighted average life (WAL) of 120 days or less. For purposes of calculating a fund's WAM, the maturity of certain longer-term variable and floating rate securities held by the fund will generally be the period remaining until the next interest rate adjustment. When calculating a fund's WAL, the maturity for variable and floating rate securities will generally be the final maturity date (the date on which principal is expected to be returned in full). Maintaining a WAL of 120 days or less limits a fund's ability to invest in longer-term variable and floating rate securities, which generally are more sensitive to changes in interest rates, particularly in volatile markets.

The Fund invests primarily in securities issued by U.S. governmental agencies and instrumentalities whose interest and principal payments are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, such as those issued by the U.S. Treasury and the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA). The Fund also may invest in securities issued by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities whose interest and principal payments are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. These agencies and instrumentalities include, among others, the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. The Fund concentrates its assets in securities issued by companies in the financial services industry.

The Fund may also invest in repurchase agreements that are collateralized solely by U.S. government securities or by cash. The Fund's advisor believes

that the risks of investing in repurchase agreements can be managed through careful security and counterparty selection and monitoring.

Under certain circumstances the exposure to a single issuer could cause the Fund to fail to maintain a share price of $1.

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

What are Money Market Funds?

In general, a money market fund is a mutual fund regulated pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Money market funds typically seek to provide stability of principal by investing in high-quality, short-term, liquid instruments such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, U.S. agency securities, commercial paper, banker's acceptances, and certificates of deposit. All money market funds must meet certain conditions related to the maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity of their portfolios. Other requirements under Rule 2a-7 vary for different types of money market funds. For example, to meet the definition of a **government money market fund** under the rule, a money market fund must invest 99.5% or more of its assets in cash, government securities, and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully. Government money market funds may maintain a floating or stable NAV and may, but are not required to, implement liquidity fees. *Prime* and *tax-exempt* money market funds may be retail money market funds or institutional money market funds. **Retail money market funds** must have policies and procedures reasonably designed to limit all beneficial owners of the fund to natural persons, may maintain a floating or stable NAV, and are subject to discretionary liquidity fees. **Institutional money market funds** may be held by a wider range of investors, must have a floating NAV, and are subject to discretionary and mandatory liquidity fees.

- *U.S. Government and Agency Securities* represent loans by investors to the U.S. Treasury or to a wide variety of government agencies and instrumentalities. Securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and a small number of U.S. government agencies (such as the Government National Mortgage Association) are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. However, securities issued by most U.S. government entities, including the U.S. government-sponsored enterprises discussed below, are neither guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury nor backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The market values of U.S. government and agency securities and U.S. Treasury securities are subject to fluctuation and to the expectation that the U.S. Treasury will be able to honor its obligations.

A number of government-sponsored enterprises, such as the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Banks, issue debt and mortgage-backed securities. Although government-sponsored enterprises may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, they are not funded by congressional appropriations. For example, in September 2008, the U.S. Treasury placed the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation under conservatorship and appointed the Federal Housing Finance Agency to manage their daily operations. In addition, the U.S. Treasury entered into purchase agreements with the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to provide them with capital in exchange for senior preferred stock. However, in general, a government-sponsored enterprise's securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, and they are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. In most cases, securities issued by a government-sponsored enterprise are supported only by the credit of the government-sponsored enterprise itself. In some cases, a government-sponsored enterprise's securities may be supported by the ability of the government-sponsored enterprise to borrow from the U.S. Treasury or may be supported by the U.S. government in another way.

- *Repurchase Agreements* are agreements in which a bank, a securities dealer, or another counterparty that meets minimum credit requirements sells government securities and agrees to repurchase the securities on a specific date (normally the next business day) at a specific price. The securities purchased serve as collateral for the counterparty's repurchase obligation.

- *Variable and Floating Rate Securities* are debt securities that provide for periodic adjustments in the interest rate paid on them. Variable rate securities provide for a specified periodic adjustment in the interest rate (e.g., daily, weekly, or quarterly), while floating rate securities have interest rates that are adjusted in response to a change to a designated benchmark, an issuer's credit rating, or a reference rate such as the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR).

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Bond Markets. The Fund invests in money market instruments, which are high quality, short-term debt securities. As a result, the Fund may be impacted by the general condition of the bond markets and by factors that affect bonds and bond issuers. For example, as a general rule, bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions. When interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices tend to go up. Bond income also is affected by changes in interest rates. Interest rates can rise or fall for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, central bank monetary policy, inflationary or deflationary pressures, and changes in general market and economic conditions. Changing interest rates, including, but not limited to, rates that fall below zero, could have unpredictable effects on the overall market and may expose the bond markets in particular to heightened volatility and potential illiquidity. The degree to which the Fund is impacted by the following bond market risks may vary based on factors disclosed throughout this Prospectus, such as the types of bonds in which it invests and the overall credit quality, average maturity, and/or average duration of its bond holdings.

Stable NAV. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in maintaining a stable NAV. A wide variety of factors, such as significant market volatility, very low or negative interest rates, periods of high redemption activity, or other factors could affect the Fund's ability to maintain a stable NAV. If any money market fund that seeks to maintain a stable NAV fails to do so (or if there is a perceived threat of such a failure), other money market funds, including the Fund, may be subject to increased redemption activity and/or other adverse effects.

Money Market Funds and Interest Rates. In general, the prices of money market instruments are less sensitive to changes in interest rates than the prices of longer-term debt securities. However, money market fund income is based on short-term interest rates, which means the Fund's income may fluctuate significantly over short periods and may decline during periods of

falling interest rates. In addition, interest rate changes could have unpredictable impacts on the overall market, which could negatively impact the Fund. For example, the Fund may be subject to loss if interest rates increase substantially and/or rapidly. Depending on the duration and severity, a period of low or negative interest rates could prevent the Fund from, among other things, providing a positive yield to its shareholders, paying expenses out of current income, and/or achieving its investment objective, including maintaining a stable NAV of $1.

Credit Risk. Credit risk refers to the chance that an issuer will default (fail to meet its credit obligations) or fail to make payments in a timely manner, which could result in a loss to the Fund. In addition, negative perceptions of an issuer's ability to make payments can cause the price of a security to decline. While all debt securities are subject to credit risk to some extent, those with higher credit quality ratings generally pose less credit risk than those with lower credit quality ratings.

Bond Liquidity Risk. If the Fund is unable to sell a security at an advantageous time or price, its returns may be reduced. There may be limited trading in the secondary market for certain debt securities, which could make them more difficult to value or sell.

Repurchase Agreements. If the counterparty to a repurchase agreement with the Fund is unable to repurchase the securities as promised, the Fund may incur costs when trying to sell the securities to another buyer, which could reduce any amount realized on the collateral and result in a loss to the Fund. If the counterparty seeks relief under bankruptcy laws, the Fund could suffer delays in receiving the collateral or may otherwise experience a loss. For example, if the counterparty becomes insolvent, a bankruptcy court could determine that the security underlying the repurchase agreement does not belong to the Fund and order that it be used to pay off the counterparty's debts.

Variable and Floating Rate Securities. The Fund may invest in securities that pay variable or floating rates of interest. At any given time, the current interest rate of a variable or floating rate security may not accurately reflect current market interest rates, or may yield less than is appropriate to compensate the investor for the issuer's current credit quality. As a result, the value of the Fund's investments in such securities is subject to decline. In addition, an active market for variable and floating rate securities may not always exist at the time the Fund wishes to dispose of them.

Active Management. The Fund is actively managed. Active management permits the advisor to use reasonable discretion on how to invest the assets of the Fund in a manner that helps the advisor achieve the strategy of the Fund. The advisor's security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund

to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective. All else being equal, actively managed funds can have higher fees and expenses than passively managed funds.

Industry Concentration. The Fund concentrates its assets in the securities of issuers in the financial services industry. As a result, the Fund's performance depends to a greater extent on the overall condition of, and is more susceptible to events affecting, this industry.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events

unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund. When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Money Market Fund Reform. "Money Market Fund Reform" refers to amendments to the rules that govern money market funds, which were most recently adopted by the SEC in July 2023. The SEC continues to review the regulation of money market funds and may adopt additional amendments to Rule 2a-7 or other regulatory changes in the future. Compliance with Money Market Fund Reform could affect the Fund's investment strategy, fees and expenses, portfolio, share liquidity, and/or return potential.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Other Types of Investments

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in illiquid securities, which are securities that the Fund may not be able to sell or dispose of in the ordinary course of business within seven calendar days at approximately the value ascribed to them by the Fund.

Cash Management

The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures

The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies—for instance, by allocating substantial assets to cash equivalent investments—in response to adverse or unusual market, economic, political, or other conditions. In doing so, the Fund may succeed in avoiding losses but may otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

Cash equivalent investments include cash deposits, short-term bank deposits, and money market instruments such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, bank certificates of deposit (CDs), repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and banker's acceptances.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

Vanguard and the Board may from time to time voluntarily agree to temporarily limit certain net operating expenses in excess of the Fund's daily yield so as to maintain a zero or positive yield for the Fund. Vanguard and the Board may terminate the temporary expense limitation at any time.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Capital Management (VCM). VCM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VCM, provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VCM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VCM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund's advisory expenses represented an effective annual rate of less than 0.01% of the Fund's average net assets.

The Fund reserves the right to utilize a multimanager approach in the future. Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through VCM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Eion D'Anjou, Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has worked in investment management since 2006, has been with Vanguard since 2026, and has co-managed the Fund since April 2026. Education: B.S., Cornell University.

Nafis T. Smith, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VCM. He has been with Vanguard since 2003, has worked in investment management since 2005, has managed investment portfolios for Vanguard since 2010, and has managed the Fund since 2025. Education: B.A., Cornell University; M.B.A., Wharton School University of Pennsylvania.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC. In connection with a determination by the Board, in accordance with Rule 22e-3 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, a money market fund may suspend redemptions and postpone payment of redemption proceeds in order to facilitate an orderly liquidation of the fund.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV

after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The instruments held by a Vanguard retail or government money market fund are generally valued on the basis of amortized cost. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

Although the Vanguard retail and government money market funds seek to maintain a stable NAV of $1 per share, a stable share price is not guaranteed. A low or negative interest rate environment could impact a fund's ability to provide a positive yield to its shareholders, pay expenses out of current income, and/or achieve its investment objective, including maintaining a stable NAV of $1 per share.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard

funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or

part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Vanguard anticipates that investors will purchase and sell shares of money market funds frequently because these funds are designed to offer investors a liquid investment. For this reason, the Board has determined that it is not necessary to adopt policies and procedures designed to detect and deter frequent trading and market-timing in the money market fund shares. For information on frequent-trading limits of other Vanguard funds, please see the appropriate fund's prospectus.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Vanguard Money Market Portfolio

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended December 31, 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.0410	.0507	.0494	.0154	.0001
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	.0001	—	—	(.0004)	—
Total from Investment Operations	.0411	.0507	.0494	.0150	.0001
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.0411)	(.0507)	(.0494)	(.0150)	(.0001)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	—	—	(.0000)[2]	(.0000)[2]	—
Total Distributions	(.0411)	(.0507)	(.0494)	(.0150)	(.0001)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**	**$1.00**
Total Return	**4.18%**	**5.19%**	**5.05%**	**1.51%**	**0.02%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$1,353	$1,232	$1,217	$1,217	$1,106
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets[3]	0.15%	0.15%[4]	0.15%[4]	0.14%[4]	0.07%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	4.10%	5.07%	4.94%	1.54%	0.01%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 Distribution was less than $0.0001 per share.

3 Vanguard and the board of trustees have agreed to temporarily limit certain net operating expenses in excess of the portfolio's daily yield in order to maintain a zero or positive yield for the portfolio. Vanguard and the board of trustees may terminate the temporary expense limitation at any time. The portfolio is not obligated to repay this amount to Vanguard. The ratio of total expenses to average net assets before an expense reduction was 0.15% for 2022, and 0.15% for 2021. For the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, there were no expense reductions.

4 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.15%, 0.15%, and 0.14%, respectively.

Additional Information

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Variable Insurance Money Market Funds Average. The average performance of open-end investment companies classified as variable annuity funds by Lipper that invest in high-quality financial instruments rated in the top two grades with dollar-weighted average maturities of less than 90 days. These funds intend to keep constant net asset value.

Securities Market Indexes
Listed below is the securities market index, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. An index that measures the performance of short-term U.S. government debt securities and accrues income on a monthly basis.

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For More Information
If you would like more information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Money Market Portfolio, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

Telephone: 800-522-5555; Text telephone for people with hearing impairment: 800-749-7273

Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Real Estate Index Portfolio

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This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Real Estate Index Portfolio (the "Fund") seeks to provide a high level of income and moderate long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of a benchmark index that measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.24%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.26%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$27	$84	$146	$331

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 8% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index (the "Target Index"), which is made up of stocks of large, mid-size, and small U.S. companies within the real estate sector, as classified under the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®). The GICS real estate sector is composed of equity real estate investment trusts (known as REITs), which include specialized REITs, and real estate management and development companies. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. The Fund attempts to replicate the Target Index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the Target Index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the Target Index.

The Fund is considered nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which means that it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with diversified funds.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund concentrates its investments (i.e., invests more than 25% of its assets) in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the real estate industry.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund's share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***Real Estate Sector.*** Due to the Fund's heavy investment in the real estate sector, its performance will be impacted by the general health of the sector. Companies in the real estate sector can be negatively affected by various factors, including, but not limited to, supply and demand for properties, changes in interest rates, general or local economic conditions, the strength of specific industries that rent properties, and/or regulatory changes. Real estate companies might be heavily focused on one geographic market, which

could affect those companies more than companies with greater geographic diversification. Real estate companies may rely on leverage, which, while used to help magnify returns, also has the negative effect of magnifying losses. In addition, the real estate industry historically has been sensitive to economic downturns and other events that limit demand for real estate, which would adversely impact the value of real estate investments.

- ***Investing in REITs.*** In addition to the risks associated with the real estate sector, the Fund's investments in equity REITs are subject to certain additional risks. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying properties they own. An individual REIT's performance depends on the types and locations of the properties it owns and on how well the REIT manages its properties. Interest rate increases can make it more difficult and costly to acquire financing, which could restrict cash flows and negatively affect their operations and values. During periods of rising interest rates, REIT stock prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value. In addition, unlike corporations, REITs do not have to pay income taxes if they meet certain Internal Revenue Code requirements. Loss of IRS status as a qualified REIT would negatively impact the REIT's overall investment returns.
- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.
- ***Investing in Equity Markets*.** The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. Market volatility can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.
- ***Market Capitalization (Market Cap).*** Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap. Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

- ***Nondiversified Funds*.** The Fund is considered a nondiversified fund as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Nondiversified funds invest a greater percentage of their assets in a small number of issuers than diversified funds, their performance may be negatively impacted by relatively few securities or even a single security, and their shares may experience significant fluctuations in value.
- ***Index Investing*.** The Fund is subject to risks associated with index investing. Because the Fund generally seeks to track the performance of the Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in the Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of the Target Index. This risk, known as tracking error risk, may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. The Fund also could be negatively impacted by changes to the Target Index made by the index provider or by errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders.

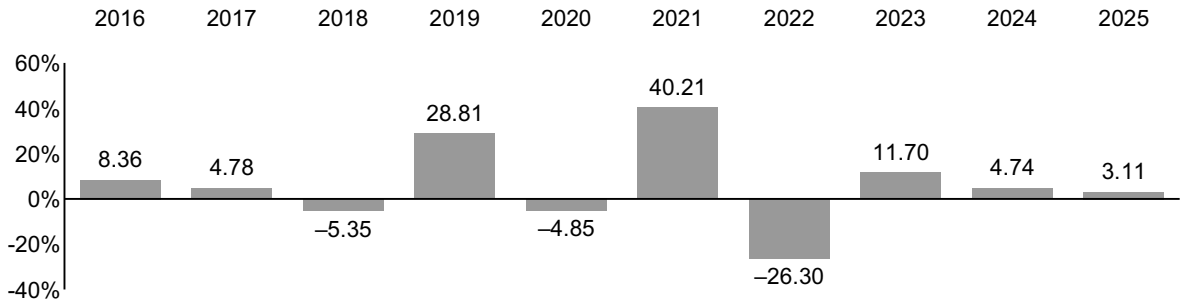
An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The VVIF Real Estate Spliced Index reflects the performance of the MSCI US REIT Index through January 18, 2018, and the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index thereafter. The inception date for the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index was September 1, 2016. Index returns are not provided prior to that date. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's

past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Real Estate Index Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	18.14%	December 31, 2023
Lowest	-24.14%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Real Estate Index Portfolio	3.11%	4.51%	5.08%
VVIF Real Estate Spliced Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	3.31%	4.76%	5.33%
MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	3.31	4.76	—
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.05	13.07	14.21

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Gerard C. O'Reilly, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has managed the Fund since its inception in 1999 (co-managed since 2016).

Chris Nieves, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has co-managed the Fund since 2025.

Jena Stenger, Portfolio Manager at VPM. She has co-managed the Fund since 2025.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Real Estate Index Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of income and moderate long-term capital appreciation by tracking the performance of a benchmark index that measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund employs an indexing, or passive, investment approach designed to track the performance of its Target Index, the MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index.

What are Index Funds?

Index funds attempt to track—not outperform—the performance of a specified market index. An index is a group of securities whose overall performance is used as a standard to measure the investment performance of a particular market. Some indexes represent entire markets, such as the U.S. stock market, while others cover a segment of a market, such as short-term bonds.

One cannot invest directly in an index. Instead, an index fund's advisor will typically seek to hold all, or substantially all, of the securities that make up the fund's target index (often referred to as "replicating" an index or a "full replication" approach) or a representative sample of the securities that make up a fund's target index ("sampling" an index).

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the stocks that make up the Target Index. Investments in derivatives may be counted toward the Fund's 80% policy to the extent that they provide investment exposure to the securities included within the policy or to one or more market risk factors associated with such securities. The Fund may change its 80% policy only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

The Fund is considered nondiversified, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which means that it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with diversified funds. A fund becomes nondiversified if, with respect to 75% of its total assets, the fund: (1) purchases more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer, or (2) purchases securities of any issuer when, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund's total assets are invested in that issuer's securities.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund concentrates its investments (i.e., invests more than 25% of its assets) in the securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the real estate industry.

Security Selection

The Fund uses the replication method of indexing, meaning that the Fund generally holds the same stocks as those in its Target Index and in approximately the same proportions.

The Target Index measures the performance of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments, including but not limited to specialized REITs, and real estate management and development companies. It is a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index, and is made up of the stocks of publicly traded equity REITs and other real estate-related investments that meet certain criteria. For example, to be included initially in the Target Index, a REIT must meet a minimum market capitalization threshold and have enough shares and trading volume to be considered liquid. Securities in the Target Index have differing levels of capitalization.

To qualify as a "regulated investment company" ("RIC") for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), the Fund must, among other things, meet certain diversification standards under the Code. Those diversification standards require the Fund to invest no more than 25% of its assets in any one security and at least 50% in securities that each represent no more than 5% of the fund's assets. The 25/50 in the name of the Fund's Target Index denotes that the index's construction rules take into account the diversification standards for RICs covered under the Code.

Note that although the Fund continues to comply with the diversification standards of the Code, the Fund is still considered nondiversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which means that it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with funds defined as diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

As of December 31, 2025, the number of securities in the Target Index was 150. The Target Index is rebalanced and its current stocks are tested for continued compliance with the guidelines of the Target Index on a quarterly basis. A REIT may be removed from the Target Index because of a decline in market capitalization, because it becomes illiquid, or because of other changes in its status.

Stocks in the Target Index represent a broadly diversified range of property types. The makeup of the Fund, as of December 31, 2025, was:

Fund Allocation by REIT type	Percentage of Fund[1]
Health Care REITs	15.6
Retail REITs	13.8
Industrial REITs	11.5
Telecom Tower REITs	9.6
Data Center REITs	8.7
Real Estate Services	8.6
Multi-Family Residential REITs	7.8
Other Specialized REITs	6.3
Self-Storage REITs	5.4
Single-Family Residential REITs	3.7
Office REITs	2.8
Hotel & Resort REITs	2.1
Diversified REITs	2.0
Timber REITs	1.6
Real Estate Development	0.2
Diversified Real Estate Activities	0.2
Real Estate Operating Companies	0.1

1 Due to rounding, the total percentage may not be equal to 100%.

The Target Index is owned, calculated, and controlled by the index provider in its sole discretion. Neither the advisor nor any of its affiliates has discretion to select Target Index components or change the Target Index's methodology.

Stocks of publicly traded companies are often classified according to market capitalization, which is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It is important to understand that there is no "official" definition of each type of small-cap, mid-cap, or large-cap and that market capitalization ranges can change over time.

A fund's median market capitalization, which is the midpoint of the market capitalization of the fund's stocks weighted by the proportion of the fund's assets invested in each stock, can be used as an indicator of the size of the companies in which it invests. Stocks representing half of a fund's assets will have market capitalizations above the median, and the rest will fall below it. As of December 31, 2025, the asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock holdings was:

Vanguard Fund	Asset-Weighted Median Market Capitalization
Real Estate Index Portfolio	$30 billion

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

- *Large-Cap Stocks* represent the largest publicly traded companies, which are often well-established and widely recognized. These companies typically have significant market share, global reach, and a history of financial stability. While they may not offer as much growth potential as smaller companies, they are generally considered more resilient during economic downturns but still not immune from a decrease in price.
- *Mid-Cap Stocks* represent medium-sized companies, which can be companies that are more established than small-cap companies but do not have the market share of large-cap companies. These companies may be more agile than large-cap companies in responding to market changes, while also benefiting from more resources and operational maturity than small-cap companies. However, they can still face challenges during economic downturns.
- *Small-Cap Stocks* represent smaller companies, which may be newer or operate in niche markets. These companies can offer higher growth potential than larger companies and may be more agile in adapting to market changes. However, they also face greater risks, such as limited access to capital and vulnerability during economic downturns.
- *Real Estate Stocks* include REITs and real estate management and development companies. A REIT is a company that owns and manages real estate. There are many different types of REITs, such as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, and hybrid REITs. An equity REIT generally owns properties directly. Equity REITs typically generate income from rental and lease payments, and they offer the potential for growth from property appreciation as well as occasional capital gains from the sale of property. A mortgage REIT makes loans to commercial real estate developers. Mortgage REITs earn interest income and are subject to credit risk (i.e., the chance that a developer will fail to repay a loan). A hybrid REIT holds both properties and mortgages. Real estate management and development companies engage in real estate development, management, and rental and/or direct investment in physical property.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

Real Estate Sector. Due to the Fund's heavy investment in the real estate sector, its performance will be impacted by the general health of the sector. Companies in the real estate sector can be negatively affected by various factors, including, but not limited to, supply and demand for properties, changes in interest rates, general or local economic conditions, the strength of specific industries that rent properties, and/or regulatory changes. Real estate companies might be heavily focused on one geographic market, which could affect those companies more than companies with greater geographic diversification. Real estate companies may rely on leverage, which, while used to help magnify returns, also has the negative effect of magnifying losses. In addition, the real estate industry historically has been sensitive to economic downturns and other events that limit demand for real estate, which would adversely impact the value of real estate investments.

Investing in REITs. In addition to the risks associated with the real estate sector, the Fund's investments in equity REITs are subject to certain additional risks. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying properties they own. An individual REIT's performance depends on the types and locations of the properties it owns and on how well the REIT manages its properties. For instance, rental income could decline because of extended vacancies, increased competition from nearby properties, tenants' failure to pay rent, regulatory limitations on rents, fluctuations in rental income, variations in market rental rates, or incompetent management. Property values could decrease because of overbuilding in the area, environmental liabilities, uninsured damages caused by natural disasters, a general decline in the neighborhood, losses because of casualty or condemnation, increases in property taxes, or changes in zoning laws. Interest rate increases can make it more difficult and costly to acquire financing, which could restrict cash flows and negatively affect their operations and values. During periods of rising interest rates, REIT stock prices overall may decline, which could result in a decline in the Fund's value.

In addition, unlike corporations, REITs do not have to pay income taxes if they meet certain Internal Revenue Code requirements. To qualify, a REIT must distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to its shareholders and receive at least 75% of that income from rents, mortgages, and sales of property. Loss of IRS status as a qualified REIT would negatively impact the REIT's overall investment returns.

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the

markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Equity Markets. The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. These periods of rising and falling values can occur for unpredictable timeframes over the short and long term. Market volatility also is unpredictable and can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap). Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap. Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of funds that are focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Nondiversified Funds. The Fund is considered a nondiversified fund as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Nondiversified funds invest a greater percentage of their assets in a small number of issuers than diversified funds, their performance may be negatively impacted by relatively few securities or even a single security, and their shares may experience significant fluctuations in value.

Index Investing. The Fund is subject to the following risks associated with index investing:

Passive Management. The Fund seeks to track the performance of its Target Index regardless of how the Target Index is performing. The advisor's use of an indexing, or passive, approach to select and maintain investments for the Fund means that the advisor will select investments for the purpose of tracking the Target Index and generally will not use strategies to reduce negative impacts to the Fund during periods of market volatility. As a result, the Fund's performance may be lower than it would be if it were actively managed.

Index Replication Strategy. Although the Fund seeks to hold substantially all of the securities included in its Target Index, it may be unable to do so. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from holding one or more of the securities in the same proportion as in the Target Index.

Tracking Error. The performance of the Fund's investments, in the aggregate, may not match the investment performance of its Target Index. It is important to understand that an index fund will never perform exactly the same as its target index because, among other things, an index fund has operating expenses and transaction costs and its target index does not. Beyond these inherent differences in the operation of an index fund versus the operation of its target index, there are a variety of other factors that can cause or result in tracking error. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Price differences between the securities held by the index fund and those included in its target index
- Cash flows into or out of the index fund
- The size of the index fund
- Compliance with new or existing regulatory requirements
- Portfolio transactions carried out by the index fund's advisor to minimize the distribution of capital gains
- Changes to the underlying securities that make up the target index
- Errors made by the provider of the target index

Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. An index fund using a sampling strategy may be more likely to experience tracking error than an index fund using a replicating strategy.

Index Provider. The Fund is subject to risks associated with its index provider. The securities that make up the Target Index and their weighting in the Target Index are determined by the index provider. The index provider does not provide any warranty or accept any liability with respect to the quality, accuracy, or completeness of the Target Index or any data used to compile the Target Index. Under normal circumstances, the index provider rebalances (updates) the Target Index on a regular schedule. However, the index provider may also rebalance the Target Index outside of the regular schedule or delay or cancel a scheduled rebalance, which could result in added costs for the Fund or cause the Fund to experience tracking error. The index provider may make errors, and it is possible that such errors may not be identified by the index provider for a period of time or at all. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the Fund and, as a result, the Fund's shareholders. The Fund's advisor does not provide any warranty or guarantee against any errors made by the index provider.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund.

When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Investing in Derivatives. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Ownership Limitations Risk. As the Vanguard funds continue to grow, they may be increasingly impacted by ownership limitations that apply to certain securities held by the Vanguard funds ("limited securities"). An ownership limitation restricts the amount of a security that funds within the same fund complex or funds advised by the same investment advisor can own. These limitations may apply even where an external manager or different affiliate of Vanguard provides investment advisory services to a fund. Ownership limitations restrict the amount that funds can invest in certain securities, due to either regulatory limits that apply to certain industries (for example, banking and utilities) or mechanisms that some issuers have in place to deter takeover attempts (for example, poison pills). These restrictions can have negative impacts on funds, including the inability of an index fund to track its index, the

inability of a fund to meet its investment objectives, negative performance impacts, and unanticipated tax consequences. The impact of a particular ownership limitation on a Vanguard fund will vary based on several factors, including, but not limited to, it's investment strategy and its current and desired exposure to limited securities, the industry to which the limitation applies, the country or region of a particular issuer, and the regulatory body imposing the limitation. In addition to the impacts of specific ownership limitations, the Vanguard funds are also subject to the risk of multiple ownership limitations applying at one time, which could increase the likelihood of a fund experiencing the negative impacts listed above. The Vanguard funds attempt to mitigate the impacts of ownership limitations through the various methods discussed below in "Methods to address ownership limitations." However, it is possible that these methods will be unsuccessful and could also expose the Vanguard funds to other potential risks and negative consequences.

Impacts of Ownership Limitations. When an ownership limitation applies, the Vanguard funds may need to allocate ownership of impacted securities across impacted Vanguard funds, and a Vanguard fund may not be able to buy additional securities or continue to hold existing securities above its allocated amounts. For index funds, this can result in tracking error if a fund cannot buy or hold the securities it needs in order to replicate or sample its target index. For active funds, this can result in a fund not being able to take advantage of favorable opportunities to invest in securities that are subject to limitations. For both index and active funds, the inability to buy or hold securities could prevent a fund from being able to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy, and/or could negatively impact the fund's performance. In addition, the steps taken to address ownership limitations could result in additional costs and/or unanticipated tax consequences to a fund that affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders. The more assets the Vanguard funds hold, the more likely it is that ownership limitations will negatively impact Vanguard funds because they will not be able to purchase additional shares of limited securities above their allocated amounts in order to fully invest their assets in accordance with their investment strategies.

Methods to Address Ownership Limitations. The Vanguard funds try to manage the negative impacts of these ownership limitations on the Vanguard funds by seeking permission (relief) from regulators and/or issuers to purchase or hold more securities than the amount allowed by ownership limitations. However, it is not always possible to secure relief and such relief could be revoked if the Vanguard funds are unable to satisfy the applicable conditions, or if the regulator or issuer changes its position or policy or if the applicable legal requirements become more restrictive. There is an increasing amount of uncertainty around how much ownership limitations relief regulators will grant to asset managers like Vanguard. Given this uncertainty, there is no guarantee that Vanguard or the Vanguard funds will be able to maintain their existing relief

or obtain additional relief from ownership limitations in the future. A regulator may impose certain conditions on the Vanguard funds in connection with granting relief from an ownership limitation, including, for example, that the funds vote in a certain way with respect to shares of the limited security that the Vanguard funds hold in excess of the ownership limitation. Regulatory relief may also depend on the operational independence of certain Vanguard subsidiaries and/or business divisions.

In addition, the relief upon which Vanguard and the Vanguard funds currently rely, which has allowed Vanguard to exceed certain ownership limitations, could be reduced or revoked, forcing the Vanguard funds to sell down one or more securities to comply with the ownership limitations. If a fund has to sell securities, there could be negative impacts to fund performance as well as unanticipated tax consequences that could impact the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders.

When a Vanguard fund cannot buy or hold securities directly due to ownership limitations, the fund will typically try to get indirect exposure to impacted securities. The fund does this so that it can replicate as closely as possible the returns the fund would get if it directly owned the impacted securities. Indirect exposure can be accomplished through the use of derivatives, such as total return swaps, or by investing in wholly owned subsidiaries that hold the impacted securities. Both of these methods of obtaining indirect exposure increase fund costs, and, depending on the extent to which these alternatives are used by a fund to avoid exceeding ownership limits, the added costs could have a negative impact on the fund's performance. With respect to an index fund, these added costs could also result in tracking error relative to the fund's target index. The risks associated with derivatives use are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this Prospectus.

There is no guarantee that laws and regulations always will allow that indirect exposure to limited securities may be omitted for purposes of determining the Vanguard funds' exposure to limited securities and compliance with the applicable ownership limitations. In such circumstances, the Vanguard funds could not use these techniques and would be required to sell down the indirect and/or direct holdings in the applicable limited securities.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Substitute Index
The Fund reserves the right to substitute a different index for the index it currently tracks if the current index is discontinued, if the Fund's agreement with the provider of its Target Index is terminated, or for any other reason determined in good faith by the Board. In any such instance, the substitute index would represent the same market segment as the Target Index.

Foreign Securities
The Fund has the ability to invest in foreign securities to the extent necessary to carry out its investment strategy of holding all, or substantially all, of the stocks that make up its Target Index.

Other Types of Investments
The Fund may invest in derivatives such as total return swaps, equity futures, or other derivatives. In general, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate. The Fund may invest in derivatives only if the expected risks and rewards of the derivatives are consistent with the investment objective, policies, strategies, and risks of the Fund as disclosed in this Prospectus. In particular, derivatives will be used only when they may help the advisor to accomplish one or more of the following:

• Invest in eligible asset classes with greater efficiency and lower cost than is possible through direct investment.

• Obtain economic exposure to a stock, a basket of stocks, or an index when deemed desirable or necessary, or when the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

• Add value when these instruments are attractively priced.

Cash Management
The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures
The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when the advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the

Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case when the Fund receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately. The Fund may also invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisor

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VPM, provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VPM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VPM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund's advisory expenses represented an effective annual rate of less than 0.01% of the Fund's average net assets.

The Fund reserves the right to utilize a multimanager approach in the future. Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through VPM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Chris Nieves, CFA, Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has worked in investment management since 2013, has been with Vanguard since 2017, and has co-managed the Fund since 2025. Education: B.A., Cornell University; MEng., Cornell University.

Gerard C. O'Reilly, Principal of Vanguard and Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has been with Vanguard since 1992, has managed investment portfolios since 1994, and has managed the Fund since its inception in 1999 (co-managed since 2016). Education: B.S., Villanova University.

Jena Stenger, Portfolio Manager at VPM. She has worked in investment management since 2013, has been with Vanguard since 2015, and has co-managed the Fund since 2025. Education: B.S., Villanova University; M.B.A., University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to maintain its risk exposure by selling a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that

the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Real Estate Index Portfolio

	Year Ended December 31,				
For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$11.74**	**$11.92**	**$11.53**	**$16.56**	**$12.43**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.314	.300	.327	.297	.257
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	.044	.218	.888	(4.474)	4.553
Total from Investment Operations	.358	.518	1.215	(4.177)	4.810
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.322)	(.379)	(.286)	(.262)	(.293)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(.206)	(.319)	(.539)	(.591)	(.387)
Total Distributions	(.528)	(.698)	(.825)	(.853)	(.680)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$11.57**	**$11.74**	**$11.92**	**$11.53**	**$16.56**
Total Return	**3.11%**	**4.74%**	**11.70%**	**-26.30%**	**40.21%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$1,079	$1,103	$1,143	$1,094	$1,538
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.26%	0.26%	0.26%	0.26%[2]	0.26%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	2.71%	2.59%	2.97%	2.25%	1.79%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	8%	11%	10%	11%	12%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.26%.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes

Listed below is the broad-based securities market index, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index. An index designed to measure all U.S. equity issues with readily available prices.

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Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

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Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Prospectus

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds

Small Company Growth Portfolio

This Prospectus contains financial data for the Fund through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

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Fund Summary

Investment Objective

Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Small Company Growth Portfolio (the "Fund") seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. The expenses shown in the table and in the example that follows do not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If those additional fees and expenses were included, overall expenses would be higher.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees	0.28%
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None
Other Expenses	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.29%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The example assumes that you invest $10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same.

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
$30	$93	$163	$368

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 60% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs an active management approach, investing mainly in the stocks of small and mid-size companies and choosing stocks considered by the Fund's advisors to have superior growth potential. These companies often provide little or no dividend income. The Fund has multiple advisors, each of which independently selects and maintains a portfolio of common stocks for the Fund.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks of small companies, choosing stocks considered by the Fund's advisors to have superior growth potential.

Principal Risks

As with any investment, an investment in the Fund could lose money over any time period. The Fund's share price and total return may fluctuate, potentially within a wide range. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below. Each of the following risks could affect the Fund's performance:

- ***General Market Risk.*** The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.
- ***Investing in Equity Markets*.** The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. Market volatility can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.
- ***Market Capitalization (Market Cap).*** Companies are generally classified into three types of market cap depending on their size: small-, mid-, and large-cap. Companies can be further classified into micro- or mega-cap. Different factors can affect each market cap uniquely, and historically small- and mid-cap stocks have typically been more volatile due to the effects of changing economic conditions. Large companies may not reach the same levels of growth or performance as smaller companies, and they may be slower to react to competitive challenges. The performance of funds that invest in a subset of market caps could diverge from the performance of a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

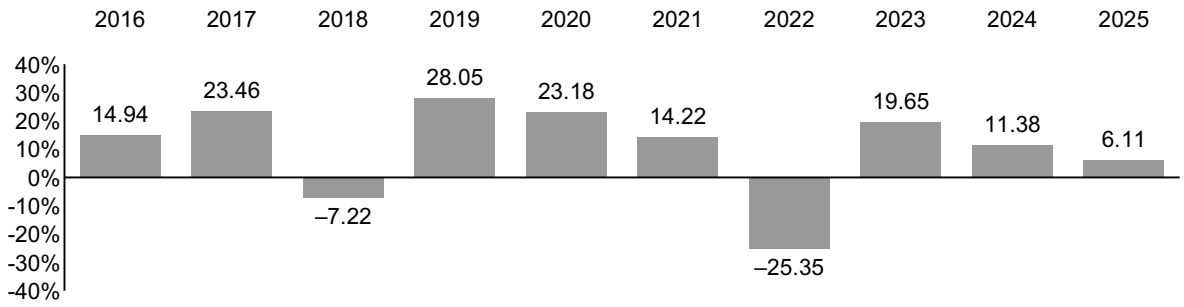
- ***Growth Investing*.** The Fund's approach to growth investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that use a different investment style. Growth stocks typically produce lower yields because growth companies prefer to reinvest earnings into research and development to promote growth and increase profitability. Research and development can be expensive and may not always produce favorable results, which could harm a company's performance relative to the broader market.
- ***Active Management.*** The Fund is actively managed. The advisors' security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table show the Fund's historical performance and are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the Fund compare with those of a broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund. The Fund's returns are net of its expenses but do not reflect additional fees and expenses that are deducted by the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. If such fees and expenses were included in the calculation of the Fund's returns, the returns would be lower. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website for Financial Advisors at *advisors.vanguard.com*.

Annual Total Returns — Small Company Growth Portfolio



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest and lowest returns for a calendar quarter were:

	Total Return	Quarter
Highest	32.63%	June 30, 2020
Lowest	-30.49%	March 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2025

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Small Company Growth Portfolio	6.11%	3.81%	9.61%
Russell 2500 Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	10.31%	2.98%	10.55%
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.05	13.07	14.21

Investment Advisors

ArrowMark Colorado Holdings, LLC (ArrowMark Partners)

The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Chad Meade, Partner and Portfolio Manager of ArrowMark Partners. He has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2016.

Brian Schaub, CFA, Partner and Portfolio Manager of ArrowMark Partners. He has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2016.

Cesar Orosco, CFA, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager at VPM. He has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2021.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares only to separate accounts of insurance companies to fund annuity or life insurance contracts. You cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. For information regarding how you, as a contract owner, may allocate and withdraw amounts to, and from, the insurance company separate accounts, please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company.

Tax Information

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that sponsor your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the prospectus of the annuity or life insurance contract through which Fund shares are offered. You should consult your own tax advisor with respect to any particular U.S. or non-U.S. tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its advisors do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

More on the Fund

This Prospectus provides information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Small Company Growth Portfolio, a series of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds (the "Trust"). Reading this Prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. The Fund is a mutual fund used solely as an investment option for annuity or life insurance contracts offered by insurance companies. This means that you cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The Fund is separate from other Vanguard mutual funds, even when the Fund and a Vanguard mutual fund have the same investment objective and advisor. The Fund's investment performance will differ from the performance of other Vanguard funds because of differences in the securities held and because of administrative and insurance costs associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

As you consider an investment in the Fund, you should take into account your tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. The costs of investing are another important consideration. As an owner of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest in the Fund, you will pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating the Fund and any transaction costs incurred when the Fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation the Fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences can, over time, have a dramatic effect on the Fund's performance.

Investment Objective and More on Principal Investment Strategies

In this section, you will find more information about the Fund's investment objective and the principal investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its investment objective. The Trust's board of trustees (the "Board") oversees the Fund's management. The Board may approve changes to the Fund's strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without shareholder approval unless the strategy or policy is designated as fundamental.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be materially changed without shareholder approval.

Implementation of Investment Objective

The Fund's advisors seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective by investing in small and mid-size companies considered by the Fund's advisors to have superior growth potential.

What is Active Management?

Actively managed funds typically seek to exceed the average returns of a particular financial market or market segment. The Fund's advisors will select securities to buy and sell based on the advisors' judgments about companies and their financial prospects, the prices of the securities, and the markets and the economy in general. In selecting securities, an advisor may rely on, among other things, research, market forecasts, quantitative models, and their own judgment and experience.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks of small companies, choosing stocks considered by the Fund's advisors to have superior growth potential. Investments in derivatives may be counted toward the Fund's 80% policy to the extent that they provide investment exposure to the securities included within the policy or to one or more market risk factors associated with such securities. The Fund may change its 80% policy only upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

Security Selection

The Fund uses multiple advisors, each of which independently selects and maintains a portfolio of common stocks for the Fund. Each advisor buys and sells securities according to its evaluations of companies and their financial prospects, the prices of the securities, and the stock market and the economy in general. An advisor will sell a security when, in the advisor's view, it is no longer attractive as an alternative investment or if the advisor deems it to be in the best interest of the Fund. Although each advisor uses different processes to select securities for its portion of the Fund's assets, each is committed to buying stocks of small companies that it believes have strong growth potential. Different advisors may reach different conclusions on the same security.

ArrowMark Partners uses in-depth, fundamental research to uncover companies that, in its opinion, can control their own economic destiny. The advisor starts by identifying businesses with strong competitive advantages in industries with high barriers to entry. ArrowMark Partners then narrows its focus to companies with large potential markets and high-quality business models focused on the future. Finally, the advisor minimizes potential downside risk, resulting in a diversified portfolio of stable growth companies, cyclical share gainers, and to a lesser extent, game-changing growth businesses that it

believes will deliver returns beyond those of the benchmark index over time.

Vanguard, through Vanguard Portfolio Management's Quantitative Equity Group (QEG), constructs a broadly diversified portfolio of small-cap domestic growth stocks based on its assessment of the relative return potential of the securities. QEG selects securities of companies that it believes offer an appropriate balance between strong growth prospects and reasonable valuations relative to their industry peers. QEG manages the portfolio through the use of a quantitative process to evaluate all of the securities in the Fund's benchmark, the Russell 2500 Growth Index, while seeking to maintain a risk profile similar to that of the Index. This process was developed and is managed by QEG and is reviewed and enhanced on an ongoing basis. All potential enhancements to the process go through rigorous peer vetting and validation before being implemented.

Stocks of publicly traded companies are often classified according to market capitalization, which is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It is important to understand that there is no "official" definition of each type of small-cap, mid-cap, or large-cap and that market capitalization ranges can change over time.

A fund's median market capitalization, which is the midpoint of the market capitalization of the fund's stocks weighted by the proportion of the fund's assets invested in each stock, can be used as an indicator of the size of the companies in which it invests. Stocks representing half of a fund's assets will have market capitalizations above the median, and the rest will fall below it. As of December 31, 2025, the asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock holdings was:

Vanguard Fund	Asset-Weighted Median Market Capitalization
Small Company Growth Portfolio	$6.2 billion

Additional Information Regarding the Fund's Investments

The Fund's investments are described in more detail below.

- *Small-Cap Stocks* represent smaller companies, which may be newer or operate in niche markets. These companies can offer higher growth potential than larger companies and may be more agile in adapting to market changes. However, they also face greater risks, such as limited access to capital and vulnerability during economic downturns.
- *Mid-Cap Stocks* represent medium-sized companies, which can be companies that are more established than small-cap companies but do not have the market share of large-cap companies. These companies may be more agile than large-cap companies in responding to market changes, while also benefiting from more resources and operational maturity than

small-cap companies. However, they can still face challenges during economic downturns.

- *Growth Stocks* typically represent companies that are expected to deliver above-average increases in revenue, earnings, cash flow, or other similar criteria. These stocks typically reinvest profits into the business rather than paying dividends, which results in low or no dividend yields. Growth stocks often trade at higher valuations relative to financial metrics like price-to-earnings or book value, as their prices are largely based on projections of future performance.

More on Fund Risks

Investing in the securities markets can result in a loss of principal. The Fund is subject to a variety of risks, including the principal risks listed below, that can impact its net asset value (NAV), performance, and ability to achieve its investment objective.

More on Principal Risks

General Market Risk. The markets in which the Fund invests can be affected by a variety of factors. These factors, which can be real or perceived, may include economic, market, political, and regulatory conditions and developments as well as local, regional, or global events such as wars, military conflicts, natural disasters, and public health issues. In addition, investor sentiment and expectations regarding these factors can also impact the markets. Different parts of the market, including different industries and sectors as well as different types of securities, may react differently to factors that affect the market. These factors can contribute to market uncertainty, market volatility, and fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments, thereby resulting in potential losses to the Fund over short or long periods.

Investing in Equity Markets. The Fund invests in the equity markets. Equity markets have historically been cyclical, having periods of time when stock values rise and fall. These periods of rising and falling values can occur for unpredictable timeframes over the short and long term. Market volatility also is unpredictable and can lead to significant fluctuations in stock values, resulting in potential losses to the Fund.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap) — Small-Cap Companies. Because small-cap companies are some of the smallest in size, they may be more affected by adverse business or economic events than larger companies and the price of their securities may move more dramatically and be more volatile. The Fund's focus on small-cap companies could affect its performance relative to a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap) — Mid-Cap Companies. Mid-cap companies fall between large- and small-cap companies in size. Due to being smaller, they may be more affected by adverse business or economic events than larger companies. The Fund's focus on mid-cap companies could affect its performance relative to a fund that is focused on a broader representation of the stock market.

Growth Investing. Companies and their stock are often classified as growth or value. Growth investing and value investing are two investment styles used by advisors. Under certain market conditions these investment styles may perform differently, generating varying returns. The Fund's approach to growth investing could cause it to underperform other stock funds that use a different investment style. Growth stocks typically produce lower yields because growth companies prefer to reinvest earnings into research and development to promote growth and increase profitability. Research and development can be expensive and may not always produce favorable results, which could harm a company's performance relative to the broader market.

Active Management. The Fund is actively managed. Active management permits the advisors to use reasonable discretion on how to invest the assets of the Fund in a manner that helps the advisors achieve the strategy of the Fund. The advisors' security selection and/or strategy execution could cause the Fund to underperform relevant securities markets or other funds with a similar investment objective. All else being equal, actively managed funds can have higher fees and expenses than passively managed funds.

Additional Risks

Geopolitical and Sanctions Risk. Due to growing dependencies between global economies, geopolitical events can negatively affect all securities, markets, and economies. It is possible that events which only impact one geographic area could have negative short- or long-term effects on markets, issuers, and/or exchanges in the United States and other countries.

At times, the United States, other governments, or other supranational bodies (e.g., the United Nations) may impose sanctions on countries and/or entities in response to geopolitical events or other priorities. Compliance with sanctions could impact the Fund, including the Fund's ability to transact in or obtain exposure to certain foreign securities and assets. Sanctions also could cause significant losses to the Fund's investments and its performance could be negatively impacted. In lieu of sanctions, companies or specific goods that the company produces could be subjected to trade embargoes or tariffs, which can also affect securities markets and create volatility. So long as sanctions do not prohibit investment in the company or issuer, the Fund typically also would not be prohibited from investing in the affected company or issuer.

Potential Redemption Activity Impacts. The Vanguard funds can be negatively impacted by certain large redemptions. These redemptions could occur due to a single shareholder or multiple shareholders deciding to sell a large quantity of shares of a fund or a share class of the fund. Large redemptions can occur for many reasons, either as a result of actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors, or as a result of events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors. Actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include, but are not limited to, changes to a fund's advisor(s), changes to a fund's portfolio manager(s), changes to the composition of a fund's portfolio, and/or other product changes or launches that, for example, result in shareholders redeeming shares of one fund to purchase shares of another fund or investment vehicle. For a fund of funds, actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include a withdrawal from an underlying fund or a change in the allocation to underlying funds. Events unrelated to actions taken by the Vanguard funds or their advisors could include shareholders selling out of a fund in response to market movements or regulatory changes.

A large redemption could adversely affect a fund's liquidity and NAV. For example, a large redemption could require a fund's manager to sell portfolio holdings at unplanned or inopportune times. The manager's sale of these holdings, which is a taxable event, could require the fund to distribute any corresponding capital gains or other taxable income to the fund's remaining shareholders; see *Distributions and Taxes* in the **Investing in Vanguard Funds** section for additional information. The increased trading activity could also increase underlying costs for the fund due to commissions paid by the fund. When large redemptions occur, the Vanguard funds reserve the right to pay all or part of the redemptions in-kind and/or delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

Investing in Derivatives. Investing in derivatives may present risks different from, and/or greater than, those associated with investing directly in stocks, bonds, or other types of investments. Derivatives could expose the Fund to increased volatility and/or significant loss. Certain derivatives have an inherent leverage component, providing the Fund exposure to a sizable position in an underlying asset with a relatively small upfront investment at the time the Fund enters into the derivatives position. For these derivatives, an adverse change in the value or price of the underlying asset could result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Some derivatives require the Fund to enter into a contract with a counterparty. If the counterparty is unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, the Fund may experience a loss. A liquid market may not always exist for the Fund's derivatives positions. The Fund may be unable to sell or otherwise exit its derivatives position at desired times or prices, which could also result in a loss to the Fund. Some derivatives, particularly OTC derivatives, can be complex and often are valued subjectively. Valuation may be more difficult in times of

market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Fund.

Derivatives may not perform as intended, which may result in losses to the Fund. For example, derivatives used for hedging or as a substitute for a portfolio instrument may not provide the expected benefits, particularly during adverse market conditions. The use of derivatives is also subject to legal risk, which includes the risk of loss resulting from insufficient or unenforceable contractual documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of the Fund's counterparty, and operational risk, which includes documentation or settlement issues, system failures, inadequate controls, and human error.

Ownership Limitations Risk. As the Vanguard funds continue to grow, they may be increasingly impacted by ownership limitations that apply to certain securities held by the Vanguard funds ("limited securities"). An ownership limitation restricts the amount of a security that funds within the same fund complex or funds advised by the same investment advisor can own. These limitations may apply even where an external manager or different affiliate of Vanguard provides investment advisory services to a fund. Ownership limitations restrict the amount that funds can invest in certain securities, due to either regulatory limits that apply to certain industries (for example, banking and utilities) or mechanisms that some issuers have in place to deter takeover attempts (for example, poison pills). These restrictions can have negative impacts on funds, including the inability of an index fund to track its index, the inability of a fund to meet its investment objectives, negative performance impacts, and unanticipated tax consequences. The impact of a particular ownership limitation on a Vanguard fund will vary based on several factors, including, but not limited to, a fund's investment strategy and its current and desired exposure to limited securities, the industry to which the limitation applies, the country or region of a particular issuer, and the regulatory body imposing the limitation. In addition to the impacts of specific ownership limitations, the Vanguard funds are also subject to the risk of multiple ownership limitations applying at one time, which could increase the likelihood of a fund experiencing the negative impacts listed above. The Vanguard funds attempt to mitigate the impacts of ownership limitations through the various methods discussed below in "Methods to address ownership limitations." However, it is possible that these methods will be unsuccessful and could also expose the Vanguard funds to other potential risks and negative consequences.

Impacts of Ownership Limitations. When an ownership limitation applies, the Vanguard funds may need to allocate ownership of impacted securities across impacted Vanguard funds, and a Vanguard fund may not be able to buy additional securities or continue to hold existing securities above its allocated amounts. For index funds, this can result in tracking error if a fund cannot buy

or hold the securities it needs in order to replicate or sample its target index. For active funds, this can result in a fund not being able to take advantage of favorable opportunities to invest in securities that are subject to limitations. For both index and active funds, the inability to buy or hold securities could prevent a fund from being able to meet its investment objective or invest in accordance with its investment strategy, and/or could negatively impact the fund's performance. In addition, the steps taken to address ownership limitations could result in additional costs and/or unanticipated tax consequences to a fund that affect the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders. The more assets the Vanguard funds hold, the more likely it is that ownership limitations will negatively impact Vanguard funds because they will not be able to purchase additional shares of limited securities above their allocated amounts in order to fully invest their assets in accordance with their investment strategies.

Methods to Address Ownership Limitations. The Vanguard funds try to manage the negative impacts of these ownership limitations on the Vanguard funds by seeking permission (relief) from regulators and/or issuers to purchase or hold more securities than the amount allowed by ownership limitations. However, it is not always possible to secure relief and such relief could be revoked if the Vanguard funds are unable to satisfy the applicable conditions, or if the regulator or issuer changes its position or policy or if the applicable legal requirements become more restrictive. There is an increasing amount of uncertainty around how much ownership limitations relief regulators will grant to asset managers like Vanguard. Given this uncertainty, there is no guarantee that Vanguard or the Vanguard funds will be able to maintain their existing relief or obtain additional relief from ownership limitations in the future. A regulator may impose certain conditions on the Vanguard funds in connection with granting relief from an ownership limitation, including, for example, that the funds vote in a certain way with respect to shares of the limited security that the Vanguard funds hold in excess of the ownership limitation. Regulatory relief may also depend on the operational independence of certain Vanguard subsidiaries and/or business divisions.

In addition, the relief upon which Vanguard and the Vanguard funds currently rely, which has allowed Vanguard to exceed certain ownership limitations, could be reduced or revoked, forcing the Vanguard funds to sell down one or more securities to comply with the ownership limitations. If a fund has to sell securities, there could be negative impacts to fund performance as well as unanticipated tax consequences that could impact the amount, timing, and character of distributions to the fund's shareholders.

When a Vanguard fund cannot buy or hold securities directly due to ownership limitations, the fund will typically try to get indirect exposure to impacted securities. The fund does this so that it can replicate as closely as possible the returns the fund would get if it directly owned the impacted securities. Indirect

exposure can be accomplished through the use of derivatives, such as total return swaps, or by investing in wholly owned subsidiaries that hold the impacted securities. Both of these methods of obtaining indirect exposure increase fund costs, and, depending on the extent to which these alternatives are used by a fund to avoid exceeding ownership limits, the added costs could have a negative impact on the fund's performance. With respect to an index fund, these added costs could also result in tracking error relative to the fund's target index. The risks associated with derivatives use are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this Prospectus.

There is no guarantee that laws and regulations always will allow that indirect exposure to limited securities may be omitted for purposes of determining the Vanguard funds' exposure to limited securities and compliance with the applicable ownership limitations. In such circumstances, the Vanguard funds could not use these techniques and would be required to sell down the indirect and/or direct holdings in the applicable limited securities.

Other Investment Policies

In addition to employing its principal investment strategies, the Fund may use the following other investment strategies and types of investments in order to achieve its investment objective.

Foreign Securities

Although the Fund typically does not make significant investments in foreign securities, it reserves the right to invest up to 25% of its assets in foreign securities, which may include depositary receipts. Foreign securities may be traded on U.S. or foreign markets.

Other Types of Investments

The Fund may invest in derivatives such as total return swaps, equity futures, foreign currency exchange forward contracts, or other derivatives. In general, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, a bond, or a currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), a market index, or a reference rate. The Fund may use derivatives to obtain exposure to a stock, a basket of stocks, or an index. Derivatives may also be used as an alternate means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry. The Fund will not use derivatives for speculation or for the purpose of leveraging (magnifying) investment returns.

A foreign currency exchange forward contract is an agreement to buy or sell a currency at a specific price on a specific date, usually 30, 60, or 90 days in the future. In other words, the contract guarantees an exchange rate on a given date. Advisors of funds that invest in foreign securities can use these contracts

to guard against unfavorable changes in currency rates. These contracts, however, would not prevent the Fund's securities from falling in value as a result of risks other than unfavorable currency exchange movements.

The Fund may invest a small portion of its assets in equity futures, which are a type of derivative, and/or shares of exchange-traded funds (ETFs), including ETF shares issued by Vanguard stock funds. These equity futures and ETFs typically provide returns similar to those of common stocks. The Fund may purchase futures or ETFs when doing so will reduce the Fund's transaction costs or have the potential to add value because the instruments are favorably priced. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in ETF shares of other Vanguard funds. Fund assets invested in ETF shares of other Vanguard funds are excluded when allocating to the Fund its share of the costs of Vanguard operations.

Cash Management

The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are used as cash management vehicles for the Vanguard funds. When investing in a CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests. Vanguard receives no additional revenue from Fund assets invested in a CMT Fund.

Temporary Defensive Measures

The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when an advisor believes that doing so is in the Fund's best interest, so long as the strategy or policy employed is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives or exchange-traded funds that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective when those instruments are favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case if the Fund is transitioning assets from one advisor to another or receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately. The Fund may also invest beyond its normal limits in derivatives as an alternative means to obtain economic exposure if the Fund is required to limit its investment in a particular issuer or industry.

In addition, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its normal investment policies and strategies—for instance, by allocating substantial assets to cash equivalent investments or other less volatile instruments—in response to adverse or unusual market, economic, political, or other conditions. In doing so, the Fund may succeed in avoiding losses but may otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

Cash equivalent investments include cash deposits, short-term bank deposits, and money market instruments such as U.S. Treasury bills and notes, bank certificates of deposit (CDs), repurchase agreements, commercial paper, and banker's acceptances.

Portfolio Holdings

Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or Vanguard's website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

Management and Distribution of the Fund

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), a family of over 200 funds. All of the funds that are members of Vanguard (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, and equipment.

Vanguard Marketing Corporation provides marketing services to the funds. Although fund shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of the Vanguard funds' marketing costs.

How is Vanguard's Corporate Structure Unique?

Vanguard is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that are owned by third parties—either public or private stockholders—and not by the funds they serve.

Investment Advisors

The Fund uses a multimanager approach. Each advisor independently manages its assigned portion of the Fund's assets, subject to the supervision and oversight of Vanguard and the trustees and officers of the Fund. The Board designates the proportion of Fund assets to be managed by each advisor and may change these proportions at any time.

ArrowMark Colorado Holdings, LLC, 100 Fillmore Street, Suite 325, Denver, CO 80206, is an investment advisory firm founded in 2007. As of December 31, 2025, ArrowMark Partners managed approximately $18.3 billion in assets.

The Vanguard Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, which began operations in 1975, serves as advisor to the Fund through Vanguard Portfolio Management (VPM). VPM exercises portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund. As of December 31, 2025, Vanguard served as advisor for approximately $9.9 trillion in assets. Vanguard, through VPM,

provides investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to the Funds' Service Agreement and an intercompany service agreement between Vanguard and VPM, subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

VPM, P.O. Box 2600, Valley Forge, PA 19482, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vanguard and was established in 2025.

The Fund pays ArrowMark Partners a base fee plus or minus a performance adjustment. The base fee, which is paid quarterly, is a percentage of average daily net assets managed by the advisor during the most recent fiscal quarter. The performance adjustment, also paid quarterly, is based on the cumulative total return of the advisor's portion of the Fund relative to that of the Russell 2500 Growth Index over the preceding 60-month period. When the performance adjustment is positive, the Fund's expenses increase; when it is negative, expenses decrease.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, the aggregate advisory fees and expenses represented an effective annual rate of 0.11% of the Fund's average net assets before a performance-based decrease of 0.02%.

Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Board may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement with a third-party investment advisor or hire a new third-party investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangement will be communicated to shareholders in writing. As Vanguard is the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, Vanguard, through VPM, may provide investment advisory services to the Fund under certain circumstances. Vanguard may also recommend to the Board that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised. The Fund has filed an application seeking an SEC exemption with respect to investment advisors that are wholly owned subsidiaries of Vanguard. If the exemption is granted, the Fund may rely on the new SEC relief.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's investment advisory arrangement is available in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31 and in the applicable Financial Statements and Other Information document available on the Fund's website.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

Chad Meade, Partner and Portfolio Manager of ArrowMark Partners. He has worked in investment management since 1998, has managed investment portfolios since 2006, has been with ArrowMark Partners since 2013, and has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2016. Education: B.S., Virginia Tech.

Brian Schaub, CFA, Partner and Portfolio Manager of ArrowMark Partners. He has worked in investment management since 2000, has managed investment portfolios since 2006, has been with ArrowMark Partners since 2013, and has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2016. Education: B.A., Williams College.

Cesar Orosco, CFA, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager at VPM and head of Alpha Equity Investments. He has been with Vanguard since 2020, has worked in investment management since 2004, has managed investment portfolios since 2004, and has co-managed a portion of the Fund since 2021. Education: B.S., Universidad de Lima; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania.

The Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

Investing in Vanguard Funds

The Fund is offered exclusively to insurance company segregated accounts that serve as investment vehicles for variable life insurance and annuity contracts purchased by individuals. An individual investor cannot purchase shares of the Fund directly, but only through an annuity or life insurance contract offered by an insurance company. The prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program provided by the insurance company describes how individual investors (as contract owners) may elect the Fund as an investment option, allocate, transfer and withdraw amounts to, and from, separate accounts of insurance companies.

Purchase and Redemption of Fund Shares

The Fund offers its shares to insurance companies to fund both annuity and life insurance contracts. Because of differences in tax treatment or other considerations, the best interests of various contract owners participating in the Fund might at some time be in conflict. The Board will monitor for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken.

If the Board determines that continued offering of shares would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders, the Fund may suspend the offering of shares for a period of time. If the Board determines that a specific purchase acceptance would be detrimental to the best interests of the Fund's shareholders (for example, because of the size of the purchase request or a history of frequent trading by the investor), the Fund may reject such a purchase request.

If you wish to redeem money from the Fund, please refer to the instructions provided in the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program. Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on any business day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading. The redemption price of shares will be at the next-determined NAV per share. Redemption proceeds generally will be wired to the administrator within one business day following receipt of the redemption request, however, in certain circumstances, the settlement period may be longer. Contract owners will receive their redemption checks from the administrator.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund typically expects to meet redemptions with positive cash flows. When this is not an option, the Fund seeks to first meet redemptions from a cash or cash equivalent reserve. Alternatively, the Fund may sell a cross section of its holdings to meet redemptions, while also

factoring in transaction costs. Additionally, the Fund may work with the insurance companies through which contract owners participate in the Fund to implement redemptions in a manner that is least disruptive to the Fund.

Under certain circumstances, including under stressed market conditions, there are additional tools that the Fund may use in order to meet redemptions, including advancing the settlement of market trades with counterparties to match investor redemption payments or delaying settlement of an investor's transaction to match trade settlement within regulatory requirements. The Fund may also suspend payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven days. Additionally, under these unusual circumstances, the Fund may borrow money (subject to certain regulatory conditions and if available under board-approved procedures) through an interfund lending facility; through a bank line-of-credit, including a joint committed credit facility; or through an uncommitted line-of-credit from Vanguard in order to meet redemption requests.

The Fund may suspend the redemption right or postpone payment of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during any emergency circumstances or such other periods, as determined by the SEC.

Although the Vanguard funds typically intend to meet redemption requests in cash, in consideration of the best interests of the funds and their remaining shareholders, the funds reserve the right to pay redemption proceeds wholly or partly in-kind by delivering readily marketable securities held by the funds in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC and in accordance with procedures adopted by the funds' boards of trustees. Redemptions in-kind may be used during both normal and stressed market conditions. A fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days.

The exchange privilege (your ability to redeem shares from one fund to purchase shares of another series of the Trust) may be available to you through your contract. Please refer to the prospectus for the annuity or life insurance program to check if the exchange privilege is available to you. Although we make every effort to maintain the exchange privilege, Vanguard reserves the right to revise or terminate this privilege, limit the amount of an exchange, or reject any exchange, at any time, without notice.

For certain categories of investors, the Fund has authorized one or more brokers to accept on its behalf purchase and redemption orders. The brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker, or a broker's authorized designee, accepts the order in accordance with the Fund's instructions. In most cases, for these categories of investors, a contract owner's

properly transmitted order will be priced at the Fund's next-determined NAV after the order is accepted by the authorized broker or the broker's designee. The contract owner should review the authorized broker's policies relating to trading in the Vanguard funds.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Share Price, also known as net asset value (NAV), is typically calculated as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business (a business day). In the rare event the NYSE experiences unanticipated disruptions and is unavailable at the close of the trading day, NAVs will be calculated as of the close of regular trading on the Nasdaq (or another alternate exchange if the Nasdaq is unavailable, as determined at Vanguard's discretion), generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. On U.S. holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Vanguard funds do not sell or redeem shares. However, on those days the value of a fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the fund holds securities that change in value on those days (such as foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open).

If a fund only has one share class, the NAV per share is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, of a fund by the number of fund shares outstanding. If a fund has more than one share class, each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to the share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The value of securities and other investments held by the Vanguard funds is determined pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Vanguard has been designated as the valuation designee for the Vanguard funds pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to oversight by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees.

Securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their market value, based on quotations provided by independent third-party pricing sources. Such securities are generally valued at their official closing price, the last reported sales price, or if there were no sales that day, the mean between the closing bid and asking prices, from the principal exchange or market on which they are traded. A fund's investments in any mutual fund shares, including institutional money market fund shares, are valued at the NAVs of the mutual fund shares. A fund's investments in any ETF shares or closed-end fund shares are valued at the market value of those shares.

When the market quotations are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security or other investment, such security or other investment is priced at fair value, generally based on information provided by independent third-party pricing services, in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Vanguard funds' boards of trustees. Fair value represents a good faith determination of the value of a fund's investments. The fair value of a security or other investment is the amount that the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security or other investment. Fair-value pricing may require subjective determinations. It is possible that the price determined through fair-value pricing may differ from the price quoted or published by other sources and may not be the price at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the fair value was used.

Fair-value pricing may be used in a variety of circumstances. For example, it may be used if the value of a security or other investment has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded but before the funds' NAV is calculated. These events might be company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), country-specific (e.g., significant price movements in U.S. or a foreign market), or regional/global events (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, interest rate change, act of terrorism). These events could affect a single security or a large number of securities in a particular market, and it most commonly occurs with foreign portfolio holdings because many foreign markets operate at times that do not coincide with those of the major U.S. markets. Events that could affect the value of the foreign portfolio holdings may occur between the close of the foreign market and the time a fund's NAV is calculated. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

In addition, fair-value pricing may be used if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before a fund's pricing time, a security does not trade in the course of a day and a fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available.

Fixed income securities are generally valued based on information furnished by independent pricing services and are priced at fair value. Pricing services may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values. Pricing services generally value fixed income securities assuming orderly transactions of an institutional round lot size, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller odd lot sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than institutional round lots.

Failures by third-party pricing services to carry out their obligations to the Vanguard funds (e.g., any errors in the data provided by third-party pricing services) could result in delays in the calculation of the funds' NAVs and/or the inability to calculate the NAVs over extended time periods. The funds may be unable to recover any losses associated with such failures.

The Vanguard funds have authorized certain financial intermediaries and their designees, and may, from time to time, authorize certain funds of funds for which Vanguard serves as the investment advisor (Vanguard Funds of Funds), to accept orders to purchase or redeem fund shares on behalf of the Vanguard funds. In these circumstances, the Vanguard fund will be deemed to receive an order when accepted by the authorized financial intermediary, its designee, or one of the Vanguard Funds of Funds, and the order will be executed using the NAV next calculated after such acceptance.

The Fund's NAV is used to determine the unit value for the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on unit values, please refer to the prospectus of the insurance company that offers your annuity or life insurance program.

Distributions and Taxes

The Fund normally distributes its net investment income and net realized short-term or long-term capital gains, if any, to its shareholders, which are the insurance company separate accounts that fund your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract. The Fund may also make distributions that are treated as a return of capital. As an owner of an annuity or life insurance contract, the tax consequences to you of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance contract through which you invest; please refer to the prospectus of such contract for more information. As a contract owner, you should consult your own tax professional for information regarding the particular situation and the possible application of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign, and other taxes.

The Fund intends to operate in such a manner that a separate account investing only in Fund shares will result in the variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts supported by that account receiving favorable tax treatment. This favorable treatment means that, as a contract owner, you generally will not be taxed on Fund distributions or proceeds on dispositions of Fund shares received by the separate account funding your contract. However, in order to qualify for this favorable treatment, the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Fund must satisfy certain requirements. If the Fund funding your contract does not meet such requirements, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Also, if the IRS were to determine that the contract

owners have an impermissible level of control over the investments funding their contracts, your contract could lose its favorable tax treatment, and income and gain allocable to your contract could be taxable to you. Please see the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* for more information.

From time to time, Vanguard and/or a fund's board of trustees may adjust a fund's fees and expenses and/or reduce, refund, reimburse, waive, or otherwise return to the funds and their shareholders a portion of prior fees and expenses (collectively, "expense adjustments"). Fund performance and potentially shareholder distributions, will reflect such expense adjustments. If you sell all or part of your investment in a fund before an expense adjustment occurs, then you will not receive the economic benefit, if any, of such expense adjustment. An expense adjustment at any given time does not imply or guarantee that similar or additional expense adjustments will be made in the future.

Frequent Trading Limitations

Some investors may try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares (such as market-timing) and other excessive trading practices (together, "frequent trading"). For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets because of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Some investors may also try to engage in frequent trading of funds holding investments in small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds that are thinly traded. Frequent trading may disrupt portfolio management strategies and increase a fund's costs (such as increased brokerage and administrative costs) for all shareholders including the long-term investors.

Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) limits frequent trading. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds, but including Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading in all circumstances, the policies and procedures discussed below have been adopted to address these issues.

Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because the investor has a history of frequent trading or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance. Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on

transactions. Each Vanguard fund (other than retail and government money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will use fair-value pricing when appropriate, as described in *Pricing of Fund Shares*. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent trading strategies.

You may purchase or sell Fund shares through a contract offered by an insurance company. When insurance companies establish omnibus accounts in the Fund for their clients, we cannot monitor the individual clients' trading activity. However, we review trading activity at the omnibus account level, and we look for activity that may indicate potential frequent trading. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will seek the assistance of the insurance company to investigate that trading activity and take appropriate action, including prohibiting additional purchases of Fund shares by a client. Insurance companies may apply frequent-trading policies that differ from one another. Please read the insurance company contract and program materials carefully to learn of any rules or fees that may apply.

See the prospectus for the annuity or insurance program through which Fund shares are offered for further details on transaction policies.

Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.

Financial Highlights

Financial highlights information is intended to help you understand a fund's performance for the past five years (or, if shorter, its period of operations). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Total return represents the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in a fund or share class (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with fund financial statements, is included in a fund's most recent annual Financial Statements and Other Information. You may obtain a free copy of a fund's latest disclosure documents upon request.

Yields and total returns presented for the Fund are net of the Fund's operating expenses, but they do not take into account charges and expenses attributable to the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. The expenses of the annuity or life insurance program reduce the returns and yields you ultimately receive, so you should bear those expenses in mind when evaluating the performance of the Fund and when comparing the yields and returns of the Fund with those of other mutual funds.

Vanguard Small Company Growth Portfolio

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended December 31, 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	**$19.51**	**$17.61**	**$14.78**	**$26.50**	**$24.49**
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income[1]	.079	.087	.089	.073	.056
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	.875	1.912	2.806	(5.677)	3.343
Total from Investment Operations	.954	1.999	2.895	(5.604)	3.399
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.092)	(.099)	(.065)	(.057)	(.101)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(1.302)	—	—	(6.059)	(1.288)
Total Distributions	(1.394)	(.099)	(.065)	(6.116)	(1.389)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	**$19.07**	**$19.51**	**$17.61**	**$14.78**	**$26.50**
Total Return	**6.11%**	**11.38%**	**19.65%**	**-25.35%**	**14.22%**
Ratios/Supplemental Data					
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	$1,462	$1,537	$1,501	$1,328	$1,944
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets[2]	0.29%	0.29%[3]	0.29%	0.29%	0.30%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	0.43%	0.47%	0.55%	0.43%	0.21%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	60%	51%	59%	64%	57%[4]

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 Includes performance-based investment advisory fee increases (decreases) of (0.02%), (0.03%), (0.03%), (0.02%), and (0.02%).

3 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.29%.

4 Excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the portfolio's capital shares.

Additional Information

A Precautionary Note to Investment Companies. The Fund's shares are issued by a registered investment company, and therefore the acquisition of such shares by other investment companies and private funds is subject to the restrictions of Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). SEC Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act permits registered investment companies to invest in other registered investment companies beyond the limits in Section 12(d)(1), subject to certain conditions, including that funds with different investment advisors must enter into a fund of funds investment agreement.

Forum Selection. The Trust's Bylaws designate Delaware courts as the exclusive forum for certain claims against or related to the Trust, a trustee, an officer, or other employee of the Trust, except that, unless the Trust otherwise consents in writing, the U.S. Federal District Courts are the exclusive forum for the resolution of complaints under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1940 Act. These provisions may limit a shareholder's ability to bring a claim in a different forum and may result in increased shareholder costs in pursuing such a claim.

Shareholder Rights. The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended, requires a shareholder bringing a derivative action on behalf of the Trust that is subject to a pre-suit demand to collectively hold at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust or at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the series or class to which the demand relates and to undertake to reimburse the Trust for the expense of any counsel or advisors used when considering the merits of the demand in the event that the board of trustees determines not to bring such action. In each case, these requirements do not apply to claims arising under the federal securities laws to the extent that any such federal securities laws, rules, or regulations do not permit such application. The Trust's Bylaws also provide that shareholders waive the right to trial by jury to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Joint Committed Credit Facility. The Fund participates, along with other funds managed by Vanguard, in a committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each Vanguard fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. The amount and terms of the committed credit facility are subject to approval by the Board and renegotiation with the lender syndicate on an annual basis.

Inception Date. The date on which the assets of a fund are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is generally measured from the inception date.

Securities Market Indexes
Listed below are the broad-based securities market index and one or more additional indexes with similar investment characteristics as the Fund, as referenced in the Fund's Average Annual Total Returns table:

Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index. An index designed to measure all U.S. equity issues with readily available prices.

Russell 2500 Growth Index. An index that measures the performance of those Russell 2500 companies with higher price/book ratios and higher predicted growth rates.

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For More Information
If you would like more information about Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds Small Company Growth Portfolio, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders and Form N-CSR
Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the Fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI)
The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund and is incorporated by reference into (and thus legally a part of) this Prospectus.

To obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual reports, financial statements, or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit *https://vgi.vg/fund-literature* or contact us as follows:

Telephone: 800-522-5555; Text telephone for people with hearing impairment: 800-749-7273

Information Provided by the SEC
Reports and other information about the Fund are available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at sec.gov, or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

Fund's Investment Company Act file number: 811-05962

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