

Sentinel Variable Products Trust

PROSPECTUS

Dated April 30, 2017

Sentinel Variable Products Balanced Fund

Sentinel Variable Products Bond Fund

Sentinel Variable Products Common Stock Fund

Sentinel Variable Products Small Company Fund

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Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference.*

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In this prospectus, each Sentinel Variable Products Fund is referred to individually as a "Fund." Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. ("Sentinel") is the investment adviser for each Fund.

We cannot guarantee that any Fund will achieve its investment objective(s).

Fund Summaries

Sentinel Variable Products Balanced Fund

NOTICE: Each Fund has announced a proposed reorganization transaction. Please see “Summary of Proposed Reorganization Transactions” at the beginning of “Additional Information About Each Fund”.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks a combination of growth of capital and current income, with relatively low risk and relatively low fluctuations in value.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. The fees and expenses do not include fees and expenses charged or incurred by the separate accounts of insurance companies which purchase shares of the Fund to serve as an investment vehicle under variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. If such fees and expenses were included, the overall expenses shown below would be higher. For information on these fees and expenses, please refer to the prospectus for the variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract in which you are interested.

Shareholder Fees *(fees paid directly from your investment)*

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| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases | None |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) | None |
| Redemption Fee | None |

Annual Fund Operating Expenses *(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

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| Management Fee | 0.55% |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.33% |
| Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses [@] | 0.02% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.90% |
| Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement* | (0.03)% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement* | 0.87% |

[@] "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses" are expenses indirectly incurred by the Fund through its investments in one or more underlying funds, including money market funds. Because these costs are indirect, the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses do not correlate to the ratio of expenses to average net assets in the Fund's most recent annual report.

* The Fund's investment advisor has contractually agreed, effective April 30, 2017, to waive fees and/or reimburse certain expenses in order to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses), on an annualized basis, to 0.85% of average daily net assets through April 30, 2018. The Fund may have to repay some of these waivers and reimbursements to the Fund's investment adviser in the following two years. This agreement may be terminated upon 90 days' notice by a majority of the non-interested Trustees of the Fund.

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. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the example below, and if reflected, the overall expenses would be higher. 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. 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 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SVP Balanced Fund | \$92 | \$287 | \$498 | \$1,108 |

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 30% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests primarily in common stocks and investment-grade bonds, with at least 25% of its assets in bonds and at least 25% of its assets in common stock and other equity securities. Sentinel will divide the Fund's assets among stocks and bonds based on whether it believes stocks or bonds offer a better value at the time. More bonds normally enhance price stability, and more stocks usually enhance growth potential. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry.

With respect to equities, Sentinel's investment philosophy centers on building a diverse portfolio consisting largely of securities of high quality companies with a positive multi-year outlook offered at attractive valuation levels, based on a number of metrics, including value relative to its history, peers and/or the market over time. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors. Sentinel has a preference for companies it believes have the potential to earn above-average rates of return on capital and generate free cash flow. Additionally, earnings revision trends are important. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities. Under normal circumstances, the equity securities in which the Fund invests are predominantly those of U.S. companies.

The bond portion of the Fund may be invested without limitation in bonds in the first through the fourth highest categories of Moody's (Aaa to Baa) and Standard & Poor's (AAA to BBB). No more than 20% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in lower-quality bonds, sometimes called "junk bonds" (e.g., bonds rated below Baa by Moody's or BBB by Standard & Poor's).

The Fund may make unlimited investments in U.S. government mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") issued and/or guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA" or "Fannie Mae"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC" or "Freddie Mac") and by the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA" or "Ginnie Mae"). While the original maximum life of a mortgage-backed security considered for this Fund can vary, its average life is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the underlying mortgages because the mortgages in these pools may be prepaid, refinanced, curtailed, or foreclosed. Prepayments are passed through to the mortgage-backed security holder along with regularly scheduled minimum repayments of principal and payments of interest.

The Fund may purchase or sell agency MBS on a "to be announced" or "TBA" basis, where the Fund buys or sells agency MBS on a forward commitment basis. In a TBA securities transaction, the seller of the agency MBS agrees on a sale price, but does not specify which particular securities will be delivered to the buyer on settlement day. Instead, only a few basic characteristics of the securities are agreed upon, such as the coupon rate and the face value.

The Fund may attempt to hedge various risks, such as interest rate, credit and currency risk, using derivative instruments (e.g., exchange-traded futures and options, and other derivatives such as swaps, options on swaps, and caps and floors), and may use

derivative instruments for other investment purposes, such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so.

In managing the fixed-income portion of the portfolio, the Fund utilizes an active trading approach, which may result in portfolio turnover greater than 100%.

The Fund may sell a security if the fundamentals of the issuer of the security are deteriorating or the original investment premise is no longer valid, the security is trading meaningfully higher than what the portfolio managers believe is a fair valuation, to manage the size of the holding or the sector weighting and/or to take advantage of a more attractive investment opportunity. The Fund may also sell a security to fund redemptions.

Principal Investment Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. 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. The following is a summary description of the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

- *Asset Allocation Risk.* The Fund's allocations to the various asset classes and market sectors could cause the Fund to underperform other funds with a similar investment objective.
- *Derivatives Risk.* Derivative investments involve counterparty risk (the risk that the counterparty of the derivative transaction or clearing member used by the Fund to hold a cleared derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to honor its financial obligation to the Fund), basis risk (the risk that the derivative instrument will not fully offset the underlying positions), and liquidity risk (the risk that the Fund cannot sell the derivative instrument because of an illiquid secondary market). In addition, the portfolio manager may incorrectly forecast the values of securities, currencies or interest rates or other economic factors in using derivatives for the Fund. Certain aspects of the tax treatment of derivative instruments, including swap agreements and commodity-linked derivative instruments, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations or other legally binding authority that could affect the character, timing and amount of the Fund's taxable income or gains and distributions.
- *Foreign Banks and Securities Depositories Risk.* Some foreign banks and securities depositories in which the Fund generally holds its foreign securities may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. In addition, there may be limited or no regulatory oversight over their operations. Also, the laws of certain countries may put limits on the Fund's ability to recover its assets if a foreign bank, depository or issuer of a security, or any of their agents, goes bankrupt.
- *General Fixed-Income Securities Risk.* The market prices of bonds, including those issued by the U.S. government, go up as interest rates fall, and go down as interest rates rise. As a result, the net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with conditions in the bond markets. Fixed-income securities may be difficult to purchase and sell in adverse market conditions. Bonds with longer durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes than those with shorter durations. As of the date of this Prospectus, interest rates in the United States are near historic lows. If interest rates rise quickly, it may have a pronounced negative effect on the prices on the bonds held by the Fund.
- *General Foreign Securities Risk.* Investments in foreign securities may be affected unfavorably by changes in currency rates or exchange control regulations, or political and/or social instability in a particular foreign country or region.
- *Government Securities Risk.* U.S. government securities are subject to low, but varying degrees, of credit risk, and are also subject to risks applicable to other fixed-income securities, such as market, liquidity and interest rate risks. The ability of government-sponsored entities to repay principal and to make interest payments on the securities in which the Fund invests may be impacted by changes in legislative or regulatory action, or general business and economic conditions. Certain of these securities, including those issued or guaranteed by FNMA and FHLMC, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.
- *High Portfolio Turnover Risk.* An active trading approach increases the Fund's costs and may reduce the Fund's performance. It may also increase the amount of capital gains tax that you have to pay on the Fund's returns.
- *Investment Style Risk.* The Fund uses a "blend" strategy to invest in both growth and value stocks, and/or in stocks with characteristics of both. This strategy may be out of favor at any particular time. The prices of growth stocks may fall dramatically if the company fails to meet earnings or revenue projections. The prices of value stocks may lag the stock market for long periods of time if the market fails to recognize the company's intrinsic worth.
- *Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk.* Mortgage-backed securities represent interests in "pools" of mortgages and are subject to certain additional risks. When interest rates rise, certain obligations will be paid off by the obligor more slowly than anticipated causing the value of these securities to fall. This is known as extension risk. In addition, adjustable and fixed rate

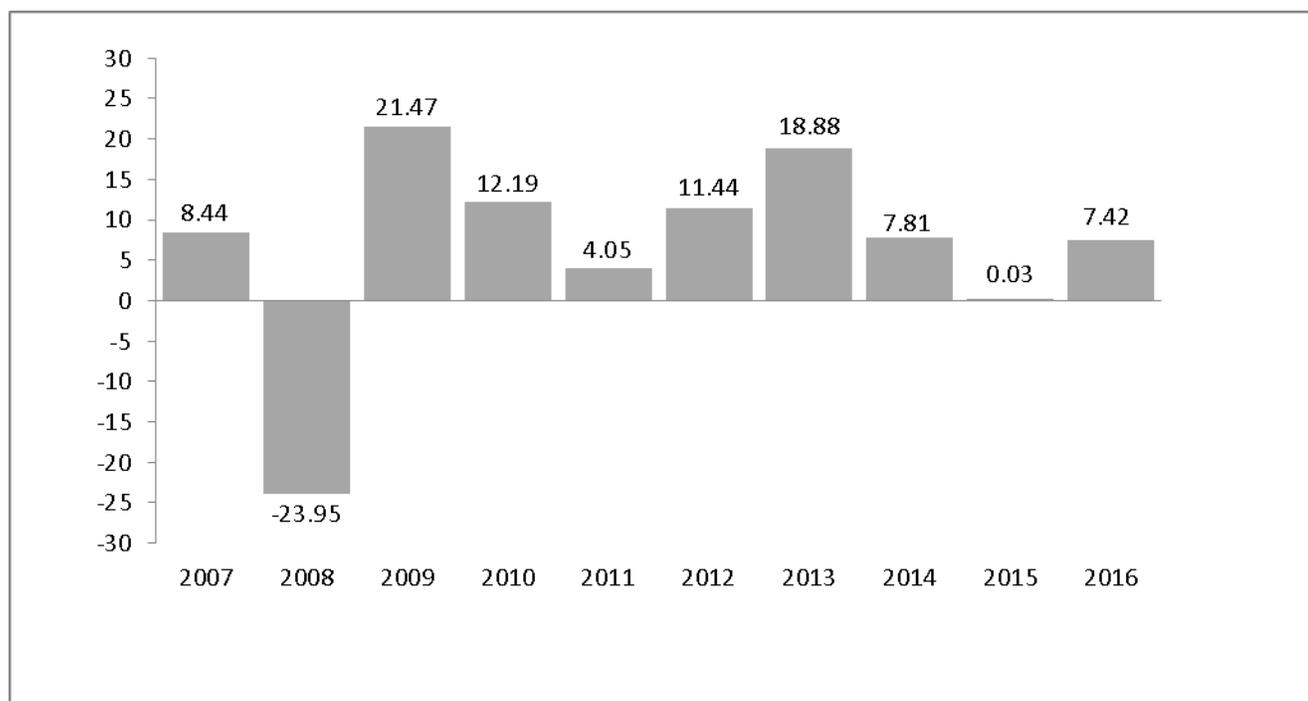
mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the returns of the Fund because the Fund may have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. These securities also are subject to risk of default on the underlying mortgage, particularly during periods of economic downturn.

- *Sector Risk.* Investments in a particular sector may trail returns from other economic sectors.
- *Stock Market and Selection Risk.* The stock market may go down in value, and may go down sharply and unpredictably. The stocks selected by the portfolio manager may underperform the stock market or other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.
- *To-Be-Announced ("TBA") Securities Risk.* In a TBA securities transaction, the Fund commits to purchase certain securities for a fixed price at a future date. TBA securities include when-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments. TBA securities involve the risk that the security the Fund 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 Fund loses both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5 and 10 years compare with the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. The Fund also compares its performance to the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index. The Fund compares its performance to this index because the Fund's investment strategy includes investments in the asset classes that comprise the index. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance for each calendar year over a ten-year period. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of the insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the bar chart and table below and, if reflected, returns would be less than the results shown. How the Fund performed in the past is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. For a description of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, please see "Index Descriptions" on page [36] of this Prospectus.

Annual Total Return (%) as of December 31



During the ten-year period shown in the above bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 11.76% (quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was -13.35% (quarter ended December 31, 2008).

Average Annual Total Return (%)

**For the periods ended
December 31, 2016**

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SVP Balanced Fund | 7.42 | 8.95 | 6.02 |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index (Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 11.96 | 14.66 | 6.95 |
| Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.65 | 2.23 | 4.34 |

Management

Investment Adviser. Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. ("Sentinel") is the investment adviser to the Fund.

Portfolio Managers. Daniel J. Manion, portfolio manager and Director of Equity Research with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2004. Jason Doiron, portfolio manager and Head of Investments with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2012.

Mr. Manion has announced his intention to retire from Sentinel in the second quarter of 2017. Following his retirement, he will no longer manage the Fund.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You cannot purchase or sell shares of the Fund directly. Shares of the Fund are offered only to variable life insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Please refer to the separate prospectus for the separate account and its related policy or contract for a more detailed description of the procedures under which a policy or contract owner or payee may allocate his or her interest in a separate account to a subaccount using the shares of the Fund as an underlying investment medium.

Tax Information

Shares of the Fund are offered to separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, no tax is imposed on an insurance company with respect to income of a qualifying separate account properly allocable to the value of eligible variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. Accordingly, no gain or loss should be recognized on ordinary income or capital gain distributions to separate accounts or upon the sale or redemption of shares of the Fund held by such accounts. Please refer to the appropriate tax disclosure in the prospectus for a separate account and its related policy or contract for more information on the taxation of life insurance companies, separate accounts, and the tax treatment of variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts and the holders thereof.

Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through an insurance company or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

Sentinel Variable Products Bond Fund

NOTICE: Each Fund has announced a proposed reorganization transaction. Please see “Summary of Proposed Reorganization Transactions” at the beginning of “Additional Information About Each Fund”.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks high current income while seeking to control risk.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. The fees and expenses do not include fees and expenses charged or incurred by the separate accounts of insurance companies which purchase shares of the Fund to serve as an investment vehicle under variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. If such fees and expenses were included, the overall expenses shown below would be higher. For information on these fees and expenses, please refer to the prospectus for the variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract in which you are interested.

Shareholder Fees *(fees paid directly from your investment)*

| | |
|--|------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases | None |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) | None |
| Redemption Fee | None |

Annual Fund Operating Expenses *(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

| | |
|--|-------|
| Management Fee | 0.40% |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.27% |
| Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses [@] | 0.03% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.70% |

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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. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the example below, and if reflected, the overall expenses would be higher. 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. 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 |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SVP Bond Fund | \$72 | \$224 | \$390 | \$871 |

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 197% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund invests mainly in investment grade bonds. The Fund normally invests exclusively in fixed-income securities, which may from time to time include related derivatives. At least 80% of the Fund's assets will normally be invested in the following types of bonds and related derivatives:

1. Corporate bonds which at the time of purchase are rated within the four highest rating categories of Moody's, Standard & Poor's or any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
2. Debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including mortgage-backed securities and dollar roll transactions;
3. Debt securities (payable in U.S. dollars) issued or guaranteed by Canadian governmental entities; and
4. Debt obligations of domestic banks or bank holding companies, even though not rated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's, which Sentinel believes have investment qualities comparable to investment-grade corporate securities.

The Fund will invest no more than 20% of its total assets in lower quality bonds, sometimes called "junk bonds." These bonds, because of the greater possibility that the issuers will default, are not investment grade - that is, they are rated below BBB by Standard & Poor's or below Baa by Moody's, or are unrated but considered by Sentinel to be of comparable credit quality. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry.

The Fund utilizes an active trading approach, which may result in portfolio turnover greater than 100%.

The Fund may make unlimited investments in U.S. government mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") issued and/or guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA" or "Fannie Mae"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC" or "Freddie Mac") and by the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA" or "Ginnie Mae"). While the original maximum life of a mortgage-backed security considered for this Fund can vary, its average life is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the underlying mortgages because the mortgages in these pools may be prepaid, refinanced, curtailed, or foreclosed. Prepayments are passed through to the mortgage-backed security holder along with regularly scheduled minimum repayments of principal and payments of interest.

The Fund may purchase or sell agency MBS on a "to be announced" or "TBA" basis, where the Fund buys or sells agency MBS on a forward commitment basis. In a TBA securities transaction, the seller of the agency MBS agrees on a sale price, but does not specify which particular securities will be delivered to the buyer on settlement day. Instead, only a few basic characteristics of the securities are agreed upon, such as the coupon rate and the face value.

The Fund may attempt to hedge various risks, such as interest rate risk, using derivative instruments (e.g., exchange-traded futures and options, and other derivatives such as swaps, options on swaps, and caps and floors), and may use derivative instruments for other investment purposes such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so.

The Fund may sell a security if the security is overvalued on a relative basis compared to other securities available in the market, if the fundamentals of the company are deteriorating, or for duration management purposes. The Fund may also sell a security to meet redemptions.

Principal Investment Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. 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. The following is a summary description of the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

- *Derivatives Risk.* Derivative investments involve counterparty risk (the risk that the counterparty of the derivative transaction or clearing member used by the Fund to hold a cleared derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to honor its financial obligation to the Fund), basis risk (the risk that the derivative instrument will not fully offset the underlying positions), and

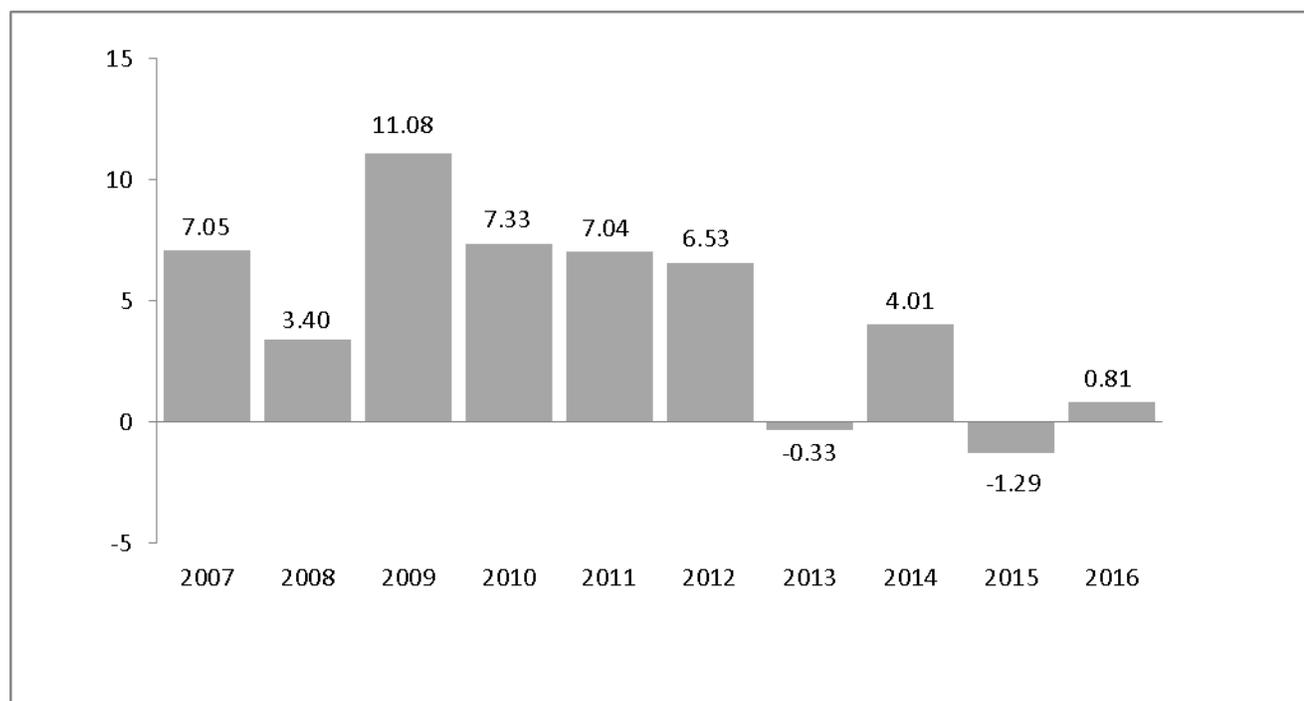
liquidity risk (the risk that the Fund cannot sell the derivative instrument because of an illiquid secondary market). In addition, the portfolio manager may incorrectly forecast the values of securities, currencies or interest rates or other economic factors in using derivatives for the Fund. Certain aspects of the tax treatment of derivative instruments, including swap agreements and commodity-linked derivative instruments, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations or other legally binding authority that could affect the character, timing and amount of the Fund's taxable income or gains and distributions.

- *General Fixed-Income Securities Risk.* The market prices of bonds, including those issued by the U.S. government, go up as interest rates fall, and go down as interest rates rise. As a result, the net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate with conditions in the bond markets. Fixed-income securities may be difficult to purchase and sell in adverse market conditions. Bonds with longer durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes than those with shorter durations. As of the date of this Prospectus, interest rates in the United States are near historic lows. If interest rates rise quickly, it may have a pronounced negative effect on the prices on the bonds held by the Fund.
- *Government Securities Risk.* U.S. government securities are subject to low, but varying degrees, of credit risk, and are also subject to risks applicable to other fixed-income securities, such as market, liquidity and interest rate risks. The ability of government-sponsored entities to repay principal and to make interest payments on the securities in which the Fund invests may be impacted by changes in legislative or regulatory action, or general business and economic conditions. Certain of these securities, including those issued or guaranteed by FNMA and FHLMC, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.
- *High Portfolio Turnover Risk.* An active trading approach increases the Fund's costs and may reduce the Fund's performance. It may also increase the amount of capital gains tax that you have to pay on the Fund's returns.
- *Lower-Quality Bonds Risk.* Bonds with lower credit ratings are more speculative and likely to default than higher-quality bonds. Lower-rated bonds also tend to fluctuate more widely in value.
- *Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk.* Mortgage-backed securities represent interests in "pools" of mortgages and are subject to certain additional risks. When interest rates rise, certain obligations will be paid off by the obligor more slowly than anticipated causing the value of these securities to fall. This is known as extension risk. In addition, adjustable and fixed rate mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the returns of the Fund because the Fund may have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. These securities also are subject to risk of default on the underlying mortgage, particularly during periods of economic downturn.
- *To-Be-Announced ("TBA") Securities Risk.* In a TBA securities transaction, the Fund commits to purchase certain securities for a fixed price at a future date. TBA securities include when-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments. TBA securities involve the risk that the security the Fund 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 Fund loses both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5 and 10 years compare with the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance for each calendar year over a ten-year period. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of the insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the bar chart and table below and, if reflected, returns would be less than the results shown. How the Fund performed in the past is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. For a description of the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, please see "Index Descriptions" on page [36] of this Prospectus.

Annual Total Return (%) as of December 31



During the ten-year period shown in the above bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 5.93% (quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was -2.78% (quarter ended June 30, 2013).

Average Annual Total Return (%)

For the periods ended

December 31, 2016

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--------|---------|----------|
| SVP Bond Fund | 0.81 | 1.91 | 4.50 |
| Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 2.65 | 2.23 | 4.34 |

Management

Investment Adviser. Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. ("Sentinel") is the investment adviser to the Fund.

Portfolio Manager. Jason Doiron, portfolio manager and Head of Investments with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2009.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You cannot purchase or sell shares of the Fund directly. Shares of the Fund are offered only to variable life insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Please refer to the separate prospectus for the separate account and its related policy or contract for a more detailed description of the procedures under which a policy or contract owner or payee may allocate his or her interest in a separate account to a subaccount using the shares of the Fund as an underlying investment medium.

Tax Information

Shares of the Fund are offered to separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, no tax is imposed on an insurance company with respect to income of a qualifying separate account properly allocable to the value of eligible variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. Accordingly, no gain or loss should be recognized on ordinary income or capital gain distributions to separate accounts or upon the sale or redemption of shares of the Fund held by such accounts. Please refer to the appropriate tax disclosure in the prospectus for a separate account and its related policy or contract for more information on the taxation of life insurance companies, separate accounts, and the tax treatment of variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts and the holders thereof.

Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through an insurance company or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

Sentinel Variable Products Common Stock Fund

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Investment Objective

The Fund seeks a combination of growth of capital, current income, growth of income and relatively low risk as compared with the stock market as a whole.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

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| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) | None |
| Redemption Fee | None |

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| Management Fee | 0.50% |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.23% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.73% |

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. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the example below, and if reflected, the overall expenses would be higher. 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. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

| | <u>1 Year</u> | <u>3 Years</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SVP Common Stock Fund | \$75 | \$233 | \$406 | \$906 |

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 6% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in common stocks. The Fund invests mainly in a diverse group of common stocks of well-established companies, typically above \$5 billion in market capitalization, many of which have historically paid regular dividends. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests predominantly in common stocks of U.S. companies.

Sentinel's investment philosophy centers on building a diverse portfolio consisting largely of securities of high quality companies with a positive multi-year outlook offered at attractive valuation levels, based on a number of metrics, including value relative to its history, peers and/or the market over time. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors. Sentinel has a preference for companies that it believes have the potential to earn above-average rates of return on capital and that generate free cash flow. Additionally, earnings revision trends are important.

The Fund may sell a security if the fundamentals of the company are deteriorating or the original investment premise is no longer valid, the security is trading meaningfully higher than what the portfolio managers believe is a fair valuation, to manage the size of the holding or the sector weighting and/or to take advantage of a more attractive investment opportunity. A security may also be sold to fund redemptions.

Principal Investment Risks

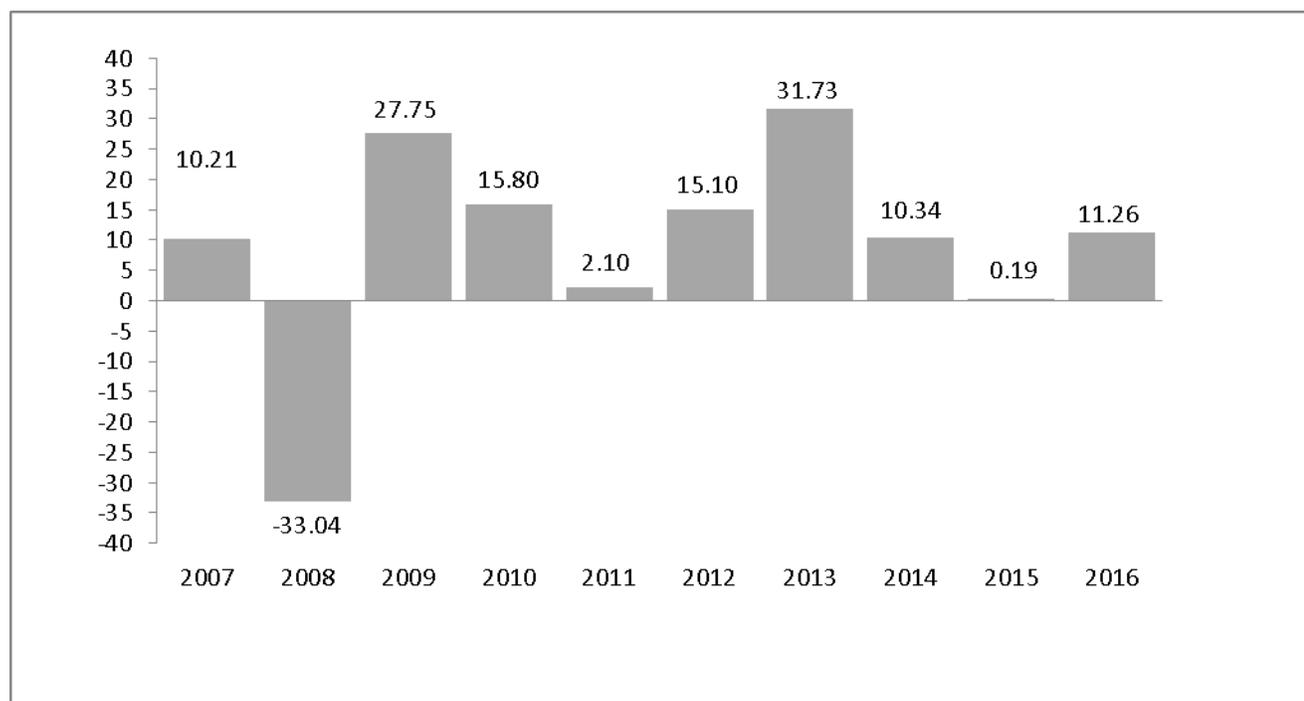
You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The following is a summary description of the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

- *Foreign Banks and Securities Depositories Risk.* Some foreign banks and securities depositories in which the Fund generally holds its foreign securities may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. In addition, there may be limited or no regulatory oversight over their operations. Also, the laws of certain countries may put limits on the Fund's ability to recover its assets if a foreign bank, depository or issuer of a security, or any of their agents, goes bankrupt.
- *General Foreign Securities Risk.* Investments in foreign securities may be affected unfavorably by changes in currency rates or exchange control regulations, or political and/or social instability in a particular foreign country or region.
- *Investment Style Risk.* The Fund uses a "blend" strategy to invest in both growth and value stocks, and/or in stocks with characteristics of both. This strategy may be out of favor at any particular time. The prices of growth stocks may fall dramatically if the company fails to meet earnings or revenue projections. The prices of value stocks may lag the stock market for long periods of time if the market fails to recognize the company's intrinsic worth.
- *Sector Risk.* Investments in a particular sector may trail returns from other economic sectors.
- *Stock Market and Selection Risk.* The stock market may go down in value, and may go down sharply and unpredictably. The stocks selected by the portfolio manager may underperform the stock market or other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5 and 10 years compare with those of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance for each calendar year over a ten-year period. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of the insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the bar chart and table below and, if reflected, returns would be less than the results shown. How the Fund performed in the past is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. For a description of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, please see "Index Descriptions" on page [36] of this Prospectus.

Annual Total Return (%) as of December 31



During the ten-year period shown in the above bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 17.21% (quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was -20.36% (quarter ended December 31, 2008).

Average Annual Total Return (%)

For the periods ended

December 31, 2016

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--------|---------|----------|
| SVP Common Stock Fund | 11.26 | 13.27 | 7.59 |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index (Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 11.96 | 14.66 | 6.95 |

Management

Investment Adviser. Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. ("Sentinel") is the investment adviser to the Fund.

Portfolio Managers. Daniel J. Manion, portfolio manager and Director of Equity Research with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2000. Hilary Roper, portfolio manager with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2010.

Mr. Manion has announced his intention to retire from Sentinel in the second quarter of 2017. Following his retirement, he will no longer manage the Fund.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You cannot purchase or sell shares of the Fund directly. Shares of the Fund are offered only to variable life insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Please refer to the separate prospectus for the separate account and its related policy or contract for a more detailed description of the procedures under which a policy or contract owner or payee may allocate his or her interest in a separate account to a subaccount using the shares of the Fund as an underlying investment medium.

Tax Information

Shares of the Fund are offered to separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, no tax is imposed on an insurance company with respect to income of a qualifying separate account properly allocable to the value of eligible variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. Accordingly, no gain or loss should be recognized on ordinary income or capital gain distributions to separate accounts or upon the sale or redemption of shares of the Fund held by such accounts. Please refer to the appropriate tax disclosure in the prospectus for a separate account and its related policy or contract for more information on the taxation of life insurance companies, separate accounts, and the tax treatment of variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts and the holders thereof.

Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through an insurance company or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

Sentinel Variable Products Small Company Fund

NOTICE: Each Fund has announced a proposed reorganization transaction. Please see “Summary of Proposed Reorganization Transactions” at the beginning of “Additional Information About Each Fund”.

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks growth of capital.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. The fees and expenses do not include fees and expenses charged or incurred by the separate accounts of insurance companies which purchase shares of the Fund to serve as an investment vehicle under variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts. If such fees and expenses were included, the overall expenses shown below would be higher. For information on these fees and expenses, please refer to the prospectus for the variable life insurance policy or variable annuity contract in which you are interested.

Shareholder Fees *(fees paid directly from your investment)*

| | |
|--|------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases | None |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) | None |
| Redemption Fee | None |

Annual Fund Operating Expenses *(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

| | |
|--|-------|
| Management Fee | 0.50% |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.28% |
| Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses [@] | 0.01% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.79% |

[@] "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses" are expenses indirectly incurred by the Fund through its investments in one or more underlying funds, including money market funds. Because these costs are indirect, the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses do not correlate to the ratio of expenses to average net assets in the Fund's most recent annual report.

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. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the example below, and if reflected, the overall expenses would be higher. 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. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

| | <u>1 Year</u> | <u>3 Years</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SVP Small Company Fund | \$79 | \$246 | \$428 | \$954 |

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 normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in small-capitalization companies. For this purpose, small-capitalization companies are companies that have, at the time of purchase, market capitalizations of less than \$4 billion. For these purposes the market cap is determined at the time of purchase. The Fund seeks to invest primarily in common stocks of small companies that Sentinel believes are high quality, have superior business models, solid management teams, sustainable growth potential and are attractively valued. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities, although only where the securities are trading in the U.S. or Canada and only where trading is denominated in U.S. or Canadian dollars.

Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry. The Fund attempts to be well-balanced across major economic sectors. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors.

At times the Fund may have less than 80% of its investments in companies with a market cap of less than \$4 billion due to market appreciation.

The Fund would typically sell a security if the portfolio managers believe it is overvalued, if the original investment premise is no longer true if the holding size exceeds the portfolio managers' company or sector weighting guidelines and/or to take advantage of a more attractive investment opportunity. The Fund may also sell a partial position in a security in order to manage the size of the position. A security may also be sold to meet redemptions.

Principal Investment Risks

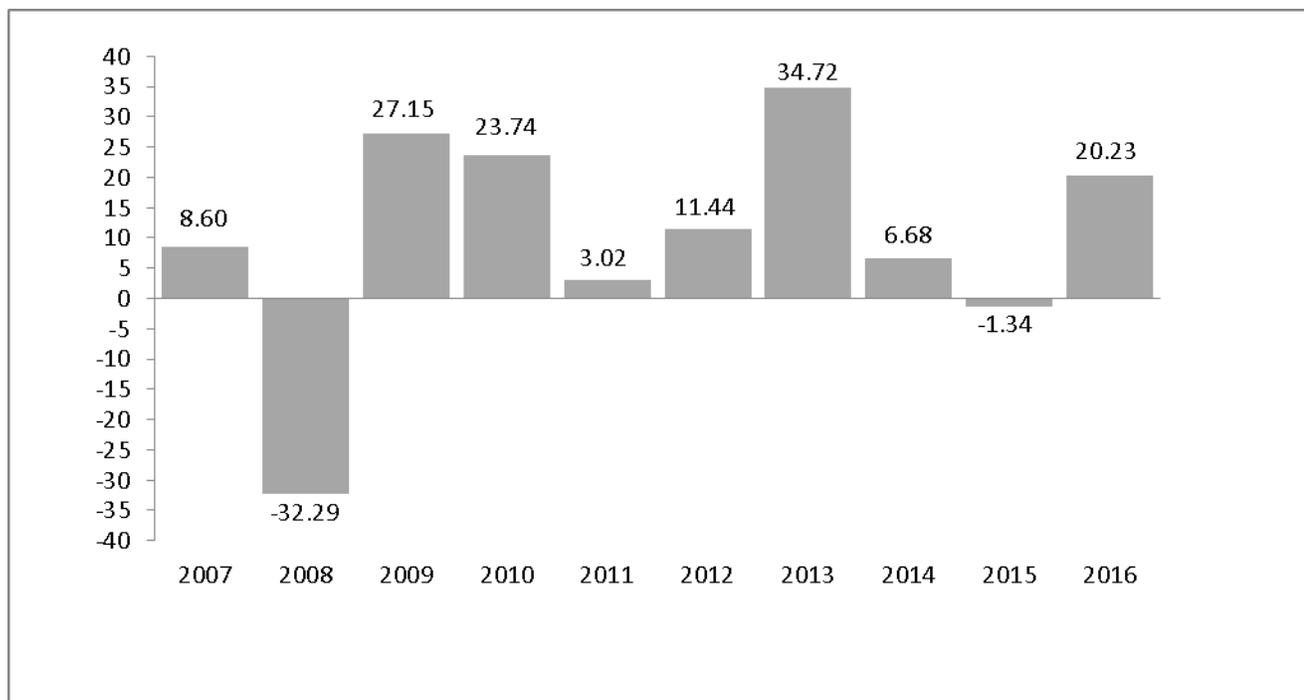
You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The following is a summary description of the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

- *General Foreign Securities Risk.* Investments in foreign securities may be affected unfavorably by changes in currency rates or exchange control regulations, or political and/or social instability in a particular foreign country or region.
- *Illiquid Securities Risk.* Securities held by the Fund that are not deemed to be illiquid at the time of purchase may become illiquid. The Fund will not be able to readily resell illiquid securities. The inability to sell these securities at the most opportune time may negatively affect the Fund's net asset value.
- *Investment Style Risk.* The Fund uses a "blend" strategy to invest in both growth and value stocks, and/or in stocks with characteristics of both. This strategy may be out of favor at any particular time. The prices of growth stocks may fall dramatically if the company fails to meet earnings or revenue projections. The prices of value stocks may lag the stock market for long periods of time if the market fails to recognize the company's intrinsic worth.
- *Sector Risk.* Investments in a particular sector may trail returns from other economic sectors.
- *Stocks of Smaller Companies Risk.* The stocks of small- and/or mid-capitalization companies in which the Fund invests typically involve more risk than the stocks of larger companies. These smaller companies may have more limited financial resources and product lines, and may have less seasoned managers. In addition, these stocks may trade less frequently and in lower share volumes, making them subject to wider price fluctuations.
- *Stock Market and Selection Risk.* The stock market may go down in value, and may go down sharply and unpredictably. The stocks selected by the portfolio manager may underperform the stock market or other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5 and 10 years compare with those of the Russell 2000® Index. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance for each calendar year over a ten-year period. Fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of the insurance companies that purchase shares of the Fund are not reflected in the bar chart and table below and, if reflected, returns would be less than the results shown. How the Fund performed in the past is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. For a description of the Russell 2000® Index, please see "Index Descriptions" on page [36] of this Prospectus.

Annual Total Return (%) as of December 31



During the ten-year period shown in the above bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 16.27% (quarter ended September 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was -24.27% (quarter ended December 31, 2008).

Average Annual Total Return (%)

For the periods ended

December 31, 2016

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--------|---------|----------|
| SVP Small Company Fund | 20.23 | 13.70 | 8.52 |
| Russell 2000® Index (Reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 21.31 | 14.46 | 7.07 |

Management

Investment Adviser. Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. ("Sentinel") is the investment adviser to the Fund.

Portfolio Manager. Jason Ronovech, portfolio manager with Sentinel, has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since 2013.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You cannot purchase or sell shares of the Fund directly. Shares of the Fund are offered only to variable life insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Please refer to the separate prospectus for the separate account and its related contract for a more detailed description of the procedures under which a contract owner or payee may allocate his or her interest in a separate account to a subaccount using the shares of the Fund as an underlying investment medium.

Tax Information

Shares of the Fund are offered to separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, no tax is imposed on an insurance company with respect to income of a qualifying separate account properly allocable to the value of eligible variable life insurance or variable annuity contracts. Accordingly, no gain or loss should be recognized on ordinary income or capital gain distributions to separate accounts or upon the sale or redemption of shares of the Fund held by such accounts. Please refer to the appropriate tax disclosure in the prospectus for a separate account and its related contract for more information on the taxation of life insurance companies, separate accounts, and the tax treatment of variable life insurance and variable annuity contracts and the holders thereof.

Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through an insurance company or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

Additional Information About Each Fund

Summary of Proposed Reorganization Transactions

Sentinel has announced the execution of a definitive agreement whereby Touchstone Advisors, Inc. (“Touchstone”) has agreed to acquire certain assets related to Sentinel’s business of providing investment advisory services to the Trust.

Under the terms of the agreement, each of the Funds will be reorganized into a newly created series of Touchstone Variable Series Trust (the “Reorganizations”), and subsequently will be advised by Touchstone under their sub-advised mutual fund approach.

Each of the proposed reorganizations have been approved by the Board of the Trust. Shareholders of each Fund in the Trust must approve the Reorganization with respect to their individual Fund. A proxy statement will be filed with the SEC that will contain more detailed information about the Reorganizations (including information about anticipated expense ratios and differences in investment strategy, if any), Touchstone and the proposed portfolio managers. Once finalized with the SEC, the proxy statement will be sent to the shareholders of the Trust.

Listed below are the Funds, the proposed name of the acquiring series of Touchstone Variable Series Trust, and the anticipated sub-advisor to each Fund.

| <u>SVP Fund</u> | <u>Proposed Touchstone Fund (each a series of Touchstone Variable Series Trust)</u> | <u>Touchstone Sub-Advisor</u> |
|---|--|---|
| Sentinel Variable Products Balanced Fund | Touchstone Balanced Fund | Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. |
| Sentinel Variable Products Trust Bond Fund | Touchstone Bond Fund | Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. |
| Sentinel Variable Products Trust Common Stock Fund | Touchstone Large Cap Focused Equity Fund | Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. |
| Sentinel Variable Products Trust Small Company Fund | Touchstone Small Company Fund | Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. |

Investment Objectives and Strategies

Sentinel Variable Products Balanced Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks a combination of growth of capital and current income, with relatively low risk and relatively low fluctuations in value.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests primarily in common stocks and investment-grade bonds with at least 25% of its assets in bonds and at least 25% of its assets in common stock and other equity securities. Equity securities include common stock and related securities,

such as preferred stock and convertible securities. Investing in preferred stock and convertible securities is not a principal investment strategy of the Fund. Sentinel will divide the Fund's assets among stocks and bonds based on whether it believes stocks or bonds offer a better value at the time. More bonds normally enhance price stability, and more stocks usually enhance growth potential. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry.

Sentinel's philosophy for the equity portion of the portfolio is based on a long-term view and emphasizes diversification, high quality and valuation discipline. Sentinel looks for securities of high quality companies with a positive multi-year outlook offered at attractive valuation levels based on a number of metrics, including value relative to its history, peers and/or the market over time, with attractive risk profiles and long-term adjusted returns. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities. Notwithstanding the Fund's ability to invest without limitation in foreign securities, as described above, under normal circumstances, the equity securities in which the Fund invests are predominantly those of U.S. companies.

The bond portion of the Fund may be invested without limitation in bonds in the first through the fourth highest rating categories of Moody's (Aaa to Baa) and Standard & Poor's (AAA to BBB). No more than 20% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in lower-quality bonds, sometimes called "junk bonds" (e.g., bonds rated below Baa by Moody's or BBB by Standard & Poor's).

The Fund may make unlimited investments in mortgage-backed U.S. government securities ("MBS"), including pass-through certificates guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA" or "Ginnie Mae"). Each GNMA certificate is backed by a pool of mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration and/or the Veterans Administration, and provides for the payment of minimum fixed monthly installments of principal and interest. The guarantee by GNMA of timely repayment of principal and payment of interest is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities issued and guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA" or "Fannie Mae") and by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC" or "Freddie Mac"). In all of these mortgage-backed securities, the actual maturity and realized yield will vary based on the prepayment experience of the underlying pool of mortgages. Mortgage-related securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. They are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, but are supported by the right of FNMA to borrow from the U.S. Treasury Department (e.g., the Federal Home Loan Banks). Mortgage-related securities issued by FHLMC are not guaranteed by the United States or by any Federal Home Loan Bank and do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or of any Federal Home Loan Bank. FHLMC guarantees timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal on its mortgage-related securities; provided, however, that FHLMC may remit on account of its guarantee of ultimate payment of principal the amount due with respect to any underlying mortgage loan at any time after default on such underlying mortgage, but in no event later than one year after it becomes payable. On September 6, 2008, Director James Lockhart of the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA") appointed FHFA as conservator of both FNMA and FHLMC. In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department agreed to provide FNMA and FHLMC up to \$100 billion of capital each on an as needed basis to insure that they continue to provide liquidity to the housing and mortgage markets. While the original maximum life of a mortgage-backed security considered for this Fund can vary, its average life is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the underlying mortgages, because the mortgages in these pools may be prepaid, refinanced, curtailed, or foreclosed. Prepayments are passed through to the mortgage-backed security holder along with regularly scheduled minimum repayments of principal and payments of interest.

The Fund may purchase or sell agency MBS on a "to be announced" or "TBA" basis, where the Fund buys or sells agency MBS on a forward commitment basis. In a TBA transaction, the seller of the agency MBS agrees on a sale price, but does not specify which particular securities will be delivered to the buyer on settlement day. Instead, only a few basic characteristics of the securities are agreed upon, such as the coupon rate and the face value.

The Fund may attempt to hedge various risks, such as interest rate, credit and currency risk, using derivative instruments, such as exchange-traded futures and options, and other derivatives such as swaps, options on swaps, interest rate caps and floors, credit default swaps and credit indices. The Fund may use derivative instruments for other investment purposes, such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may engage in dollar roll transactions. In a dollar roll, a Fund sells mortgage-backed or U.S. Treasury securities for delivery in the current month, and simultaneously contracts to buy back securities of the same type, coupon and maturity on a predetermined future date. During the roll period, a Fund forgoes principal and interest paid on the mortgage-backed or U.S. Treasury securities. In return, a Fund receives the difference between the current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the "drop"), and interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. A

"covered roll" is a specific type of dollar roll in which the proceeds of a dollar roll are held in a separate account and invested only in high-grade, money-market instruments. The Fund may only invest in covered rolls.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may engage in short sales of agency MBS that the Fund does not own, primarily as part of a TBA swap transaction. A TBA swap transaction involves an agreement to purchase one agency MBS and a simultaneous agreement to sell a different agency MBS.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, provided the counterparty maintains the value of the underlying securities at not less than 102% of the repurchase price stated in the agreement. Under a repurchase agreement, a Fund purchases bonds and simultaneously agrees to resell these bonds to a counterparty at a prearranged time and specific price. The Fund might incur time delays or losses if the other party to the agreement defaults on the repurchase of the securities.

In managing the fixed-income portion of the portfolio, the Fund utilizes an active trading approach, which may result in portfolio turnover greater than 100%. The Fund may participate in a securities lending program.

The Fund may also invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

The Fund may invest in high quality registered and unregistered money market funds and high quality money market instruments pending investments or to maintain liquidity for the payment of redemptions or other purposes. The Fund will not be deemed to deviate from its normal strategies if it holds these money market securities.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, commercial paper, high-grade bonds, or cash equivalents for temporary defensive reasons if Sentinel believes that adverse market or other conditions warrant. This is to attempt to protect the Fund's assets from a temporary unacceptable risk of loss. If the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may not achieve its investment objective.

The Fund may sell a security if the fundamentals of the company are deteriorating or the original investment premise is no longer valid, the security is trading meaningfully higher than what the portfolio managers believe is a fair valuation, to manage the size of the holding or the sector weighting and/or to take advantage of a more attractive investment opportunity. The Fund may also sell a security to meet redemptions.

Sentinel Variable Products Bond Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks high current income while seeking to control risk.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund invests mainly in investment grade bonds. The Fund normally invests exclusively in fixed-income securities, which may from time to time include related derivatives. At least 80% of the Fund's assets will normally be invested in the following types of bonds and related derivatives:

1. Corporate bonds which at the time of purchase are rated within the four highest rating categories of Moody's, Standard & Poor 's or any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
2. Debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including mortgage-backed securities and dollar roll transactions;
3. Debt securities (payable in U.S. dollars) issued or guaranteed by Canadian governmental entities; and
4. Debt obligations of domestic banks or bank holding companies, even though not rated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's, which Sentinel believes have investment qualities comparable to investment grade corporate securities.

The Fund's policy of investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its assets in bonds is a non-fundamental policy that may not be changed without 60 days' prior notice to the Fund's shareholders.

Although not a principal strategy, the Fund may also invest in other fixed-income securities, such as straight or convertible debt securities and straight or convertible preferred stocks. The Fund will invest no more than 20% of its total assets in lower quality bonds, sometimes called "junk bonds." These bonds, because of the greater possibility that the issuers will default, are not investment grade - that is, they are rated below BBB by Standard & Poor's or below Baa by Moody's, or are unrated but considered by Sentinel to be of comparable credit quality. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry.

The Fund utilizes an active trading approach, which may result in portfolio turnover greater than 100%.

The Fund may make unlimited investments in mortgage-backed U.S. government securities ("MBS"), including pass-through certificates guaranteed by GNMA. Each GNMA certificate is backed by a pool of mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration and/or the Veterans Administration, and provides for the payment of minimum fixed monthly installments of principal and interest. The guarantee by GNMA of timely repayment of principal and payment of interest is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities issued and guaranteed by FNMA and by FHLMC. In all of these mortgage-backed securities, the actual maturity of and realized yield will vary based on the prepayment experience of the underlying pool of mortgages. Mortgage-related securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA. They are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, but are supported by the right of FNMA to borrow from the U.S. Treasury Department (e.g., the Federal Home Loan Banks). Mortgage-related securities issued by FHLMC are not guaranteed by the United States or by any Federal Home Loan Bank and do not constitute a debt or obligation of the United States or of any Federal Home Loan Bank. FHLMC guarantees timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal on its mortgage-related securities; provided, however, that FHLMC may remit on account of its guarantee of ultimate payment of principal the amount due with respect to any underlying mortgage loan at any time after default on such underlying mortgage, but in no event later than one year after it becomes payable. On September 6, 2008, Director James Lockhart of the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA") appointed FHFA as conservator of both FNMA and FHLMC. In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department agreed to provide FNMA and FHLMC up to \$100 billion of capital each on an as needed basis to insure that they continue to provide liquidity to the housing and mortgage markets. While the original maximum life of a mortgage-backed security considered for this Fund can vary, its average life is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the underlying mortgages, because the mortgages in these pools may be prepaid, refinanced, curtailed, or foreclosed. Prepayments are passed through to the mortgage-backed security holder along with regularly scheduled minimum repayments of principal and payments of interest.

The Fund may purchase or sell agency MBS on a "to be announced" or "TBA" basis, where the Fund buys or sells agency MBS on a forward commitment basis. In a TBA transaction, the seller of the agency MBS agrees on a sale price, but does not specify which particular securities will be delivered to the buyer on settlement day. Instead, only a few basic characteristics of the securities are agreed upon, such as the coupon rate and the face value.

The Fund may use derivative instruments (e.g., exchange-traded derivatives such as futures and options, and other derivatives such as swap agreements, options on swaps, interest rate caps and floors, credit default swaps and credit indices) in order to hedge various risks, such as interest rate, credit and currency risk. The Fund may use derivative instruments for other investment purposes, such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so.

The Fund may participate in a securities lending program.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may engage in dollar roll transactions. In a dollar roll, a Fund sells mortgage-backed or U.S. Treasury securities for delivery in the current month, and simultaneously contracts to buy back securities of the same type, coupon and maturity on a predetermined future date. During the roll period, a Fund forgoes principal and interest paid on the mortgage-backed or U.S. Treasury securities. In return, a Fund receives the difference between the current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the "drop"), and interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. A "covered roll" is a specific type of dollar roll in which the proceeds of a dollar roll are held in a separate account and invested only in high-grade, money-market instruments. The Fund may only invest in covered rolls.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, provided the counterparty maintains the value of the underlying securities at not less than 102% of the repurchase price stated in the agreement. Under a repurchase agreement, a Fund purchases bonds and simultaneously agrees to resell these bonds to a counterparty at a prearranged time and specific price. The Fund might incur time delays or losses if the other party to the agreement defaults on the repurchase of the securities.

The Fund may also invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in high quality registered and unregistered money market funds and high quality money market instruments pending investments or to maintain liquidity for the payment of redemptions or other purposes. The Fund will not be deemed to deviate from its normal strategies if it holds these money market securities.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, commercial paper, high-grade bonds, or cash equivalents for temporary defensive reasons if Sentinel believes that adverse market or other conditions warrant. This is to attempt to protect the Fund's assets from a temporary unacceptable risk of loss. If the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may not achieve its investment objective.

The Fund may sell a security if the security is overvalued on a relative basis compared to other securities available in the market, if the fundamentals of the company are deteriorating, or for duration management purposes. The Fund may also sell a security to meet redemptions.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may engage in short sales of agency MBS that the Fund does not own, primarily as part of a TBA swap transaction. A TBA swap transaction involves an agreement to purchase one agency MBS and a simultaneous agreement to sell a different agency MBS.

Sentinel Variable Products Common Stock Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks a combination of growth of capital, current income, growth of income and relatively low risk as compared with the stock market as a whole.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in common stocks. This principal investment strategy is a non-fundamental policy that may not be changed without 60 days' prior written notice to the Fund's shareholders. The Fund invests mainly in a diverse group of common stocks of well-established companies, typically above \$5 billion in market capitalization, many of which have historically paid regular dividends. Although not a principal investment strategy of the Fund, when appropriate, the Fund also may invest in preferred stocks or debentures convertible into common stocks. Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests predominantly in common stocks of U.S. companies.

Sentinel's philosophy which respect to the Fund is based on a long-term view and emphasizes diversification, high quality and valuation discipline. Sentinel looks for securities of superior companies with a positive multi-year outlook offered at attractive valuation levels based on a number of metrics, including value relative to its history, peers and/or the market over time. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors. Sentinel has a preference for companies that earn above-average rates of return on capital and that generate free cash flow. Additionally, earnings revision trends are important.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may use derivative instruments (e.g., futures and options agreements) for hedging purposes, and for other investment purposes such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. It may establish derivative positions only when immediately thereafter not more than 5% of its total assets are held in derivative positions. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so. The Fund may participate in a securities lending program.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, provided the counterparty maintains the value of the underlying securities at not less than 102% of the repurchase price stated in the agreement. Under a repurchase agreement, a Fund purchases bonds and simultaneously agrees to resell these bonds to a counterparty at a prearranged time and specific price. The Fund might incur time delays or losses if the other party to the agreement defaults on the repurchase of the securities.

The Fund may also invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in high quality registered and unregistered money market funds and high quality money market instruments pending investments or to maintain liquidity for the payment of redemptions or other purposes. The Fund will not be deemed to deviate from its normal strategies if it holds these money market securities.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, commercial paper, high-grade bonds, or cash equivalents for temporary defensive reasons if Sentinel believes that adverse market or other conditions warrant. This is to attempt to protect the Fund's assets from a temporary unacceptable risk of loss. If the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may not achieve its investment objective.

The Fund may sell a security if the fundamentals of the company are deteriorating or the original investment premise is no longer valid, the security is trading meaningfully higher than what the portfolio manager believes is a fair valuation, to manage the size of the holding or the sector weighting and/or to take advantage of a more attractive investment opportunity. The Fund may also sell a security to meet redemptions.

Sentinel Variable Products Small Company Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks growth of capital.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in small-capitalization companies. This principal investment strategy is a non-fundamental policy that may not be changed without 60 days' prior notice to the Fund's shareholders. For this purpose, small-capitalization companies are considered to be companies that have, at the time of purchase, market capitalizations of less than \$4 billion. For these purposes the market cap is determined at the time of purchase. The Fund invests primarily in common stocks of small companies that Sentinel believes are high quality, have superior business models, solid management teams, sustainable growth potential and are attractively valued. The weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's holdings as of March 31, 2017 was approximately [\$1.9] billion. Market capitalization is the total value of all the outstanding shares of common stock of a company.

Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry. The Fund attempts to be well-balanced across major economic sectors. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors. The Fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities, although only where the securities are trading in the U.S. or Canada and only where trading is denominated in U.S. or Canadian dollars.

The Fund's policy is to avoid short-term trading. However, the Fund may sell a security without regard to its holding period if Sentinel believes it is in the Fund's best interest to do so. The Fund's turnover rate is not expected to exceed 100% annually.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may use derivative instruments (e.g., futures and options agreements) for hedging purposes, and for other investment purposes such as replicating permitted investments, as long as such investments do not have the effect of leveraging portfolio risks. It may establish derivative positions only when immediately thereafter not more than 5% of its total assets are held in derivative positions. The Fund is not required to use hedging and may choose not to do so.

Although not a principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, provided the counterparty maintains the value of the underlying securities at not less than 102% of the repurchase price stated in the agreement. Under a repurchase agreement, a Fund purchases bonds and simultaneously agrees to resell these bonds to a counterparty at a prearranged time and specific price. The Fund might incur time delays or losses if the other party to the agreement defaults on the repurchase of the securities.

The Fund may participate in a securities lending program with respect to a substantial amount of its holdings.

The Fund may also invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

The Fund may invest in high quality registered and unregistered money market funds and high quality money market instruments pending investments or to maintain liquidity for the payment of redemptions or other purposes. The Fund will not be deemed to deviate from its normal strategies if it holds these money market securities.

The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, commercial paper, high-grade bonds, or cash equivalents for temporary defensive reasons if Sentinel believes that adverse market or other conditions warrant. This is to attempt to protect the Fund's assets from a temporary unacceptable risk of loss. If the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may not achieve its investment objective.

At times the Fund may have less than 80% of its investments in companies with a market cap of less than \$4 billion due to market appreciation.

The Fund would typically sell a security if the portfolio managers believe it is overvalued, if the original investment premise is no longer true and/or if the holding size exceeds the portfolio managers' company or sector weighting guidelines. A security may also be sold to meet redemptions.

Investment Risks

We cannot guarantee that a Fund's investment objective will be achieved. You can find additional information about the investment risks of the Funds in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information, which is incorporated by reference into (is legally made a part of) this Prospectus. You can get a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information by calling 1-800-282-FUND (3863), by visiting sentinelinvestments.com, or by writing to Sentinel Investments at PO Box 55929, Boston, MA 02205-5929. The Funds are not guaranteed or insured by the U.S. government. The value of a Fund's shares is expected to fluctuate.

Principal Equity Securities Risks

Stock Market and Selection Risk. (*Balanced, Common Stock and Small Company Funds*). Stock market risk is the risk that the stock market will go down in value, including the possibility that the market will go down sharply and unpredictably. Selection risk is the risk that the investments that Sentinel selects will underperform the stock market or other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.

Investment Style Risk. (*Balanced, Common Stock and Small Company Funds*). The Small Company Fund focuses on "growth stocks" and targets stocks with what the managers consider sustainable, rather than aggressive, growth rates and that are trading at reasonable valuations. The Common Stock Fund and the equity portion of the Balanced Fund invest in both "growth" and "value" stocks, and/or stocks with characteristics of both, commonly called a "blend" style. Different types of stocks tend to shift into and out of favor with stock market investors depending on market and economic conditions. Growth stocks may be more volatile than other stocks because they are generally more sensitive to investor perceptions of the issuing company's growth of earnings potential. Also, since growth companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their business, growth stocks may lack the dividends of value stocks that can cushion stock prices in a falling market. Value stocks may not increase in price or pay dividends, as anticipated by the Funds' managers, or may decline even further if: other investors fail to recognize the company's value; other investors favor investing in faster-growing companies; or the factors that the managers believe will increase the price do not occur. The Funds' performance may at times be better or worse than the performance of funds that focus on other types of stocks or that have a broader investment style.

Sector Risk. (*Balanced, Common Stock and Small Company Funds*). To the extent a Fund invests in a particular sector, it is subject to the risks of that sector. Returns in an economic sector may trail returns from other economic sectors. As a group, sectors tend to go through cycles of doing better or worse than the securities market in general. These periods may last several years. In addition, the sectors that dominate the market change over time. For more information on risks of a particular sector consult the Funds' Statement of Additional Information.

Stocks of Smaller Companies Risk. (*Small Company Fund*). The stocks of small- and mid-capitalization companies typically involve more risk than the stocks of larger companies. These smaller companies may have more limited financial resources, narrower product lines, and less seasoned managers. In addition, these stocks may trade less frequently and in lower share volumes, making them subject to wider price fluctuations.

Principal Fixed-Income Securities Risks

Derivatives Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). The Funds may use derivatives, which are financial contracts whose value depends upon or is derived from the value of an underlying asset, reference rate, or index. Derivative investments can increase Fund losses and/or increase volatility. Derivative instruments may be difficult to price, and may be leveraged so that small changes may produce disproportionate losses for a Fund. Derivatives involve counterparty risk (the risk that the counterparty of the derivative transaction or a clearing member used by the Fund to hold a cleared derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to honor its financial obligation to the Fund), basis risk (the risk that the derivative instrument will not fully offset the underlying positions), and liquidity risk (the risk that the Fund cannot sell the derivative instrument because of an illiquid secondary market). In addition, the portfolio managers may incorrectly forecast the values of securities, currencies or interest rates or other economic factors in using derivatives for the Funds.

Specific Risks relating to the derivatives used by the Funds:

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts: A futures contract is a standardized, exchange-traded agreement that obligates the buyer to buy and the seller to sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset (or settle for cash the value of a contract based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specific price on the contract maturity date. Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. Futures contracts and options on futures contracts are subject to risks, including (i) imperfect correlation to the underlying asset, (ii) lack of liquidity, (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited, and (iv) the risk that the counterparty will not perform its obligations.

Swaps: Swaps are two party contracts that generally obligate the parties to exchange payments based on a specified reference security, basket of securities, security index or index component. Swaps can involve greater risks than direct investments in securities because swaps may be leveraged. Swaps also involve the risk that the counterparty may not be able to satisfy its obligations to pay the Fund, and the risk that the Fund may not be able to satisfy its obligation to pay the counterparty. Certain swaps, including but not limited to certain interest rate swaps, are required to be executed on a regulated exchange or trading facility and cleared through a regulated clearinghouse, involving the risk of a default by or insolvency of the clearinghouse. Swaps may also be difficult to value.

Credit Default Swaps: A credit default swap involves a protection buyer and a protection seller. The Funds may be either a protection buyer or seller. The protection buyer makes periodic premium payments to the protection seller during the swap term in exchange for the protection seller agreeing to make certain defined payments to the protection buyer in the event certain defined credit events occur with respect to a particular security, issuer or basket of securities.

Options: The Funds may purchase and write put and call options on securities and indices. A put option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and the writer of the option the obligation to buy, the underlying security at any time during the option period. A call option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer of the option the obligation to sell, the underlying security at any time during the option period. The premium paid to the writer is the consideration for undertaking the obligations under the option contract.

Put and call options on indices are similar to options on securities except that options on an index give the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the underlying index is greater than (or less than, in the case of puts) the exercise price of the option. This amount of cash is equal to the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the option, expressed in dollars multiplied by a specified number. Thus, unlike options on individual securities, all settlements are in cash, and gain or loss depends on price movements in the particular market represented by the index generally, rather than the price movements in individual securities. All options written on indices or securities must be "covered" as required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Options on securities may be subject to greater fluctuations in value than an investment in the underlying securities. If the Fund is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction with respect to covered options it has written, the Fund will not be able to sell the underlying securities or dispose of assets held in a segregated account until the options expire or are exercised. Similarly, if the Fund is unable to effect a closing sale transaction with respect to options it has purchased, it will have to exercise the options in order to realize any profit and will incur transaction costs upon the purchase or sale of underlying securities. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Options on indices may, depending on circumstances, involve greater risk than options on securities. Because index options are settled in cash, when the Fund writes a call on an index it may not be able to provide in advance for its potential settlement obligations by acquiring and holding the underlying securities.

Forward Contracts: The Funds may invest in forward contracts. Forward contracts are transactions involving the Fund's obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency or other asset at a future date at a specified price. Forward contracts may be used by Funds for hedging purposes to protect against uncertainty in the level of future foreign currency exchange rates, such as when the Fund anticipates purchasing or selling a foreign security. This technique would allow a Fund to "lock in" the U.S. dollar price of the investment. Forward contracts also may be used to attempt to protect the value of a Fund's existing holdings of foreign securities. There may be, however, imperfect correlation between a Fund's foreign securities holdings and the forward contracts entered into with respect to such holdings. The cost to a Fund of engaging in forward contracts varies with factors such as the currency involved, the length of the contract period and the market conditions then prevailing.

A Fund's use of certain derivatives, such as forward currency contracts, structured notes, futures transactions and swap transactions involve other risks, such as the credit risk relating to the other party to a derivative contract (which is greater for forward currency contracts, swaps and other over-the counter traded derivatives), the risk of difficulties in pricing and valuation. Credit default swaps involve special risks because they are difficult to value and are subject to credit and liquidity risk. Certain derivative transactions may involve substantial leverage risk and the Funds could lose more than the principal amount invested. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation is not yet known and may not be known for some time. New regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives.

Tax Risks of Derivatives. Certain aspects of the tax treatment of derivative instruments, including swap agreements and commodity-linked derivative instruments, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations or other legally binding authority that could affect the character, timing and amount of the Fund's taxable income or gains and distributions.

General Fixed-Income Securities Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). The market prices of bonds, including those issued by the U.S. government, generally go up as interest rates fall, and go down as interest rates rise. As a result, the net asset value of the shares of Funds holding bonds will fluctuate with conditions in the bond markets. Bonds with longer maturities and longer durations (a measure of a bond's sensitivity to changes in interest rates) generally are subject to greater price fluctuation due to interest-rate changes than bonds with shorter maturities or shorter durations. As of the date of this Prospectus, interest rates in the United States are near historic lows. If interest rates rise quickly, it may have a pronounced negative effect on the prices of the bonds held by the Funds. Fixed-income securities may also be difficult to purchase and sell in adverse market conditions. While considered investment-grade, bonds in the fourth highest rating category of Moody's and Standard & Poor's may have more speculative characteristics and may be more likely to be downgraded than bonds rated in the three highest rating categories. In the case of corporate bonds and commercial paper, values may fluctuate as perceptions of credit quality change. In addition, investment grade bonds may be downgraded or default. During periods of declining interest rates, or for other reasons, bonds may be "called", or redeemed, by the bond issuer prior to the bond's maturity date, resulting in the Fund receiving payment earlier than expected. This may reduce the Fund's income if the proceeds are reinvested at a lower interest rate.

Government Securities Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). U.S. government securities in which the previously mentioned Funds invest include securities issued and/or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government agencies or government-sponsored entities. U.S. government securities are subject to low, but varying degrees of credit risk, and are still subject to other general risks applicable to fixed-income securities, such as market risks, liquidity risks, and interest rate risks, and may be subject to ratings downgrades. While U.S. Treasury obligations are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government, securities issued and/or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or government-sponsored entities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), a wholly-owned U.S. government corporation, is authorized to guarantee, with the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by institutions approved by GNMA and backed by pools of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Government-sponsored entities (whose obligations are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government) include Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA, or Fannie Mae), the Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB), the Federal Home Loan Bank system (FHLB) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC or Freddie Mac). If a government-sponsored entity is negatively impacted by legislative or regulatory action, is unable to meet its obligations, or its creditworthiness declines, the performance of a Fund that holds securities issued or guaranteed by the entity will be adversely impacted. Although securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government are commonly regarded as having a small risk of default, it is possible that the U.S. government may be unwilling or unable to repay principal and interest when due.

Lower-Quality Bonds Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). The lower-quality bonds, sometimes called "junk bonds", in which the Balanced and Bond Funds may invest generally have higher nominal or effective interest rates than higher-quality bonds. Lower-quality bonds may pay interest at fixed, floating or adjustable rates. The value of floating or adjustable rate bonds is less likely to be adversely affected by interest-rate changes than fixed rate bonds. However, if interest rates fall, the Funds may earn less income if they hold floating or adjustable rate bonds. Lower-rated bonds are more speculative and likely to default than higher-quality bonds. Lower-rated bond values also tend to fluctuate more widely in value, for several reasons. An economic downturn may have a greater impact on the ability of issuers with less financial strength to make their bond payments. These bonds may not be traded as actively. Their prices may respond more adversely to negative publicity and investor perceptions. If trading in lower-rated bonds becomes less active, the Funds may have more difficulty in valuing these bonds. Success in investing in junk bonds depends heavily on Sentinel's credit analysis. Lower-rated bonds are also more sensitive than other debt securities to adverse business developments affecting specific issuers. The risk of loss due to default by the issuer of a lower-quality bond may be significantly greater than the risk for higher rated bonds because lower-quality bonds are more likely to be unsecured and may be subordinated to other creditors. If a bond defaults, the Funds may incur additional expenses in seeking a recovery or participating in a restructuring. Lower-quality bonds also may have call features that permit the issuer to repurchase the securities from the Funds before their maturity. If a call is exercised during a period of declining interest rates, the affected Fund would probably have to replace the called bonds with lower-yielding bonds, and the Fund's investment income would go down.

Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). Mortgage-backed securities (residential and commercial) represent interests in "pools" of mortgages held in trust and differ from traditional fixed-income securities and are subject to certain additional risks. Like traditional fixed-income securities, when interest rates fall the value of mortgage-backed securities typically increases, and when interest rates increase, the value of mortgage-backed securities typically decreases. However, when interest rates rise, certain obligations will be paid off by the obligor more slowly than anticipated causing the value of these securities to fall. This is known as extension risk. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, mortgage-backed securities may exhibit additional volatility and may lose value. In addition, the principal on mortgage-backed securities may normally be prepaid at any time, which will reduce the yield and market value. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected and the Fund may have to invest the proceeds in securities with lower yields. This is known as prepayment risk. Prepayment reduces the yield to maturity and the average life of the asset-backed securities. Movements in interest rates (both increases and decreases) may quickly and significantly reduce the value of certain mortgage-backed securities. The residential mortgage market in the United States at times has experienced difficulties that may adversely affect the performance and market value of certain of the Funds' mortgage-related investments.

To-Be-Announced ("TBA") Securities Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). In a TBA securities transaction, the Fund commits to purchase certain securities for a fixed price at a future date. TBA securities include when-issued and delayed delivery securities and forward commitments. TBA securities involve the risk that the security the Fund 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 Fund loses both the investment opportunity for the assets it set aside to pay for the security and any gain in the security's price.

Principal Foreign Securities Risks

General Foreign Securities Risk. (*Balanced, Common Stock and Small Company Funds*). Investing in foreign securities involves certain special risks in addition to those associated with U.S. securities. For example, the Funds may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency rates or exchange control regulations. Foreign markets may have less active trading volume than those in the United States, and values may fluctuate more as a result. If the Funds had to sell securities to meet unanticipated cash requirements, they might be forced to accept lower prices. There may be less supervision and regulation of foreign exchanges. Foreign companies generally release less financial information than comparable U.S. companies. Furthermore, foreign companies generally are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting requirements. Other possible risks include seizing of assets by foreign governments, high and changing taxes and withholding taxes imposed by foreign governments on dividend and/or interest payments, difficulty enforcing judgments against foreign issuers, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could affect U.S. investments in those countries.

Foreign Banks and Securities Depositories Risk. (*Balanced and Common Stock Funds*). Some foreign banks and securities depositories in which the Funds generally hold their foreign securities may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. In addition, there may be limited or no regulatory oversight over their operations. Also, the laws of certain countries may put limits on the Funds' ability to recover their assets if a foreign bank, depository or issuer of a security, or any of their agents, goes bankrupt. Also, brokerage commissions, and other costs of buying, selling or holding securities in foreign markets are often higher than in the United States. This can reduce amounts the Funds can earn on their investments. Foreign settlement and clearance procedures and trade regulations also may involve certain risks (such as delays in payment for or delivery of securities) not typically involved with the settlement of U.S. investments. Communications between the United States and emerging market countries may be unreliable, increasing the risk of delayed settlements or losses of security certificates. Settlements in certain foreign countries at times have not kept pace with the number of securities transactions. These problems may make it difficult for the Funds to carry out transactions.

Other Principal Investment Risks

Asset Allocation Risk. (*Balanced Fund*). The Fund attempts to identify investment allocations that will provide consistent, quality performance for the Fund, but there is no guarantee that the allocations will produce the desired results. It is possible that the managers will focus on an asset class that performs poorly or underperforms other investments under various market conditions.

High Portfolio Turnover Risk. A change in the securities held by a Fund is known as “portfolio turnover.” A Fund may engage in frequent and active trading of portfolio securities to achieve its investment objective and principal investment strategies, particularly during periods of volatile market movements. High portfolio turnover (e.g., over 100%) involves correspondingly greater expenses to a Fund, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestments in other securities. Such sales may also result in realization of taxable capital gains, including short-term capital gains (which are generally taxed at ordinary income tax rates when distributed to individual shareholders). The trading costs and tax effects associated with portfolio turnover may adversely affect a Fund’s performance. Please see the “Financial Highlights” in this prospectus for the portfolio turnover rates of the Funds during the last fiscal year.

The Bond Fund had a portfolio turnover rate of 197% in its 2016 fiscal year.

Other Investment Risks

Convertible Securities Risk. (*Balanced, Bond and Common Stock Funds*). Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality. The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates rise and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, the convertible securities market value tends to reflect the market price of the common stock of the issuing company when that stock price is greater than the convertible's "conversion price." The conversion price is defined as the predetermined price at which the convertible security could be exchanged for the associated stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines (other than in distressed situations), the price of the convertible security tends to be influenced more by the yield of the convertible security. Thus, it may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the issuing company, holders of convertible securities would be paid after the company's creditors but before the company's common shareholders. Consequently, the issuer's convertible securities generally may be viewed as having more risk than its debt securities, but less risk than its common stock.

Dollar Rolls Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). The use of dollar rolls by the Balanced and Bond Funds tends to increase the portfolio turnover of these Funds. Dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities a Fund is obligated to repurchase under the agreement may decline below the contracted repurchase price. In the event the buyer of securities under a dollar roll files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, a Fund's use of the proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the other party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to release the counterparty from its contractual obligation.

Investments in Money Market Funds Risk. (*All Funds*). When investing in a money-market fund, a Fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of the expenses (including management fees) of the money-market fund in which it invests in addition to its own expenses.

Investments in Other Investment Companies Risk. (*All Funds*). A Fund investing in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), will indirectly bear the management and other fees of the other investment company in addition to its own expenses.

Not Guaranteed Risk. (*All Funds*). None of the Funds, including the Bond Fund, is guaranteed or insured by the U.S. government. The value of each Fund's shares is expected to fluctuate.

Preferred Stock Risk. (*Common Stock Fund*). Preferred stock represents an equity or ownership interest in a company. Preferred stock normally pays dividends at a specified rate and has precedence over common stock in the event the issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy. However, in the event a company is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds take precedence over the claims of those who own preferred and common stock. Preferred stock, unlike common stock, often has a stated dividend rate payable from the corporation's earnings. Preferred stock dividends may be cumulative or non-cumulative, participating, or auction rate. If interest rates rise, the fixed dividend on preferred stocks may be less attractive, causing the price of such stocks to decline. Preferred stock may have mandatory sinking fund provisions, as well as provisions allowing the stock to be called or redeemed, which can limit the benefit of a decline in interest rates. Preferred stock is subject to many of the risks to which common stock and debt securities are subject.

Repurchase Agreements Risk. (*All Funds*). If the repurchase agreement counterparty defaults on its repurchase obligation, a Fund would have the collateral securities and be able to sell them to another party, but it could suffer a loss if the proceeds from a sale of the securities turn out to be less than the repurchase price stated in the agreement. If the counterparty becomes insolvent or goes bankrupt, a Fund may be delayed in being able to sell securities that were subject to the repurchase agreement. In general, for federal income tax purposes, repurchase agreements are treated as collateralized loans secured by the securities "sold". Therefore, amounts earned under such agreements are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction available to corporate shareholders or for treatment as qualified dividend income taxable at reduced rates in the hands of non-corporate shareholders.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities Risk. (*Balanced, Bond and Small Company Funds*). Restricted securities, such as Rule 144A securities, are securities for which trading is limited to qualified institutional buyers or are subject to other legal or contractual restrictions on resale. Sentinel may determine that certain Rule 144A securities in which the Balanced and Bond Funds invest are liquid securities under guidelines approved by the Funds' Board of Directors, and these Rule 144A securities will not be subject to any limitation or prohibition on the purchase of illiquid securities. These liquid Rule 144A securities may become illiquid if qualified institutional buyers are unavailable. Other securities, such as lower-quality bonds or small-cap securities that are not deemed to be illiquid at the time of purchase may become illiquid. The Funds will not be able to readily resell illiquid securities, and the resale of

some of these securities may be restricted by law or contractual provisions. The inability to sell these securities at the most opportune time may negatively affect a Fund's net asset value.

Securities Lending Risk. (*All Funds*). Securities lending programs are subject to borrower default risk (e.g., borrower fails to return a loaned security and there is a shortfall on the collateral posted by the borrower), cash collateral investment risk (e.g., principal loss resulting from the investment of the cash collateral) and security recall/return risk (e.g., the Fund is unable to recall a security in time to exercise valuable rights or sell the security). In addition, substitute payments (i.e., amounts equivalent to any dividends, interest or other distributions received by the Fund while the securities are on loan) are not treated as dividends and are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction available to corporate shareholders or for treatment as qualified dividend income taxable at reduced rates in the hands of non-corporate shareholders.

Short Sales Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). Short sale transactions involving TBA securities involve leverage risk because they can result in investment exposure greater than the amount of the initial investment. Entering into a short position involves speculative exposure risk. If the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund replaces the security, the Fund may incur a loss (without a limit).

Temporary Defensive Position Risk. (*All Funds*). If a Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may invest all or a large portion of its assets in U.S. government securities, high-quality money-market instruments, bank deposits, or cash. If a Fund takes a temporary defensive position, it may not achieve its investment objective(s).

Zero-Coupon and Similar Bonds Risk. (*Balanced and Bond Funds*). Bonds that do not pay interest, but instead are issued at a significant discount to their maturity values, are referred to as zero-coupon securities. These securities pay interest in additional securities instead of cash (referred to as pay-in-kind securities) or pay interest at predetermined rates that increase over time (referred to as step coupon bonds). Even though the Balanced and Bond Funds may not get cash interest payments on these bonds, the Funds nevertheless must accrue the interest for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and, in order to qualify as regulated investment companies ("RICs") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), distribute amounts equal to the income deemed to be earned on an annual basis. This may cause a Fund to have to sell other investments to raise the cash needed to make its required income distributions.

Operational Risks

Cyber Security Risk. With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet and the dependence on computer systems to perform necessary business functions, the Funds have become potentially more susceptible to operational risks through breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional attacks and unintentional events that may cause a Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. This in turn could cause a Fund to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures, and/or financial loss. Cyber security breaches may involve unauthorized access to a Fund's digital information systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding), but may also result from outside attacks such as denial-of-service attacks (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). In addition, cyber security breaches of a Fund's third party service providers (including transfer agents, custodians, sub-advisers and fund accountants), or by the exchanges and clearing houses on which the securities and derivatives that are purchased or sold by the Funds are traded or cleared, can also subject a Fund to many of the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. Similar types of cyber security risks also are present for issuers of securities in which the Funds invest, and a cyber security breach could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause the Fund's investment in such securities to lose value. The Funds and the Adviser have established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security; however, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed. Furthermore, the Adviser and the Funds cannot control the cyber security plans and systems of third party service providers, exchanges and clearing houses, or issuers in which the Funds invest. The Funds and their shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of a cyber security breach.

Disclosure of Portfolio Securities

A description of each Fund's policies and procedures with respect to disclosure of its portfolio securities is available in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information.

Share Classes

Sentinel Variable Products Trust issues a separate class of shares of common stock for each Fund. It may establish additional funds in the future, and additional classes of shares. Each share is entitled to one vote per dollar of net asset value as of the close of business on the record date as to any matter on which it is entitled to vote and each fractional share is entitled to a proportional fractional vote. The presence in person or by proxy of 30% of the shares entitled to vote constitutes a quorum.

Based on current federal securities law requirements, the Funds expect that insurance company shareholders of the Funds will offer owners of their respective variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts the opportunity to instruct such shareholders as to how to vote shares allocable to their policies and contracts regarding certain matters, such as the approval of investment advisory agreements. If the insurance company does not receive timely instructions from owners of its variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts, or if it holds shares that are not attributable to variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts, it will vote such shares in the same proportion as the voting instructions that are received for all policies and contracts participating in each Fund. This means that a small number of shareholders can determine the outcome of a vote. The voting instructions received from policy and contract holders may be disregarded in certain circumstances that are described in the prospectuses for the variable policies and contracts.

Purchasing and Selling Fund Shares

Shares of the Funds are not available directly to the public. Shares of the Funds are offered, without sales charge, at each Fund's net asset value per share, only to variable life insurance and variable annuity separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. The price per share is based on the next daily calculation of net asset value after an order is placed.

Shares of the Funds are sold in a continuous offering and are authorized to be offered to insurance company separate accounts to support variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. Net premiums or net purchase payments under such policies and contracts are placed in one or more subaccounts of a separate account and the assets of each such separate account are invested in the shares of the Fund corresponding to that subaccount. A separate account purchases and redeems shares of the Funds for its subaccounts at net asset value without sales charges or redemption charges.

On each day that a Fund's net asset value is calculated, a separate account transmits to the Fund any orders to purchase or redeem shares based on the premiums, purchase payments, redemption (surrender) requests, and transfer requests from contract owners or payees that have been processed on that day. A separate account purchases and redeems shares of each Fund at that Fund's net asset value per share calculated as of the same day, although such purchases and redemptions may be executed the next morning.

Please refer to the separate prospectus for each separate account and its related policy or contract for a more detailed description of the procedures under which a policy or contract owner, or payee, may allocate his or her interest in a separate account to a subaccount using the shares of one of the Funds as an underlying investment medium.

Offering of Fund Shares to Separate Accounts of Insurance Companies

The Funds may offer their shares to separate accounts of insurance companies that are not affiliated with each other and qualified retirement plans under a "mixed and shared" funding arrangement. Due to differences in tax treatment and other considerations, the interests of separate accounts may present certain conflicts of interest. For example, violation of the federal tax laws by one of several insurance company separate accounts investing in a Fund could cause the Fund to lose its tax-deferred status unless remedial actions were taken. The Funds do not foresee such conflicts. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the existence of any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken should one arise. If a Fund were to sell portfolio securities to pay redemption proceeds to a separate account withdrawing because of a conflict, then the Fund's net asset value could decrease.

Excessive Trading Policy

Excessive trading (which may be the result of market timing) by shareholders of any mutual fund - in particular non-money market funds - may harm performance by disrupting portfolio management strategies and by increasing expenses, including brokerage and administrative costs, and may dilute the value of the holdings of other shareholders. Excessive trading may cause a Fund to retain more cash than the Fund's portfolio manager would normally retain in order to meet unanticipated redemptions or may force the Fund to sell portfolio securities at disadvantageous times to raise the cash needed to meet those redemption or exchange requests. The Funds will not accommodate excessive trading in any Fund, and they have therefore adopted policies and procedures that are designed to deter such trading. These policies and procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Funds. Under the excessive trading policy, a Fund will reject any purchase order or exchange request if the Fund has determined (i) that a policyholder has a history of excessive trading (generally six or more in-and-out transactions in a Fund within a rolling twelve-month period), or (ii) that a policyholder's trading, in the judgment of the Fund, has been or may be disruptive to a Fund. In making this judgment, a Fund may consult with a separate account or consider trading done in multiple policies under common ownership or control.

Policyholders who engage in certain types of regular transactions may be permitted to invest in the Funds if Sentinel determines that their transactions do not constitute excessive trading and are not adverse to the Funds. Examples of policyholders who may be permitted to invest under this provision are persons who make regular periodic allocations to the subaccount investing in the Fund and persons who regularly rebalance their allocations to the subaccounts investing in the Funds.

The excessive trading policy applies uniformly to all policyholders, including policyholders who trade through intermediaries. However, no Fund makes any representation that it can identify and reject all exchange requests or purchase orders in violation of the policy, and as a result policyholders are subject to the risks described above.

Pricing Fund Shares

Net asset value for each Fund is calculated each day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open, as of the close of business on the NYSE, based on prices at the time of closing of regular trading. The NYSE generally closes at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The net asset value per share is computed by dividing the total value of the assets of the Fund, less its liabilities, by the total number of outstanding shares of each Fund. Equity securities that are traded on a national or foreign securities exchange and over-the-counter ("OTC") securities listed in the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the principal exchange on which they are traded on the date of determination as of the close of business of the NYSE, usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, each day that the NYSE is open. ETFs will be valued at their most recent closing price.

Foreign equity securities traded on a foreign securities exchange are subject to fair value pricing when appropriate, using valuations provided by an independent pricing service.

Securities for which no sale was reported on the valuation date are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices.

OTC securities not listed on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the mean of the current bid and asked prices.

Fixed-income securities with original maturities of greater than 60 days, including short-term securities with more than 60 days left to maturity, are valued on the basis of valuations provided by an independent pricing service. The bid price is generally used for valuation purposes. Fixed-income securities with maturities of less than 60 days remaining to maturity (including both long-term and short-term fixed income securities with original maturities greater than 60 days) are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value, and are reviewed to determine that no material variation exists between cost and market. The amortized cost method values a security at cost on the date of purchase and thereafter assumes a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium. Investments in mutual funds are valued at the net asset value per share on the day of valuation. Investments in exchange traded derivatives are valued at the settlement price determined by the relevant exchange. Investments in non-exchange traded derivatives and cleared derivatives are valued on the basis of prices supplied by an independent pricing service, if available, or quotes obtained from brokers and dealers.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, including an unscheduled early closing of a primary exchange or when trading in a particular security is halted during the day and does not resume prior to the time a Fund's net asset value is calculated, will be fair valued under procedures adopted by the Funds' Board of Trustees (the "Board"). The Board has delegated this responsibility to the Sentinel Valuation Committee (the "Valuation Committee"), established by Sentinel, and subject to

its review and supervision. Fair value represents a good faith approximation of the value of a security. The fair value of one or more securities may not, in retrospect, be the price at which those assets could have been sold during the period in which the particular fair values were used in determining a Fund's net asset value. The Funds may use one or more independent pricing services, as approved by the Board. Such independent pricing services shall provide their daily evaluations directly to the Funds' custodian bank and fund accounting service provider, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("SSB"). Sentinel Administrative Services, Inc., the Funds' administrator and a subsidiary of Sentinel, has an oversight role over the daily accounting process. Portfolio securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at current market value; other securities and assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by Sentinel, which may act through its Valuation Committee, subject to the overall oversight of the Board or its Audit Committee.

The Valuation Committee, SSB and Sentinel Administrative Services, Inc. perform a series of activities to provide reasonable comfort over the accuracy of prices including: 1) periodic vendor due diligence meetings to review underlying methodologies, policies and procedures with respect to valuations, 2) daily monitoring of significant events that may impact markets and valuations, 3) daily comparisons of security valuations versus prior day valuations for all securities with additional follow-up procedures implemented for those that exceed established thresholds, and 4) daily reviews of stale valuations and manually priced securities which may be subjected to additional procedures at the discretion of the Valuation Committee.

In addition, there are several processes outside of the pricing process that are used to monitor valuation issues including: 1) performance and performance attribution reports are monitored by Sentinel for anomalous impacts based upon benchmark performance, and 2) portfolio managers review all portfolios for performance and analytics.

Securities transactions are accounted for on the next business day following trade date (trade date plus one). Under certain circumstances, exceptions are made so that purchases and sales are booked on trade date. These exceptions include: (1) when trades occur on a day that happens to coincide with the end of a month; or (2) on occasion, if Sentinel Administrative Services, Inc. believes significant price movements are deemed large enough to impact the calculation of the net asset value per share.

Dividends, Capital Gains and Taxes

Each Fund intends to continue to qualify as a RIC under the Code, and to meet certain diversification requirements applicable to mutual funds underlying variable insurance products. As long as it so qualifies, a Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on the part of its net ordinary income and net realized capital gains which it distributes to shareholders. Each Fund intends to distribute substantially all of such income, once per year in December.

Shares of the Funds are offered to separate accounts of life insurance companies and may be offered to certain other eligible investors. Under the Code, no tax is imposed on an insurance company with respect to income of a qualifying separate account properly allocable to the value of eligible variable life insurance or variable annuity contracts. Accordingly, no gain or loss should be recognized on ordinary income or capital gain distributions to separate accounts or upon the sale or redemption of shares of the Funds held by such accounts. Please refer to the appropriate tax disclosure in the prospectus for a separate account and its related policy or contract for more information on the taxation of life insurance companies, separate accounts, and the tax treatment of variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts and the holders thereof.

A 30% withholding tax is currently imposed on dividends and will be imposed on the gross proceeds of redemptions paid after December 31, 2018, to (i) foreign financial institutions (as defined in Section 1471(d)(4) of the Code) unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect United States account holders and (ii) certain other foreign entities unless they certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect United States owners. Under some circumstances, a foreign shareholder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes. Currently, the Funds do not sell shares to any such institutions.

Index Descriptions

All indices are unmanaged and index performance does not reflect any fees, expenses or taxes. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index** measures the U.S. investment grade fixed-rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. (Balanced and Bond Funds)

The **Russell 2000™ Index** measures the performance of approximately 2000 small-cap companies within the U.S. equity universe. (Small Company Fund)

The **Standard & Poor's 500 Index** consists of approximately 500 widely held U.S. equity securities chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. (Balanced and Common Stock Funds)

Management of the Funds

Sentinel manages the Funds' investments and their business operations under the overall supervision of the Board of Trustees. Sentinel has the responsibility for making all investment decisions for the Funds.

Sentinel is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of the National Life Holding Company. Its principal business address is One National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont 05604.

The Funds' investment advisory contracts call for each applicable Fund to pay Sentinel's fees, which for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 were paid at a rate equal to the percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets shown below:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Sentinel Variable Products Balanced Fund | 0.55% |
| Sentinel Variable Products Bond Fund | 0.40% |
| Sentinel Variable Products Common Stock Fund | 0.50% |
| Sentinel Variable Products Small Company Fund | 0.50% |

Sentinel has contractually agreed, effective April 30, 2017, to waive fees and/or reimburse certain expenses in order to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement for the SVP Balanced Fund, on an annualized basis, to 0.87% of average daily net assets through April 30, 2018.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' most recent approval of the Funds' advisory contracts is available in the Funds' annual report to shareholders for the most recently completed fiscal period ending December 31.

The following individuals manage the Funds:

Balanced Fund

Jason Doiron manages the Balanced Fund with assistance from equity and fixed income portfolio managers and analysts. Mr. Doiron has been employed by Sentinel since 2008 and is Head of Investments at Sentinel. He has co-managed the Fund since 2012. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Doiron was Director—Quantitative Trading and Strategies Group for the Royal Bank of Canada's Capital Markets Group and from 2003 to 2005 he was a Senior Quantitative Analyst - Fixed Income Derivatives for Citigroup Global Investments. Mr. Doiron holds the Financial Risk Manager and Professional Risk Manager designations.

Bond Fund

Mr. Doiron manages the Bond Fund. He is assisted by a team of additional portfolio managers and analysts. He has managed or co-managed the Fund since 2009.

Common Stock Fund

Hilary Roper manages the Common Stock Fund. Ms. Roper has been employed by Sentinel since 1998 as an equity analyst and has co-managed or managed the Fund since 2010. She holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Small Company Fund

Mr. Ronovech manages the Small Company Fund. Mr. Ronovech has managed or co-managed the Fund since 2013.

The teams of investment management personnel may include additional portfolio managers and a number of analysts. The Funds' Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about portfolio manager compensation, other accounts they manage, and their ownership of shares in the Funds they manage.

Financial Highlights

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned on an investment in each Fund, assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Per share data is calculated utilizing average daily shares outstanding.

The information in the financial highlights table does not reflect fees and charges associated with the separate accounts of insurance companies that purchase shares of a Fund. If it did, a Fund's expenses would be higher, and returns would be lower.

The financial highlights have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose report, along with the financial statements of the Funds, is included in the Funds' Annual Report to Shareholders, which is available upon request.

| SVP Fund | Fiscal year ended | <u>Income from Investment Operations</u> | | | | <u>Less Distributions</u> | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Net asset value, beginning of year | Net investment income (loss) | Net gains or losses on securities (both realized and unrealized) | Total from investment operations | Dividends (from net investment income) | Distributions (from realized gains) | Return of capital | Total distributions | Net asset value, end of year |
| Balanced | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12/31/12 | \$ 11.82 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 1.16 | \$ 1.35 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.77 | \$ - | \$ 1.04 | \$ 12.13 |
| | 12/31/13 | 12.13 | 0.18 | 2.10 | 2.28 | 0.21 | 0.67 | - | 0.88 | 13.53 |
| | 12/31/14 | 13.53 | 0.18 | 0.88 | 1.06 | 0.23 | 0.91 | - | 1.14 | 13.45 |
| | 12/31/15 | 13.45 | 0.20 | (0.19) | 0.01 | 0.25 | 0.72 | - | 0.97 | 12.49 |
| | 12/31/16 | 12.49 | 0.15 | 0.78 | 0.93 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.02 | 0.40 | 13.02 |
| Bond | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12/31/12 | 10.06 | 0.22 | 0.44 | 0.66 | 0.31 | 0.31 | - | 0.62 | 10.10 |
| | 12/31/13 | 10.10 | 0.26 | (0.29) | (0.03) | 0.32 | - | - | 0.32 | 9.75 |
| | 12/31/14 | 9.75 | 0.29 | 0.10 | 0.39 | 0.31 | - | - | 0.31 | 9.83 |
| | 12/31/15 | 9.83 | 0.27 | (0.40) | (0.13) | 0.32 | - | - | 0.32 | 9.38 |
| | 12/31/16 | 9.38 | 0.14 | (0.06) | 0.08 | 0.20 | - | - | 0.20 | 9.26 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12/31/12 | 13.68 | 0.26 | 1.80 | 2.06 | 0.28 | 0.31 | - | 0.59 | 15.15 |
| | 12/31/13 | 15.15 | 0.26 | 4.52 | 4.78 | 0.28 | 1.26 | - | 1.54 | 18.39 |
| | 12/31/14 | 18.39 | 0.30 | 1.61 | 1.91 | 0.33 | 2.28 | - | 2.61 | 17.69 |
| | 12/31/15 | 17.69 | 0.44 | (0.39) | 0.05 | 0.49 | 1.79 | - | 2.28 | 15.46 |
| | 12/31/16 | 15.46 | 0.25 | 1.49 | 1.74 | 0.27 | 1.41 | - | 1.68 | 15.52 |
| Small Company | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12/31/12 | 14.64 | 0.07 | 1.58 | 1.65 | 0.08 | 2.08 | - | 2.16 | 14.13 |
| | 12/31/13 | 14.13 | 0.01 | 4.88 | 4.89 | 0.01 | 2.69 | - | 2.70 | 16.32 |
| | 12/31/14 | 16.32 | 0.07 | 1.03 | 1.10 | 0.08 | 2.71 | - | 2.79 | 14.63 |
| | 12/31/15 | 14.63 | (0.02) | (0.15) | (0.17) | - | 2.32 | - | 2.32 | 12.14 |
| | 12/31/16 | 12.14 | 0.01 | 2.44 | 2.45 | 0.01 | 1.00 | - | 1.01 | 13.58 |

Per share net investment income (loss) for each Fund is calculated utilizing the average shares method unless otherwise noted.

*Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the year, reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value during the year, and a redemption on the last day of the year. Total return does not include any fees, charges or expenses imposed by your insurance company, the issuer of variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which the funds serve as underlying investment vehicles. Total returns would have been lower in applicable years where the Funds' investment advisor had not waived a portion of its fee.

**Expense reductions are comprised of the contractual expense reimbursements as described in Note (3) of the latest Annual Report, if applicable.

#Represents less than 0.5%.

Ratios/Supplemental Data

| Total return (%)* | Net assets at end of the year (000 omitted) | Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) | Ratio of expenses to average net assets before contractual expense reimbursements (%)** | Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%) | Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets before contractual expense reimbursements (%)** | Portfolio turnover rate (%) |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 11.44 | \$ 14,433 | 0.83 | 0.83 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 175 |
| 18.88 | 16,456 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 220 |
| 7.81 | 15,963 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 1.31 | 1.31 | 76 |
| 0.03 | 15,301 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 1.50^ | 1.50^ | 38 |
| 7.42 | 15,988 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 1.16 | 1.13 | 30 |
| 6.53 | 68,313 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 2.07 | 2.07 | 499 |
| (0.33) | 61,664 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 2.64 | 2.64 | 256 |
| 4.01 | 67,067 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 2.90 | 2.90 | 117 |
| (1.29) | 57,312 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 2.69 | 2.69 | 117 |
| 0.81 | 48,680 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 197 |
| 15.10 | 197,250 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 1.73 | 1.73 | 0# |
| 31.73 | 220,631 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 1.49 | 1.49 | 8 |
| 10.34 | 198,524 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 1.57 | 1.57 | 13 |
| 0.19 | 161,148 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 2.48^ | 2.48^ | 9 |
| 11.26 | 149,238 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 1.58 | 1.58 | 6 |
| 11.44 | 54,505 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 48 |
| 34.72 | 62,134 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 47 |
| 6.68 | 57,935 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 0.45 | 0.45 | 72 |
| (1.34) | 48,938 | 0.78 | 0.78 | (0.10) | (0.10) | 77 |
| 20.23 | 67,102 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 68 |

^Includes the impact of special dividends resulting from an acquisition of Covidien plc by Medtronic, Inc. on January 26, 2015 through the formation of a new holding company, Medtronic plc, incorporated in Ireland. These special dividends enhanced the ratios of net investment income for the SVP Balanced Fund by 0.47% and the SVP Common Stock Fund by 1.04% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Amounts designated as “-” are either zero or represent less than \$0.005 or \$(0.005).

To Get More Information

Shareholder Reports

Additional information about the Funds' investments is or will be available in the Funds' annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders. In the Funds' annual report you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected each Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. You may obtain copies of these reports at no cost by calling 1-800-732-8939 or by visiting www.nationallifegroup.com.

The Funds will send you one copy of each shareholder report and certain other mailings, regardless of the number of Funds to which you have allocated value under your variable life insurance or annuity contract. To receive additional shareholder reports at no cost, call 1 800-732-8939.

Statement of Additional Information

The Funds' Statement of Additional Information contains additional information about the Funds, including a description of the Funds' policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Funds' portfolio securities, and is incorporated by reference (legally considered to be part of this Prospectus). You may request a free copy by writing the Funds at the address shown below or by calling 1-800-732-8939.

Please contact your registered representative or the Funds at 1-800-732-8939 if you have any questions or would like additional information about the Funds.

The Funds' Statement of Additional Information and its annual and semi-annual reports are also available, free of charge, at www.nationallifegroup.com or by calling the Funds at 1-800-732-8939. Information about the Funds (including the Statement of Additional Information) can also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. Call 1-202-551-8090 for information on the operation of the public reference room. This information is also accessible via the Edgar database on the SEC's internet site at www.sec.gov and copies may be obtained upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the Public Reference Section of the SEC in Washington, D.C.

You should rely only on the information contained in this Prospectus. No one is authorized to provide you with information that is different.

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