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# **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Investment Manager allocates the Portfolio's assets among various US and non-US equity and fixed-income strategies managed by the Investment Manager in proportions consistent with the Investment Manager's evaluation of various economic and other factors designed to estimate probabilities, including volatility. The Investment Manager makes allocation decisions among the strategies based on quantitative and qualitative analysis using a number of different tools, including proprietary software models and input from the Investment Manager's Manager's research analysts. At any given time the Portfolio's assets may not be allocated to all strategies.

A principal component of the Investment Manager's investment process for the Portfolio is volatility

credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Portfolio. Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers worldwide. As a result, local, regional or global events such as war or military conflict, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, social unrest, supply chain disruptions, government defaults, government shutdowns, the imposition of sanctions and other similar measures, recessions or other events could have a significant negative impact on global economic and market conditions. For examd8onomiative impact on

pursuing a passive index-based strategy may diverge from the performance of the index. The Portfolio's investments in ETFs are subject to the risks of the ETFs' investments, as well as to the general risks of investing in ETFs. The Portfolio will bear not only the Portfolio's management fees and operating expenses, but also the Portfolio's proportional share of the management fees and operating expenses of the ETFs in which the Portfolio invests. Although Section 12 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") limits the amount of the Portfolio's assets that may be invested in one or more ETFs, Rule 12d1-4 under the 1940 Act allows the Portfolio to acquire the securities of another investment company, including ETFs, in excess of the limitations imposed by Section 12 of the 1940 Act, subject to certain limitations and conditions.

**Small and Mid Cap Companies Risk:** Small and mid cap companies carry additional risks because their earnings tend to be less predictable, their share prices more volatile and their securities less liquid than larger, more established companies. The shares of small and mid cap companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger companies, which can have an adverse effect on the pricing of these securities and on the ability to sell these securities when the Investment Manager deems it appropriate.

**Liquidity Risk:** The lack of a readily available market may limit the ability of the Portfolio to sell certain securities and other investments at the time and price it would like. The size of certain securities offerings of emerging markets issuers may be relatively smaller in size than offerings in more developed markets and, in some cases, the Portfolio, by itself or together with other Portfolios or other accounts managed by the Investment Manager, may hold a position in a security that is large relative to the typical trading volume for that security; these factors can make it difficult for the Portfolio to dispose of the position at the desired time or price.

Derivatives and Hedging Risk: Derivatives and other similar transactions, including those entered into for hedging purposes (*i.e.*, seeking to protect Portfolio investments), may increase volatility, reduce returns, limit gains or magnify losses, perhaps substantially, particularly since most derivatives have a leverage component that provides investment exposure in excess of the amount invested. Swap agreements; forward currency contracts; over-the-counter options on securities, indexes and currencies; structured notes; and other over-the-counter derivatives transactions are subject to the risks of the creditworthiness of and default by the counterparty and consequently may lose all or a portion of their value due solely to the creditworthiness of or default by the counterparty. Over-the-counter derivatives frequently may be illiquid and difficult to value. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives. These derivatives transactions, as well as the exchange-traded futures and options in which the Portfolio may invest, are subject to many of the risks of, and can be highly sensitive to changes in the value of the related reference asset, index or rate. As such, a small investment could have a potentially large impact on the Portfolio's performance. In fact, many derivatives may be subject to greater risks than those associated with investing directly in the underlying or other reference asset. Derivatives transactions incur costs, either explicitly or implicitly, which reduce returns, and costs of engaging in such transactions may outweigh any gains or any losses averted from hedging activities. Successful use of derivatives, whether for hedging or for other investment purposes, is subject to the Investment Manager's ability to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant reference asset or market and, for hedging activities, correlation of the derivative instruments used with the investments seeking to be hedged. Use of derivatives transactions, even if entered into for hedging purposes, may cause the Portfolio to experience losses greater than if the Portfolio had not engaged in such transactions. When the Portfolio enters into derivatives transactions, it may be required to post margin and make settlement payments while the positions are open, and the Portfolio may have to sell a security at a disadvantageous time or price to meet such obligations. Derivatives transactions are also subject to operational and legal risk.

Securities Selection Risk: Securities and other investments selected by the Investment Manager for the Portfolio may not perform to expectations. This could result in the Portfolio's underperformance compared to other funds with similar investment objectives or strategies.

Performance Bar Chart and Table Year-by-Year Total Returns for Service Shares As of 12/31 David Alcaly, portfolio manager/analyst on the Investment Manager's Multi-Asset team, has been with the Portfolio since January 2024.

Kim Tilley, portfolio manager/analyst on the Investment Manager's Multi-Asset team, has been with the Portfolio since May 2020.

#### Purchase and Sale of Portfolio Shares

Portfolio shares are currently offered only to Participating Insurance Companies. Portfolio shares may be sold each business day by the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies.

#### **Tax Information**

Owners of the Policies offered by the separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies should consult the prospectuses or other disclosure documents of the separate accounts regarding the federal tax consequences of investing in the Portfolio through a separate account.

#### Financial Intermediary Compensation

#### Payments to Participating Insurance Companies and Financial Intermediaries

The Portfolio and the Investment Manager and its affiliates may pay Participating Insurance Companies, or their affiliates, for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. Participating Insurance Companies, or their affiliates, may pay broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries that sell Policies for the sale of shares of the Portfolio and related services. When received by a Participating Insurance Company, such payments may be a factor that the Participating Insurance Company considers in including the Portfolio as an investment option in its Policies. The prospectus or other disclosure document for the Policies may contain additional information about these payments. When received by a financial intermediary, such payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the financial intermediary and salespersons to recommend the Portfolio over other mutual funds available as investment options under a Policy. Ask the salesperson or visit the financial intermediary's website for more information.

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expenses and managing cash flows into the Portfolio. In addition, when the Investment Manager determines that adverse market conditions exist, the Portfolio may adopt a temporary defensive position and invest some or all of its assets in money market instruments. In pursuing a temporary defensive strategy, the Portfolio may forgo potentially more profitable investment strategies and, as a result, may not achieve its stated investment objective.

### **Investment Risks**

You should be aware that the Portfolio:

- is not a bank deposit
- is not guaranteed, endorsed or insured by any bank, financial institution or government entity, such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- · is not guaranteed to achieve its stated goal

The Portfolio also is subject to the investment risks below. See also the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") for information on certain other investments in which the Portfolio may invest and other investment techniques in which the Portfolio may engage from time to time and related risks.

Allocation Risk. The Portfolio's ability to achieve its investment objective depends in part on the Investment Manager's skill in determining the Portfolio's allocation among the investment strategies. The Investment Manager's evaluations and assumptions underlying its allocation decisions may differ from actual market conditions.

**CDO Risk.** CDOs are securitized interests in pools of—generally non-mortgage—assets. Assets called collateral usually are comprised of loans or other debt instruments. A CDO may be called a collateralized loan obligation or collateralized bond obligation if it holds only loans or bonds, respectively. Investors bear the credit risk of the collateral. Multiple tranches of securities are issued by the CDO, offering investors various maturity and credit risk characteristics. Tranches are categorized as senior, mezzanine and subordinated/equity, according to their degree of credit risk. If there are defaults or the CDO's collateral otherwise underperforms, scheduled payments to senior

asset value ("NAV"); violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the Portfolio invests; counterparties with which the Portfolio engages in transactions; governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators; and banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. There are inherent limitations in any cybersecurity risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

issues, systems failures, inadequate controls, and human error) and legal risk (including risk of insufficient documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of counterparty, or legality or enforceability of a contract).

Emerging Market Risk. Emerging market countries generally have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. The economies of countries with emerging markets may be based predominantly on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from limited reliable access to capital, extreme debt burdens or volatile inflation rates. The securities markets of emerging market countries may be subject to manipulation and have historically been extremely volatile and less liquid than more developed markets. These market conditions may continue or worsen. Investments in these countries may be subject to political, economic, legal, market and currency risks. The risks may include the lack of, or limitations on, regulatory oversight by US or even local authorities; limited corporate governance standards; limited investor protections and less protection of property rights, including the limited availability of legal recourse; uncertain political and economic policies; the imposition by a country of foreign investment limitations and/or capital controls; nationalization of businesses; and the imposition of sanctions by other countries, such as the US. Differences in regulatory, accounting, auditing and financial reporting and recordkeeping standards could impede the availability of reliable information for the Investment Manager to evaluate and monitor local companies and impact the Portfolio's performance. Significant devaluation of emerging market currencies against the US dollar may occur subsequent to acquisition of investments denominated in emerging market currencies.

ETF Risk. Shares of ETFs may trade at prices that vary from their NAVs, sometimes significantly. The shares of ETFslittianystradytatinerices atta spedova of lateovability and strategies atta spedovability and strategies atta spedovability and strategies and operating expenses, but any strategies and strategies and operating expenses, but also and strategies atta strategies and strategies and operating expenses, but also and strategies and strategies and strategies and operating expenses, but also and strategies atta strategies and strategies atta strategies atta strategies atta strategies and operating expenses, but also and strategies atta strategies atta strategies atta strategies atta strategies atta strategies atta and operating expenses, but also and strategies atta strategies atta and operating expenses, but also and strategies atta strategies atta and operating expenses atta and operating expenses atta also a strategies atta and operations and strategies atta and operations and strategies atta and operating expenses atta and operating expenses atta also atta and strategies atta and operating expenses atta also atta and also atta and also atta and and also atta also atta also atta als

Changing interest rates, including the current interest rate environment, may have unpredictable effects on markets, may result in heightened market volatility and may detract from Portfolio performance. Conversely, a wide variety of factors can cause interest rates or yields of US Treasury securities (or yields of other types of bonds) to rise, including but not limited to central bank monetary policies, changing inflation or real growth rates,

**Foreign Currency Risk.** Investments denominated in currencies other than US dollars may experience a decline in value, in US dollar terms, due solely to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Portfolio's investments denominated in such currencies (particularly currencies of emerging markets countries), as well as any investments in currencies themselves, could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, repatriation of funds or conversion of currencies. Irrespective of any foreign currency exposure hedging, the Portfolio may experience a decline in the value of its portfolio securities, in US dollar terms, due solely to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Investment Manager generally does not intend to actively hedge the Portfolio's foreign currency exposure.

**Growth Investing Risk.** Growth investments are believed by the Investment Manager to have the potential for growth, but may not realize such perceived potential for extended periods of time or may never realize such perceived growth potential. Such stocks may be more volatile than other stocks because they can be more sensitive to investor perceptions of the issuing company's growth potential. These stocks may respond differently to market and other developments than other types of stocks.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The Portfolio's investment strategies may involve high portfolio turnover (such as 100% or more). A portfolio turnover rate of 100%, for example, is equivalent to the Portfolio buying and selling all of its securities once during the course of the year. A high portfolio turnover rate could result in high transaction costs, which will reduce returns to shareholders.

**IPO Shares Risk.** The prices of securities purchased in initial public offerings ("IPOs") can be very volatile. The effect of IPOs on the Portfolio's performance depends on a variety of factors, including the number of IPOs the Portfolio invests in relative to the size of the Portfolio and whether and to what extent a security purchased in an IPO appreciates or depreciates in value. As the Portfolio's asset base increases, IPOs may have a diminished effect on the Portfolio's performance.

**Issuer Risk.** The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets or factors unrelated to the issuer's value, such as investor perception.

Large Cap Companies Risk. Investments in large cap companies may underperform other segments of the market when such other segments are in favor or because such companies may be less responsive to competitive challenges and opportunities and may be unable to attain high growth rates during periods of economic expansion.

**Liquidity Risk.** The lack of a readily available market may limit the ability of the Portfolio to sell certain securities and other investments at the time and price it would like. The size of certain securities offerings of emerging markets issuers may be relatively smaller in size than offerings in more developed markets and, in some cases, the Portfolio, by itself or together with other Portfolios or other accounts managed by the Investment Manager, may hold a position in a security that is large relative to the typical trading volume for that security; these factors can make it difficult for the Portfolio to dispose of the position at the desired time or price.

**Market Risk.** The Portfolio may incur losses due to declines in one or more markets in which it invests. These declines may be the result of, among other things, political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments affecting the relevant market(s). To the extent that such developments impact specific industries, market sectors, countries or geographic regions, the Portfolio's investments in such industries, market sectors, countries and/or geographic regions can be expected to be particularly affected, especially if such investments are a significant portion of its investment portfolio. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Portfolio.

Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Policies of governments and central banks, such as the Federal Reserve, may impact not only markets in a specific country but also financial markets worldwide. Policy and legislative changes worldwide are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies worldwide. As a result, local, regional or global events such as war or military conflict, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, social unrest, supply chain disruptions, government defaults, government shutdowns, the imposition of sanctions and other similar measures, recessions or other events could have a significant negative impact on global economic and market conditions. For example, a public health or other emergency and aggressive responses taken by many governments or voluntarily imposed by private parties, including closing borders, restricting international and domestic travel, and imposing prolonged guarantines or similar restrictions, as well as the closure of, or operational changes to, many retail and other businesses, may have severe negative impacts on markets worldwide. Additionally, general market conditions may affect the value of a Portfolio's securities, including changes in interest rates, currency rates or monetary policies.

**Non-US Securities Risk.** The Portfolio's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting the non-US countries and companies in which the Portfolio invests. Non-US securities carry special risks, such as less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability, a lack of company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and, potentially, less liquidity. Non-US securities may be subject to economic sanctions or other similar governmental actions or developments, which could, among other things, effectively restrict or eliminate the Portfolio's ability to purchase or sell certain foreign securities. To the extent the Portfolio holds securities subject to such actions, the securities may become difficult to value and/or less liquid (or illiquid). In some cases, the securities may become worthless. Additionally, certain non-US markets may rely heavily on particular industries and are more vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, organizations, entities and/or individuals, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. International trade barriers or economic sanctions against foreign countries, organizations, entities and/or individuals may adversely affect the Portfolio's foreign holdings or exposures.

There are ongoing concerns regarding the economies of certain European countries and/or their sovereign debt following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (known as "Brexit"). Any additional exits from the EU, or the possibility of such exits, may have a significant impact on European and global

larger companies, which can have an adverse effect on the pricing of these securities and on the ability to sell these securities when the Investment Manager deems it appropriate.

**Sovereign Debt Risk.** Investments in non-US sovereign debt obligations create exposure to the direct or indirect consequences of political, social or economic conditions and events in the countries that issue the obligations and involve special risks not present in investments in US government debt or debt of corporate issuers. During periods of economic uncertainty, the market prices of sovereign debt may be more volatile than prices of US government debt or debt or debt of corporate issuers and there may be limited secondary market liquidity. The issuer of the sovereign debt or the governmental authorities that control the repayment of the debt may be unable or unwilling to repay principal or interest when due, and the Portfolio may have limited recourse in the event of a default. For example, there may be no bankruptcy or similar proceedings through which all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid may be collected. Sovereign debt risk is increased for emerging market issuers, and certain emerging market countries have experienced difficulty in servicing their sovereign debt on a timely basis, which has led to defaults and the restructuring of certain indebtedness. Certain emerging markets countries have declared moratoria on the payment of principal and interest on their sovereign debt.

A sovereign debt obligor's ability or willingness to repay principal and pay interest in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange, the size of the debt service burden to its economy as a whole, the political constraints to which the debtor may be subject and other political or diplomatic considerations. Certain issuers of sovereign debt may be dependent on disbursements from governments, multilateral agencies and others to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. Such disbursements may be conditioned upon the debtor's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations. A failure on the part of the debtor to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the debtor, which may impair the debtor's ability or willingness to service its debts on a timely basis.

**Structured Products Risk.** Structured notes and other structured products are privately negotiated debt instruments where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to a specified asset, market or rate, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. Structured products can have risks of both fixed income securities and derivatives transactions (described above).

Value Investing Risk. Value investments are believed by the Investment Manager to be undervalued, but may not realize their perceived value for extended periods of time or may never realize their perceived value. These stocks may respond differently to market and other developments than other types of stocks.

Volatility Management Risk. While the Investment Manager generally will seek to achieve, over a full market cycle, the level of volatility in the Portfolio's performance as described in the strategy section, there can be no guarantee that this will be achieved; actual or realized volatility for any particular period may be materially higher or lower depending on market conditions. In addition, the Investment Manager's efforts to manage the Portfolio's volatility can be expected, in a period of generally positive equity market returns, to reduce the Portfolio's performance below what could be achieved without seeking to manage volatility and, thus, the Portfolio would generally be expected to underperform market indices that do not seek to achieve a specified level of volatility.

# Investment Manager

Lazard Asset Management LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300, serves as the Investment Manager of the Portfolio. The Investment Manager provides day-to-day management of the Portfolio's

**David Alcaly**, a Director of the Investment Manager, is a portfolio manager/analyst on the Dynamic Portfolio Solutions team, specializing in macroeconomic research and asset allocation. Mr. Alcaly joined the Investment Manager in 2014, when he began working in the investment field. Previously, he worked in a variety of industries, most recently as a Regional Director at the Clinton Foundation providing commercial and financial analysis to governments and companies on renewable energy projects. Mr. Alcaly is a Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") Charterholder.

**Kim Tilley**, a Managing Director of the Investment Manager, is a portfolio manager/analyst on the Investment Manager's Multi-Asset team. Prior to joining the Investment Manager in 2002, Ms. Tilley worked on the Institutional Equity Sales Desk at Wachovia Securities, Inc.

Additional information about the compensation and other accounts managed by members of the portfolio management team, as well as each team member's ownership of shares of the Portfolio is contained in the Fund's SAI.

# Administrator and Custodian

State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), located at One Iron Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210, serves as the Portfolio's administrator and acts as custodian of the Portfolio's investments.

### Transfer Agent

SS&C Global Investor and Distribution Solutions, Inc. ("SS&C GIDS") acts as the Fund's transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent.

### Distributor

Lazard Asset Management Securities LLC (the "Distributor") acts as distributor for the Fund's shares.

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Portfolio shares are currently offered only to separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies. **Individuals may not purchase shares directly from the Fund.** Policy owners should consult the applicable prospectus of the separate account of the Participating Insurance Company for more information about buying Portfolio shares.

Share purchase orders from separate accounts received in proper form by the Participating Insurance Company prior to the time the Portfolio calculates its NAV on a given business day are priced at the Portfolio's NAV calculated on such day, provided that the order, and Federal Funds in the net amount of such order, are received by the Fund in proper form on the next business day. The Participating Insurance Company is responsible for properly transmitting purchase orders and Federal Funds. The Fund may refuse or restrict purchase requests for Portfolio shares if, in the judgment of the Fund's management, the Portfolio would be unable to invest the money effectively in accordance with its investment objective and policies or could otherwise be adversely affected or if the Portfolio receives or anticipates receiving simultaneous orders that may significantly affect the Portfolio (e.g., amounts equal to 1% or more of the Portfolio's total assets).

# Market Timing/Excessive Trading

The Portfolio is intended to be a long-term investment vehicle and is not designed to provide investors with a means of speculating on short-term market movements. Excessive trading, market timing or other abusive trading practices may disrupt investment management strategies and harm performance and may create increased transaction and administrative costs that must be borne by the Portfolio and its investors, including those not engaged in such activity. In addition, such activity may dilute the value of Portfolio shares held by long-those non ab a long-testmiser acnistratevTneq Poseay disrupt

Policy owners and/or for providing marketing, shareholder servicing, account administration or other services. Such payments are in addition to any fees paid by the Fund pursuant to rule 12b-1.

The receipt of such payments pursuant to the 12b-1 plan or from the Investment Manager or Distributor could create an incentive for the Participating Insurance Companies to offer the Portfolio instead of other mutual funds where such payments are not received. Policy owners should consult the applicable prospectus of the separate account of the Participating Insurance Company for more information about buying and selling Portfolio shares.

#### Selling Shares

Portfolio shares may be sold each business day by the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies. Individuals may not place sell orders directly with the Fund. Redemption orders from separate accounts received in proper form by the Participating Insurance Companies on a given business day are priced at the NAV calculated on such day, provided that the order is received by the Fund in proper form on the next business day. The Participating Insurance Companies are responsible for properly transmitting redemption orders. Policy owners should consult the applicable prospectus of the separate account of the Participating Insurance Company for more information about selling Portfolio shares.

Redemption proceeds normally will be wired to the Participating Insurance Company within one business day after the request is received in proper form. Payment of redemption proceeds may take longer and may take up to seven days after the order is received in proper form, particularly for very large redemptions or during periods of stressed market conditions or high redemption volume.

The processing of redemptions may be suspended, and the delivery of redemption proceeds may be delayed beyond seven days, depending on the circumstances, for any period: (i) during which the NYSE is closed (other than on holidays or weekends), or during which trading on the NYSE is restricted; (ii) when an emergency exists that makes the disposal of securities owned by the Portfolio or the determination of the fair value of the Portfolio's net assets not reasonably practicable; or (iii) as permitted by order of the SEC for the protection of Portfolio shareholders. For these purposes, the SEC determines the conditions under which trading shall be deemed to be restricted and an emergency is deemed to exist.

Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio expects to meet redemption requests by using cash it holds in its portfolio or selling portfolio securities to generate cash. Redemption requests also may be satisfied, in whole or in part, through a redemption-in-kind (a payment in portfolio securities instead of cash). The Portfolio may make an in-kind redemption under the following circumstances: (1) (i) the Investment Manager determines that an in-kind redemption is more advantageous to the Portfolio (e.g., due to advantageous tax consequences or lower transaction costs) than selling/purchasing portfolio securities; or the redeeming shareholder has requested an in-kind redemption, (ii) the Investment Manager determines that an in-kind redeemption will not favor the redeeming shareholder to the detriment of any other shareholder or the Portfolio, and (iii) the Investment Manager determines that an in-kind redeemption; (2) to manage liquidity risk; (3) in stressed market conditions; or (4) subject to the approval of the Board of the Fund, including a majority of the Directors who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, in other circumstances identified by the Investment Manager. Any securities distributed in-kind will remain exposed to market risk until sold, and transaction costs may be incurred when selling the securities.

### Dividends, Distributions and Taxes

Income dividends and net capital gains, if any, are normally distributed annually but may be distributed more frequently. Dividends and distributions of the Portfolio will be reinvested in additional shares of the same Class of the Portfolio at NAV unless instructed otherwise by the relevant Participating Insurance Company. Each share Class of the Portfolio will generate a different dividend because each has different expenses.

Since the Portfolio's shareholders are the Participating Insurance Companies and their separate accounts, this Prospectus contains no discussion as to the federal income tax consequences to Policy owners. For this

information, Policy owners should consult the applicable prospectus of the separate account of the Participating Insurance Company. Participating Insurance Companies should consult their tax advisers about federal, state and local tax consequences.

## **Financial Highlights**

The financial highlights table presented is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Portfolio share. The total returns in the tables represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions), if any. The information has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request. Performance information does not reflect the fees or charges imposed by the Participating Insurance Companies under the Policies, and such fees will have the effect of reducing the Portfolio's total return.

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For more information about the Portfolio, the following documents are available, free of charge, upon request:

Annual and Semi-Annual Reports (Reports): The Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders