

MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio

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Message from the President

Despite high levels of volatility and sharp, short-term shifts in value, broadly based stock and bond indices generally gained ground during the six-month reporting period ended June 30, 2023. Markets reacted positively to several developments – easing inflationary pressures and softening monetary policy – the most prominent among them.

At the start of the reporting period, high levels of inflation had already begun to show signs of easing in the face of aggressive rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve (the “Fed”). From a peak of 9.06% in June 2022, the annualized U.S. inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index fell to 6.41% in January 2023, and to 2.97% in June 2023, according to the most recent figures. At the same time, the Fed increased the benchmark federal funds rate, from 4.25%–4.50% at the beginning of the reporting period, to 5.00%–5.25% as of June 30, 2023. While the Fed signaled that further rate increases were likely in 2023, the Fed also appeared to be approaching the end of its current rate-hike cycle. Economic growth, although slower, remained positive, supported by historically high levels of employment and robust consumer spending. On a negative note, rising interest rates contributed to the failures of a number of high-profile regional banks in March and April 2023, leading to a wider loss of confidence in the banking industry, and increasing the prospect of a tighter credit environment, although swift federal action to guarantee deposits appeared to limit the damage.

Equity market behavior during the reporting period generally reflected investors’ optimism regarding the prospects for a so-called “soft landing,” in which inflation comes under control and the Fed holds rates steady—or begins to lower them—while the economy avoids a severe recession. The S&P 500[®] Index, a widely regarded benchmark of U.S. market performance, posted its first extended gains since November 2021. Previously beaten down growth-oriented shares led the market’s rebound, with information technology the S&P 500[®] Index’s strongest sector, followed by consumer discretionary. However, the communications

services, utilities and energy sectors lost substantial ground as value-oriented stocks fell out of favor and oil prices declined, with financials and health care shares dipping more mildly. While international markets rose, they generally trailed the U.S. market, with developed international markets outperforming their emerging markets counterparts.

Corporate bond prices trended moderately higher amid high volatility, bolstered by positive inflationary and interest rate trends in the United States while constrained by banking industry turmoil. After years of low yields and tight credit spreads, the sector benefited from more attractive valuations and income opportunities. Markets generally rewarded longer duration and lower credit quality, although an uptick in default rates posed added risks for high-yield corporate bonds. Long-term rates remained lower than short-term rates throughout the reporting period, a yield curve inversion that reminded investors of the uncertainties implicit in the current economic environment. U.S. Treasury bonds provided more modest gains, with the positive impact of declining inflation largely balanced by the negative impact of high consumer prices.

However the economic story unfolds in the months and years to come, we remain dedicated to providing you with the long-term focus, unique perspectives and commitment to client service you expect.

Thank you for trusting us to help meet your investment needs.

Sincerely,



Kirk C. Lehneis
President

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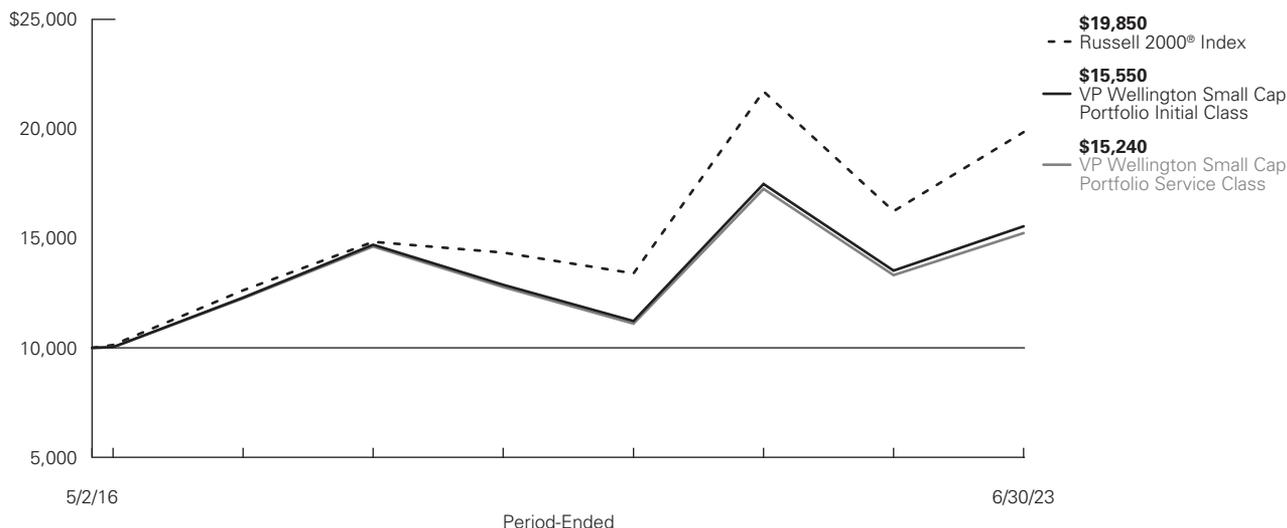
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Investors should refer to the Portfolio's Summary Prospectus and/or Prospectus and consider the Portfolio's investment objectives, strategies, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. The Summary Prospectus and/or Prospectus contain this and other information about the Portfolio. You may obtain copies of the Portfolio's Summary Prospectus, Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, which includes information about the MainStay VP Funds Trust's Trustees, free of charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 800-598-2019, by writing to New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation, 51 Madison Avenue, Room 251, New York, New York 10010 or by sending an email to MainStayShareholdersServices@nylim.com. These documents are also available at newyorklifeinvestments.com/investment-products/vp. Please read the Portfolio's Summary Prospectus and/or Prospectus carefully before investing. MainStay VP Funds Trust portfolios are separate account options which are purchased through a variable insurance or variable annuity contract.

Investment and Performance Comparison (Unaudited)

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Because of market volatility and other factors, current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and as a result, when shares are redeemed, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. The performance table and graph do not reflect any deduction of sales charges, mortality and expense charges, contract charges or administrative charges. Please refer to the Performance Summary appropriate for your policy. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 800-598-2019 or visit www.newyorklife.com.

Performance figures may reflect certain fee waivers and/or expense limitations, without which total returns may have been different. For information on current fee waivers and/or expense limitations (if any), please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements.



Average Annual Total Returns for the Period-Ended June 30, 2023

| Class | Inception Date ^{1,2} | Six Months ³ | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception | Gross Expense Ratio ⁴ |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Initial Class Shares | 5/2/2016 | 5.35% | 8.90% | 0.03% | 5.55% | 0.86% |
| Service Class Shares | 5/2/2016 | 5.22 | 8.62 | -0.22 | 5.29 | 1.11 |

- Effective January 1, 2018, due to an organizational restructuring, all investment personnel of Cornerstone Capital Management Holdings LLC, the former subadvisor, transitioned to MacKay Shields LLC, the former subadvisor.
- Effective May 1, 2021, the Portfolio replaced its subadvisor and modified its principal investment strategies. The past performance in the graph and table prior to that date reflects the Portfolio's prior subadvisors and principal investment strategies.
- Not annualized.
- The gross expense ratios presented reflect the Portfolio's "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" from the most recent Prospectus and may differ from other expense ratios disclosed in this report.

| Benchmark Performance* | Six Months ¹ | One Year | Five Years | Since Inception |
|---|-------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Russell 2000® Index ² | 8.09% | 12.31% | 4.21% | 8.75% |
| Morningstar Small Blend Category Average ³ | 7.41 | 12.53 | 5.24 | 8.10 |

* Returns for indices reflect no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes, except for foreign withholding taxes where applicable. Results assume reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

- Not annualized.
- The Russell 2000® Index is the Portfolio's primary broad-based securities market index for comparison purposes. The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index and includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership.
- The Morningstar Small Blend Category Average is representative of funds that favor U.S. firms at the smaller end of the market-capitalization range. Some aim to own an array of value and growth stocks while others employ a discipline that leads to holdings with valuations and growth rates close to the small-cap averages. Stocks in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as small cap. The blend style is assigned to funds where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. Results are based on average total returns of similar funds with all dividends and capital gain distributions reinvested.

Cost in Dollars of a \$1,000 Investment in MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio (Unaudited)

The example below is intended to describe the fees and expenses borne by shareholders during the six-month period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, and the impact of those costs on your investment.

Example

As a shareholder of the Portfolio you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including exchange fees and sales charges (loads) on purchases (as applicable), and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees and other Portfolio expenses (as applicable). This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the six-month period and held for the entire period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Shares are only sold in connection with variable life and annuity contracts and the example does not reflect any contract level or transactional fees or expenses. If these costs had been included, your costs would have been higher.

This example illustrates your Portfolio's ongoing costs in two ways:

Actual Expenses

The second and third data columns in the table below provide information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in these columns, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid during the six months ended June

30, 2023. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The fourth and fifth data columns in the table below provide information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Portfolio's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Portfolio's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balances or expenses you paid for the six-month period shown. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Portfolio with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other mutual funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as exchange fees or sales charges (loads). Therefore, the fourth and fifth data columns of the table are useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

| Share Class | Beginning Account Value 1/1/23 | Ending Account Value (Based on Actual Returns and Expenses) 6/30/23 | Expenses Paid During Period ¹ | Ending Account Value (Based on Hypothetical 5% Annualized Return and Actual Expenses) 6/30/23 | Expenses Paid During Period ¹ | Net Expense Ratio During Period ² |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Initial Class Shares | \$1,000.00 | \$1,053.50 | \$3.77 | \$1,021.13 | \$3.71 | 0.74% |
| Service Class Shares | \$1,000.00 | \$1,052.20 | \$5.04 | \$1,019.89 | \$4.96 | 0.99% |

- Expenses are equal to the Portfolio's annualized expense ratio of each class multiplied by the average account value over the period, divided by 365 and multiplied by 181 (to reflect the six-month period). The table above represents the actual expenses incurred during the six-month period. In addition to the fees and expenses which the Portfolio bears directly, it also indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the underlying funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the above-reported expense figures.
- Expenses are equal to the Portfolio's annualized expense ratio to reflect the six-month period.

Industry Composition as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

| | | | |
|--|------|--|---------------|
| Banks | 7.6% | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | 1.2% |
| Software | 6.6 | Food Products | 1.2 |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies | 5.7 | Aerospace & Defense | 1.1 |
| Biotechnology | 5.5 | Real Estate Management & Development | 1.1 |
| Trading Companies & Distributors | 4.0 | Specialty Retail | 1.0 |
| Energy Equipment & Services | 3.5 | Electric Utilities | 1.0 |
| Financial Services | 3.3 | Hotel & Resort REITs | 1.0 |
| Exchange-Traded Funds | 3.3 | Building Products | 1.0 |
| Professional Services | 3.0 | Capital Markets | 0.9 |
| Commercial Services & Supplies | 3.0 | Interactive Media & Services | 0.9 |
| Consumer Finance | 3.0 | Construction & Engineering | 0.9 |
| Machinery | 2.7 | Electrical Equipment | 0.9 |
| Insurance | 2.7 | Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts | 0.8 |
| Chemicals | 2.6 | Specialized REITs | 0.8 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | 2.5 | Leisure Products | 0.8 |
| Automobile Components | 2.5 | Ground Transportation | 0.6 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | 2.4 | Health Care REITs | 0.6 |
| Health Care Providers & Services | 2.0 | Communications Equipment | 0.6 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 1.9 | Beverages | 0.6 |
| Household Durables | 1.9 | Household Products | 0.6 |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods | 1.9 | Health Care Technology | 0.5 |
| Diversified Consumer Services | 1.7 | Office REITs | 0.4 |
| Personal Care Products | 1.6 | IT Services | 0.2 |
| Metals & Mining | 1.5 | Short-Term Investments | 4.6 |
| Media | 1.3 | Other Assets, Less Liabilities | <u>-3.6</u> |
| Gas Utilities | 1.3 | | <u>100.0%</u> |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components | 1.3 | | |

See Portfolio of Investments beginning on page 9 for specific holdings within these categories. The Portfolio's holdings are subject to change.

Top Ten Holdings and/or Issuers Held as of June 30, 2023 (excluding short-term investments)
(Unaudited)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. iShares Russell 2000 ETF | 6. Monro, Inc. |
| 2. Skyline Champion Corp. | 7. Omnicell, Inc. |
| 3. iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF | 8. Portland General Electric Co. |
| 4. SiriusPoint Ltd. | 9. Boise Cascade Co. |
| 5. Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. | 10. Magnite, Inc. |

Portfolio Management Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Answers to the questions reflect the views of portfolio managers Gregg R. Thomas, CFA, and Roberto J. Isch, CFA, of Wellington Management Company LLP (“Wellington”), the Portfolio’s Subadvisor.

How did MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio perform relative to its benchmark and peers during the six months ended June 30, 2023?

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio returned 5.35% for Initial Class shares and 5.22% for Service Class shares. Over the same period, both share classes underperformed the 8.09% return of the Russell 2000[®] Index (the “Index”), which is the Portfolio’s benchmark, and the 7.41% return of the Morningstar Small Blend Category Average.¹

What factors affected the Portfolio’s relative performance during the reporting period?

During the reporting period, the Portfolio underperformed the Index due to a combination of security selection and sector allocation.

During the reporting period, how was the Portfolio’s performance materially affected by investments in derivatives?

The Portfolio used Russell 2000[®] Index futures during the reporting period to equitize cash. These futures positions did not materially impact the Portfolio’s performance.

Which sectors were the strongest positive contributors to the Portfolio’s relative performance, and which sectors were particularly weak?

The sector providing the strongest contribution to the Portfolio’s performance relative to the Index was financials, followed by health care and consumer staples. (Contributions take weightings and total returns into account.) The positive relative performance of all three sectors was driven by security selection, while sector allocation detracted. During the same period, the sector that detracted most from relative performance was industrials, followed by consumer discretionary and information technology. Security selection undermined relative performance of all three sectors, while underweight exposure to information technology and overweight exposure to industrials further detracted.

During the reporting period, which individual stocks made the strongest positive contributions to the Portfolio’s absolute performance and which stocks detracted the most?

The strongest positive contributions to the Portfolio’s absolute performance came from holdings in orthopedics device maker SI-BONE, multinational insurance underwriter SiriusPoint and wireless communication technology company InterDigital. SI-BONE shares rose after the company reported strong first quarter 2023 results and raised guidance. SiriusPoint shares advanced after the company announced solid earnings results. InterDigital shares gained ground after the company reported better-than-expected quarterly earnings.

The most significant detractors from the Portfolio’s absolute performance included collection agency PRA Group, oil & gas drilling company Nabors Industries and biotechnology developer BioXcel Therapeutics. PRA Group shares fell after first-quarter 2023 results missed consensus estimates. Total cash collections declined 14.5% year-over-year, primarily due to a 30.2% decrease in collections. Nabors Industries shares declined after the company announced first quarter 2023 results that missed consensus estimates. BioXcel Therapeutics reported positive results for the company’s drug BXCL501, which treats agitation associated with Alzheimer’s disease. However, the company’s shares lost ground after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration discovered that a principal investigator at a clinical site failed to report a severe adverse event within the specified timeframe and fabricated email communications. The company is investigating its data integrity with third-party auditors.

Did the Portfolio make any significant purchases or sales during the reporting period?

During the reporting period, the Portfolio initiated positions in healthcare technology company Omnicell and advertisement technology company Taboola.com. We added Omnicell to the Portfolio due to its attractive valuation and high-quality fundamentals. We added Taboola.com to the Portfolio based on its attractive high-quality fundamentals.

During the same period, we eliminated the Portfolio’s positions in transportation company Kirby and investment bank Greenhill & Co. We sold the position in Kirby—originally purchased because of the company’s high-quality fundamentals—to invest in more attractive, long-term opportunities. We sold the position in Greenhill following strong price appreciation after it was announced that the company would be acquired.

How did the Portfolio’s sector weightings change during the reporting period?

The most notable increases in the Portfolio’s sector exposures were to health care and utilities, reducing the level of the Portfolio’s underweight positions in both sectors. Notable reductions in sector exposures included energy and information technology, resulting in more significantly underweight exposure to both sectors.

How was the Portfolio positioned at the end of the reporting period?

As of June 30, 2023, the Portfolio held its most overweight positions relative to the Index in the financials and consumer discretionary sectors, and its most underweight positions in information technology and real estate.

1. See page 5 for more information on benchmark and peer group returns.

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Not all MainStay VP Portfolios and/or share classes are available under all policies.

Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2023[†](Unaudited)

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Common Stocks 95.7% | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 1.1% | | |
| BWX Technologies, Inc. | 35,989 | \$ 2,575,733 |
| Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc., Class A | 61,844 | 1,805,226 |
| | | <u>4,380,959</u> |
| Automobile Components 2.5% | | |
| Dana, Inc. | 168,567 | 2,865,639 |
| Gentherm, Inc. (a) | 38,249 | 2,161,451 |
| Visteon Corp. (a) | 10,175 | 1,461,232 |
| XPEL, Inc. (a) | 36,000 | 3,031,920 |
| | | <u>9,520,242</u> |
| Banks 7.6% | | |
| Bank OZK (b) | 54,995 | 2,208,599 |
| Banner Corp. | 25,151 | 1,098,344 |
| Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. | 65,487 | 1,357,546 |
| Cadence Bank | 162,125 | 3,184,135 |
| First Hawaiian, Inc. | 107,324 | 1,932,905 |
| First Interstate BancSystem, Inc., Class A | 81,698 | 1,947,680 |
| FNB Corp. | 158,455 | 1,812,725 |
| Home BancShares, Inc. | 106,220 | 2,421,816 |
| OFG Bancorp | 71,270 | 1,858,722 |
| Old National Bancorp | 138,472 | 1,930,300 |
| Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc. | 88,716 | 1,834,647 |
| Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. | 76,227 | 1,728,829 |
| Stellar Bancorp, Inc. (b) | 72,644 | 1,662,821 |
| United Community Banks, Inc. | 64,594 | 1,614,204 |
| Veritex Holdings, Inc. | 78,984 | 1,416,183 |
| WSFS Financial Corp. | 35,792 | 1,350,074 |
| | | <u>29,359,530</u> |
| Beverages 0.6% | | |
| Celsius Holdings, Inc. (a) | 15,350 | 2,290,067 |
| Biotechnology 5.5% | | |
| ACELYRIN, Inc. (a) | 66,819 | 1,396,517 |
| Akero Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 7,131 | 332,946 |
| Ascendis Pharma A/S, ADR (a) | 3,914 | 349,325 |
| Bioxcel Therapeutics, Inc. (a)(b) | 58,416 | 389,051 |
| Blueprint Medicines Corp. (a) | 12,329 | 779,193 |
| Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 73,642 | 2,498,673 |
| Cytokinetics, Inc. (a) | 56,923 | 1,856,828 |
| Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 54,492 | 1,965,526 |
| Immunocore Holdings plc, ADR (a)(b) | 11,047 | 662,378 |
| ImmunoGen, Inc. (a) | 22,810 | 430,425 |
| Intellia Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 14,062 | 573,448 |
| Karuna Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 5,786 | 1,254,694 |
| Kymera Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 42,618 | 979,788 |

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Biotechnology (continued) | | |
| Merus NV (a) | 115,146 | \$ 3,031,794 |
| Morphic Holding, Inc. (a) | 6,636 | 380,442 |
| Prothena Corp. plc (a) | 9,370 | 639,784 |
| PTC Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 14,129 | 574,626 |
| REVOLUTION Medicines, Inc. (a) | 14,699 | 393,198 |
| Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a) | 21,784 | 432,848 |
| Sage Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 26,873 | 1,263,569 |
| Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a) | 17,995 | 376,635 |
| Vaxcyte, Inc. (a) | 17,240 | 860,966 |
| | | <u>21,422,654</u> |
| Building Products 1.0% | | |
| AZEK Co., Inc. (The) (a) | 65,086 | 1,971,455 |
| Zurn Elkay Water Solutions Corp. | 64,647 | 1,738,358 |
| | | <u>3,709,813</u> |
| Capital Markets 0.9% | | |
| Hamilton Lane, Inc., Class A | 27,614 | 2,208,568 |
| PJT Partners, Inc., Class A (b) | 20,674 | 1,439,737 |
| | | <u>3,648,305</u> |
| Chemicals 2.6% | | |
| Cabot Corp. | 31,035 | 2,075,931 |
| Livent Corp. (a)(b) | 81,217 | 2,227,783 |
| Mativ Holdings, Inc. | 110,193 | 1,666,118 |
| Minerals Technologies, Inc. | 25,441 | 1,467,691 |
| Quaker Chemical Corp. | 13,839 | 2,697,221 |
| | | <u>10,134,744</u> |
| Commercial Services & Supplies 3.0% | | |
| Brady Corp., Class A | 46,770 | 2,224,849 |
| BrightView Holdings, Inc. (a) | 127,747 | 917,223 |
| Casella Waste Systems, Inc., Class A (a) | 20,959 | 1,895,741 |
| Deluxe Corp. | 60,093 | 1,050,426 |
| Interface, Inc. | 223,761 | 1,966,859 |
| Loomis AB | 56,535 | 1,649,081 |
| MillerKnoll, Inc. | 135,452 | 2,001,981 |
| | | <u>11,706,160</u> |
| Communications Equipment 0.6% | | |
| Calix, Inc. (a) | 46,380 | 2,314,826 |
| Construction & Engineering 0.9% | | |
| Ameresco, Inc., Class A (a)(b) | 23,938 | 1,164,105 |
| Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd. | 5,431 | 110,280 |
| Fluor Corp. (a) | 68,786 | 2,036,066 |
| | | <u>3,310,451</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the financial statements.

Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2023[†] (Unaudited) (continued)

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
| Consumer Finance 3.0% | | |
| Bread Financial Holdings, Inc. | 74,391 | \$ 2,335,133 |
| Enova International, Inc. (a) | 53,432 | 2,838,308 |
| Navient Corp. | 101,709 | 1,889,753 |
| PRA Group, Inc. (a) | 84,621 | 1,933,590 |
| PROG Holdings, Inc. (a) | 79,098 | 2,540,628 |
| | | <u>11,537,412</u> |
| Diversified Consumer Services 1.7% | | |
| Adtalem Global Education, Inc. (a) | 54,676 | 1,877,574 |
| European Wax Center, Inc., Class A (a)(b) | 51,485 | 959,166 |
| H&R Block, Inc. | 103,120 | 3,286,434 |
| Laureate Education, Inc. | 37,500 | 453,375 |
| | | <u>6,576,549</u> |
| Electric Utilities 1.0% | | |
| Portland General Electric Co. | 85,500 | 4,003,965 |
| Electrical Equipment 0.9% | | |
| Acuity Brands, Inc. | 4,760 | 776,261 |
| Shoals Technologies Group, Inc., Class A (a) | 98,826 | 2,525,992 |
| | | <u>3,302,253</u> |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components 1.3% | | |
| CTS Corp. | 52,100 | 2,221,023 |
| Novanta, Inc. (a) | 15,331 | 2,822,437 |
| | | <u>5,043,460</u> |
| Energy Equipment & Services 3.5% | | |
| Cactus, Inc., Class A | 44,258 | 1,872,998 |
| ChampionX Corp. | 69,994 | 2,172,614 |
| DMC Global, Inc. (a) | 114,028 | 2,025,137 |
| Liberty Energy, Inc. | 157,116 | 2,100,641 |
| Nabors Industries Ltd. (a) | 16,233 | 1,510,156 |
| Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. | 128,342 | 1,536,254 |
| Subsea 7 SA, Sponsored ADR | 180,674 | 2,258,425 |
| | | <u>13,476,225</u> |
| Financial Services 3.3% | | |
| Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp., Class C | 18,330 | 2,634,754 |
| NMI Holdings, Inc., Class A (a) | 105,555 | 2,725,430 |
| Radian Group, Inc. | 94,458 | 2,387,898 |
| Remitty Global, Inc. (a) | 136,131 | 2,561,986 |
| Shift4 Payments, Inc., Class A (a) | 37,524 | 2,548,255 |
| | | <u>12,858,323</u> |

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Food Products 1.2% | | |
| Freshpet, Inc. (a)(b) | 42,468 | \$ 2,794,819 |
| TreeHouse Foods, Inc. (a) | 34,635 | 1,744,911 |
| | | <u>4,539,730</u> |
| Gas Utilities 1.3% | | |
| New Jersey Resources Corp. | 59,274 | 2,797,733 |
| Spire, Inc. | 35,865 | 2,275,275 |
| | | <u>5,073,008</u> |
| Ground Transportation 0.6% | | |
| Heartland Express, Inc. | 152,862 | 2,508,465 |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies 5.7% | | |
| Artivion, Inc. (a) | 148,556 | 2,553,678 |
| Glaukos Corp. (a) | 22,590 | 1,608,634 |
| Inari Medical, Inc. (a) | 22,178 | 1,289,429 |
| Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. (a) | 12,735 | 4,134,291 |
| Lantheus Holdings, Inc. (a) | 21,813 | 1,830,547 |
| NuVasive, Inc. (a) | 48,585 | 2,020,650 |
| Omniceil, Inc. (a) | 54,692 | 4,029,160 |
| Shockwave Medical, Inc. (a) | 6,523 | 1,861,729 |
| SI-BONE, Inc. (a) | 96,346 | 2,599,415 |
| | | <u>21,927,533</u> |
| Health Care Providers & Services 2.0% | | |
| Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc. (a) | 21,496 | 1,711,941 |
| AMN Healthcare Services, Inc. (a) | 24,723 | 2,697,774 |
| Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (a) | 61,418 | 1,724,617 |
| Premier, Inc., Class A | 59,713 | 1,651,662 |
| | | <u>7,785,994</u> |
| Health Care REITs 0.6% | | |
| CareTrust REIT, Inc. | 117,592 | 2,335,377 |
| Health Care Technology 0.5% | | |
| NextGen Healthcare, Inc. (a) | 120,626 | 1,956,554 |
| Hotel & Resort REITs 1.0% | | |
| Pebblebrook Hotel Trust (b) | 126,667 | 1,765,738 |
| Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. | 23,013 | 2,138,368 |
| | | <u>3,904,106</u> |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 2.4% | | |
| Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (b) | 20,840 | 1,941,871 |
| Hilton Grand Vacations, Inc. (a) | 67,190 | 3,053,114 |
| Texas Roadhouse, Inc. | 10,942 | 1,228,568 |
| Wingstop, Inc. | 14,927 | 2,987,788 |
| | | <u>9,211,341</u> |

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
| Household Durables 1.9% | | |
| Helen of Troy Ltd. (a) | 19,384 | \$ 2,093,860 |
| Skyline Champion Corp. (a) | 80,598 | 5,275,139 |
| | | <u>7,368,999</u> |
| Household Products 0.6% | | |
| Energizer Holdings, Inc. | 63,711 | 2,139,415 |
| Insurance 2.7% | | |
| Kemper Corp. | 37,059 | 1,788,467 |
| Lancashire Holdings Ltd. | 284,532 | 2,088,636 |
| ProAssurance Corp. | 150,496 | 2,270,985 |
| SiriusPoint Ltd. (a) | 484,875 | 4,378,421 |
| | | <u>10,526,509</u> |
| Interactive Media & Services 0.9% | | |
| Taboola.com Ltd. (a) | 770,852 | 2,397,349 |
| Ziff Davis, Inc. (a) | 17,579 | 1,231,585 |
| | | <u>3,628,934</u> |
| IT Services 0.2% | | |
| Perficient, Inc. (a) | 10,054 | 837,800 |
| Leisure Products 0.8% | | |
| Sturm Ruger & Co., Inc. | 35,891 | 1,900,787 |
| YETI Holdings, Inc. (a) | 26,584 | 1,032,523 |
| | | <u>2,933,310</u> |
| Machinery 2.7% | | |
| Blue Bird Corp. (a) | 102,518 | 2,304,605 |
| Hillman Solutions Corp. (a) | 277,362 | 2,499,031 |
| Kennametal, Inc. | 85,911 | 2,439,013 |
| Middleby Corp. (The) (a) | 8,995 | 1,329,731 |
| REV Group, Inc. | 147,541 | 1,956,394 |
| | | <u>10,528,774</u> |
| Media 1.3% | | |
| Criteo SA, Sponsored ADR (a) | 50,921 | 1,718,075 |
| Magnite, Inc. (a) | 246,890 | 3,370,048 |
| | | <u>5,088,123</u> |
| Metals & Mining 1.5% | | |
| Carpenter Technology Corp. | 49,700 | 2,789,661 |
| Compass Minerals International, Inc. | 42,178 | 1,434,052 |
| MP Materials Corp. (a) | 63,887 | 1,461,735 |
| | | <u>5,685,448</u> |

| | Shares | Value |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.8% | | |
| Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure Capital, Inc. (b) | 50,333 | \$ 1,258,325 |
| Rithm Capital Corp. | 193,333 | 1,807,664 |
| | | <u>3,065,989</u> |
| Office REITs 0.4% | | |
| Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc., Class A | 209,960 | 1,526,409 |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 1.2% | | |
| PBF Energy, Inc., Class A | 54,406 | 2,227,382 |
| Viper Energy Partners LP | 96,204 | 2,581,153 |
| | | <u>4,808,535</u> |
| Personal Care Products 1.6% | | |
| Edgewell Personal Care Co. | 50,585 | 2,089,667 |
| elf Beauty, Inc. (a) | 25,721 | 2,938,110 |
| Medifast, Inc. | 13,533 | 1,247,201 |
| | | <u>6,274,978</u> |
| Pharmaceuticals 1.9% | | |
| Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 233,298 | 2,419,300 |
| Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. (a) | 14,080 | 891,546 |
| Pacira BioSciences, Inc. (a) | 77,653 | 3,111,556 |
| Revance Therapeutics, Inc. (a) | 14,889 | 376,840 |
| Verona Pharma plc, ADR (a)(b) | 28,123 | 594,520 |
| | | <u>7,393,762</u> |
| Professional Services 3.0% | | |
| ExlService Holdings, Inc. (a) | 17,291 | 2,611,979 |
| Insperty, Inc. | 28,217 | 3,356,694 |
| TriNet Group, Inc. (a) | 26,342 | 2,501,700 |
| Verra Mobility Corp. (a) | 164,953 | 3,252,873 |
| | | <u>11,723,246</u> |
| Real Estate Management & Development 1.1% | | |
| Marcus & Millichap, Inc. | 63,667 | 2,006,147 |
| Tricon Residential, Inc. | 264,574 | 2,330,897 |
| | | <u>4,337,044</u> |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 2.5% | | |
| Ichor Holdings Ltd. (a) | 60,444 | 2,266,650 |
| MKS Instruments, Inc. | 6,780 | 732,918 |
| Semtech Corp. (a) | 94,637 | 2,409,458 |
| Silicon Motion Technology Corp., ADR | 26,048 | 1,871,809 |
| SiTime Corp. (a) | 8,504 | 1,003,217 |
| Synaptics, Inc. (a) | 15,161 | 1,294,446 |
| | | <u>9,578,498</u> |
| Software 6.6% | | |
| Adeia, Inc. | 233,777 | 2,573,885 |

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Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2023^{†^}(Unaudited) (continued)

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|--------------------|
| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
| Software (continued) | | |
| Agilysys, Inc. (a) | 29,081 | \$ 1,996,120 |
| Box, Inc., Class A (a) | 78,190 | 2,297,222 |
| CyberArk Software Ltd. (a) | 10,878 | 1,700,558 |
| DoubleVerify Holdings, Inc. (a) | 54,790 | 2,132,427 |
| Five9, Inc. (a) | 23,143 | 1,908,140 |
| Intapp, Inc. (a) | 11,300 | 473,583 |
| InterDigital, Inc. | 23,691 | 2,287,366 |
| Jamf Holding Corp. (a)(b) | 77,527 | 1,513,327 |
| Manhattan Associates, Inc. (a) | 10,612 | 2,121,126 |
| PowerSchool Holdings, Inc., Class A (a) | 84,511 | 1,617,540 |
| SolarWinds Corp. (a) | 257,438 | 2,641,314 |
| Xperi, Inc. (a) | 192,911 | 2,536,780 |
| | | <u>25,799,388</u> |
| Specialized REITs 0.8% | | |
| Uniti Group, Inc. (b) | 659,711 | <u>3,047,865</u> |
| Specialty Retail 1.0% | | |
| Monro, Inc. | 100,202 | <u>4,071,207</u> |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 1.9% | | |
| Carter's, Inc. | 21,908 | 1,590,521 |
| Crocs, Inc. (a) | 17,744 | 1,995,135 |
| Kontoor Brands, Inc. | 39,466 | 1,661,519 |
| Steven Madden Ltd. | 62,874 | <u>2,055,351</u> |
| | | <u>7,302,526</u> |
| Trading Companies & Distributors 4.0% | | |
| Air Lease Corp. | 49,623 | 2,076,722 |
| Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. | 16,887 | 2,445,744 |
| Boise Cascade Co. | 41,662 | 3,764,162 |
| McGrath RentCorp | 20,402 | 1,886,777 |
| MRC Global, Inc. (a) | 229,852 | 2,314,610 |
| Rush Enterprises, Inc., Class A | 24,935 | 1,514,552 |
| WESCO International, Inc. | 9,381 | <u>1,679,762</u> |
| | | <u>15,682,329</u> |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost \$385,104,227) | | <u>371,187,134</u> |
| Exchange-Traded Funds 3.3% | | |
| iShares Russell 2000 ETF (b) | 32,204 | 6,030,843 |
| iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF | 7,761 | 1,883,284 |

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF (b) | 35,114 | \$ 4,944,051 |
| Total Exchange-Traded Funds (Cost \$12,451,155) | | <u>12,858,178</u> |
| Number of Warrants | | |
| Warrants 0.0% ‡ | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services 0.0% ‡ | | |
| Nabors Industries Ltd. Expires 6/11/26 (a) | 10,100 | <u>116,150</u> |
| Total Warrants (Cost \$0) | | <u>116,150</u> |
| Shares | | |
| Short-Term Investments 4.6% | | |
| Affiliated Investment Company 1.4% | | |
| MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund, 5.06% (c) | 5,267,308 | <u>5,267,308</u> |
| Unaffiliated Investment Companies 3.2% | | |
| Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, 5.122% (c)(d) | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Invesco Government & Agency Portfolio, 5.158% (c)(d) | 2,304,144 | 2,304,144 |
| RBC U.S. Government Money Market Fund, 5.081% (c)(d) | 5,000,000 | <u>5,000,000</u> |
| Total Unaffiliated Investment Companies (Cost \$12,304,144) | | <u>12,304,144</u> |
| Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$17,571,452) | | <u>17,571,452</u> |
| Total Investments (Cost \$415,126,834) | 103.6% | 401,732,914 |
| Other Assets, Less Liabilities | (3.6) | <u>(13,838,115)</u> |
| Net Assets | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 387,894,799</u> |

† Percentages indicated are based on Portfolio net assets.

^ Industry classifications may be different than those used for compliance monitoring purposes.

‡ Less than one-tenth of a percent.

(a) Non-income producing security.

- (b) All or a portion of this security was held on loan. As of June 30, 2023, the aggregate market value of securities on loan was \$27,025,239; the total market value of collateral held by the Portfolio was \$27,773,237. The market value of the collateral held included non-cash collateral in the form of U.S. Treasury securities with a value of \$15,469,093. The Portfolio received cash collateral with a value of \$12,304,144. (See Note 2(l))
- (c) Current yield as of June 30, 2023.
- (d) Represents a security purchased with cash collateral received for securities on loan.

Investments in Affiliates (in 000's)

Investments in issuers considered to be affiliate(s) of the Portfolio during the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 for purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, were as follows:

| Affiliated Investment Companies | Value, Beginning of Period | Purchases at Cost | Proceeds from Sales | Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Sales | Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) | Value, End of Period | Dividend Income | Other Distributions | Shares End of Period |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund | \$ 3,651 | \$ 53,449 | \$ (51,833) | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 5,267 | \$ 139 | \$ — | 5,267 |

Futures Contracts

As of June 30, 2023, the Portfolio held the following futures contracts¹:

| Type | Number of Contracts | Expiration Date | Value at Trade Date | Current Notional Amount | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) ² |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Long Contracts | | | | | |
| Russell 2000 E-Mini Index | 24 | September 2023 | \$ 2,264,135 | \$ 2,284,440 | <u>\$ 20,305</u> |

1. As of June 30, 2023, cash in the amount of \$163,680 was on deposit with a broker or futures commission merchant for futures transactions.

2. Represents the difference between the value of the contracts at the time they were opened and the value as of June 30, 2023.

Abbreviation(s):

ADR—American Depositary Receipt

ETF—Exchange-Traded Fund

REIT—Real Estate Investment Trust

Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2023^{†^}(Unaudited) (continued)

The following is a summary of the fair valuations according to the inputs used as of June 30, 2023, for valuing the Portfolio's assets:

| Description | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Total |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------|
| Asset Valuation Inputs | | | | |
| Investments in Securities (a) | | | | |
| Common Stocks | \$ 371,187,134 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 371,187,134 |
| Exchange-Traded Funds | 12,858,178 | — | — | 12,858,178 |
| Warrants | 116,150 | — | — | 116,150 |
| Short-Term Investments | | | | |
| Affiliated Investment Company | 5,267,308 | — | — | 5,267,308 |
| Unaffiliated Investment Companies | 12,304,144 | — | — | 12,304,144 |
| Total Short-Term Investments | <u>17,571,452</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>17,571,452</u> |
| Total Investments in Securities | <u>401,732,914</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>401,732,914</u> |
| Other Financial Instruments | | | | |
| Futures Contracts (b) | 20,305 | — | — | 20,305 |
| Total Investments in Securities and Other Financial Instruments | <u>\$ 401,753,219</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 401,753,219</u> |

(a) For a complete listing of investments and their industries, see the Portfolio of Investments.

(b) The value listed for these securities reflects unrealized appreciation (depreciation) as shown on the Portfolio of Investments.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Assets

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Investment in unaffiliated securities, at value (identified cost \$409,859,526) including securities on loan of \$27,025,239 | \$396,465,606 |
| Investment in affiliated investment companies, at value (identified cost \$5,267,308) | 5,267,308 |
| Cash collateral on deposit at broker for futures contracts | 163,680 |
| Receivables: | |
| Investment securities sold | 3,844,652 |
| Portfolio shares sold | 803,355 |
| Dividends | 374,381 |
| Variation margin on futures contracts | 121,414 |
| Securities lending | 6,107 |
| Other assets | 4,115 |
| Total assets | <u>407,050,618</u> |

Liabilities

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Cash collateral received for securities on loan | 12,304,144 |
| Payables: | |
| Investment securities purchased | 6,265,376 |
| Manager (See Note 3) | 224,936 |
| Portfolio shares redeemed | 206,439 |
| Shareholder communication | 72,276 |
| NYLIFE Distributors (See Note 3) | 45,864 |
| Professional fees | 25,453 |
| Custodian | 5,001 |
| Accrued expenses | 6,330 |
| Total liabilities | <u>19,155,819</u> |
| Net assets | <u>\$387,894,799</u> |

Composition of Net Assets

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (par value of \$.001 per share) unlimited number of shares authorized | \$ 48,284 |
| Additional paid-in-capital | <u>457,958,089</u> |
| | 458,006,373 |
| Total distributable earnings (loss) | <u>(70,111,574)</u> |
| Net assets | <u>\$387,894,799</u> |

Initial Class

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Net assets applicable to outstanding shares | <u>\$160,658,221</u> |
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding | <u>19,835,836</u> |
| Net asset value per share outstanding | <u>\$ 8.10</u> |

Service Class

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Net assets applicable to outstanding shares | <u>\$227,236,578</u> |
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding | <u>28,448,532</u> |
| Net asset value per share outstanding | <u>\$ 7.99</u> |

Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (Loss)

Income

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Dividends-unaffiliated (net of foreign tax withholding of \$20,068) | \$ 3,080,861 |
| Dividends-affiliated | 139,194 |
| Securities lending, net | <u>30,405</u> |
| Total income | <u>3,250,460</u> |

Expenses

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Manager (See Note 3) | 1,571,855 |
| Distribution/Service—Service Class (See Note 3) | 278,282 |
| Professional fees | 39,360 |
| Custodian | 11,491 |
| Trustees | 4,874 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>4,362</u> |
| Total expenses before waiver/reimbursement | 1,910,224 |
| Expense waiver/reimbursement from Manager (See Note 3) | <u>(177,974)</u> |
| Net expenses | <u>1,732,250</u> |
| Net investment income (loss) | <u>1,518,210</u> |

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on: | |
| Unaffiliated investment transactions | (12,262,705) |
| Futures transactions | 496,630 |
| Foreign currency transactions | <u>(1,813)</u> |
| Net realized gain (loss) | <u>(11,767,888)</u> |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | |
| Unaffiliated investments | 30,835,094 |
| Futures contracts | 99,205 |
| Translation of other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies | <u>(2)</u> |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | <u>30,934,297</u> |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | <u>19,166,409</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | <u>\$ 20,684,619</u> |

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

for the six months ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited) and the year ended December 31, 2022

| | Six months ended June 30, 2023 | Year ended December 31, 2022 |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ 1,518,210 | \$ 2,367,068 |
| Net realized gain (loss) | (11,767,888) | (47,768,878) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 30,934,297 | (62,073,610) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | 20,684,619 | (107,475,420) |
| Distributions to shareholders: | | |
| Initial Class | — | (49,470,351) |
| Service Class | — | (66,408,806) |
| Total distributions to shareholders | — | (115,879,157) |
| Capital share transactions: | | |
| Net proceeds from sales of shares | 18,556,729 | 42,762,495 |
| Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | — | 115,879,157 |
| Cost of shares redeemed | (47,841,155) | (57,789,013) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions | (29,284,426) | 100,852,639 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | (8,599,807) | (122,501,938) |
| Net Assets | | |
| Beginning of period | 396,494,606 | 518,996,544 |
| End of period | \$387,894,799 | \$ 396,494,606 |

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Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

| Initial Class | Six months ended | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | June 30, 2023* | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net asset value at beginning of period | \$ 7.69 | \$ 13.79 | \$ 11.73 | \$ 10.65 | \$ 9.82 | \$ 13.16 |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 0.37 | (3.05) | 1.95 | 1.05 | 1.61 | (1.71) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.41 | (2.98) | 2.11 | 1.09 | 1.66 | (1.67) |
| Less distributions: | | | | | | |
| From net investment income | — | (0.13) | (0.05) | (0.01) | (0.02) | — |
| From net realized gain on investments | — | (2.99) | — | — | (0.81) | (1.67) |
| Total distributions | — | (3.12) | (0.05) | (0.01) | (0.83) | (1.67) |
| Net asset value at end of period | \$ 8.10 | \$ 7.69 | \$ 13.79 | \$ 11.73 | \$ 10.65 | \$ 9.82 |
| Total investment return (b) | 5.33%(c) | (20.83)% | 18.03% | 10.22% | 17.82% | (15.11)% |
| Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | 0.91%†† | 0.70% | 0.93% | 0.42% | 0.48% | 0.33% |
| Net expenses (d) | 0.74%†† | 0.74% | 0.74% | 0.75% | 0.82% | 0.90% |
| Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (d) | 0.83%†† | 0.85% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.90% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 33% | 71% | 83% | 225% | 257% | 161% |
| Net assets at end of period (in 000's) | \$ 160,658 | \$ 172,629 | \$ 206,410 | \$ 197,586 | \$ 198,292 | \$ 123,857 |

* Unaudited.

†† Annualized.

(a) Per share data based on average shares outstanding during the period.

(b) Total return does not reflect any deduction of sales charges, mortality and expense charges, contract charges or administrative charges. For periods of less than one year, total return is not annualized.

(c) Total investment return may reflect adjustments to conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

(d) In addition to the fees and expenses which the Portfolio bears directly, it also indirectly bears a pro-rata share of the fees and expenses of the underlying funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the above expense ratios.

Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

| Service Class | Six months ended | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | June 30, 2023* | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net asset value at beginning of period | \$ 7.59 | \$ 13.65 | \$ 11.61 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 9.76 | \$ 13.11 |
| Net investment income (loss) (a) | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 0.37 | (3.02) | 1.95 | 1.03 | 1.59 | (1.69) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.40 | (2.97) | 2.07 | 1.05 | 1.61 | (1.68) |
| Less distributions: | | | | | | |
| From net investment income | — | (0.10) | (0.03) | — | (0.00)‡ | — |
| From net realized gain on investments | — | (2.99) | — | — | (0.81) | (1.67) |
| Total distributions | — | (3.09) | (0.03) | — | (0.81) | (1.67) |
| Net asset value at end of period | \$ 7.99 | \$ 7.59 | \$ 13.65 | \$ 11.61 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 9.76 |
| Total investment return (b) | 5.27%(c) | (21.03)% | 17.73% | 9.94%(c) | 17.53% | (15.32)% |
| Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | 0.67%†† | 0.44% | 0.66% | 0.17% | 0.22% | 0.09% |
| Net expenses (d) | 0.99%†† | 0.99% | 0.99% | 1.00% | 1.07% | 1.15% |
| Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (d) | 1.08%†† | 1.10% | 1.11% | 1.11% | 1.12% | 1.15% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 33% | 71% | 83% | 225% | 257% | 161% |
| Net assets at end of period (in 000's) | \$ 227,237 | \$ 223,866 | \$ 312,587 | \$ 304,479 | \$ 317,216 | \$ 136,965 |

* Unaudited.

‡ Less than one cent per share.

†† Annualized.

(a) Per share data based on average shares outstanding during the period.

(b) Total return does not reflect any deduction of sales charges, mortality and expense charges, contract charges or administrative charges. For periods of less than one year, total return is not annualized.

(c) Total investment return may reflect adjustments to conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

(d) In addition to the fees and expenses which the Portfolio bears directly, it also indirectly bears a pro-rata share of the fees and expenses of the underlying funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the above expense ratios.

Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Note 1—Organization and Business

MainStay VP Funds Trust (the "Fund") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 1, 2011. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Fund is comprised of thirty-one separate series (collectively referred to as the "Portfolios"). These financial statements and notes relate to the MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), a "diversified" portfolio, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction, from time to time.

Shares of the Portfolio are currently offered to certain separate accounts to fund variable annuity policies and variable universal life insurance policies issued by New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation ("NYLIAC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company ("New York Life") and may also be offered to fund variable annuity policies and variable universal life insurance policies issued by other insurance companies. NYLIAC allocates shares of the Portfolio to, among others, certain NYLIAC separate accounts. Shares of the Portfolio are also offered to the MainStay VP Conservative Allocation Portfolio, MainStay VP Moderate Allocation Portfolio, MainStay VP Growth Allocation Portfolio and MainStay VP Equity Allocation Portfolio, which operate as "funds-of-funds," and other variable insurance funds.

The following table lists the Portfolio's share classes that have been registered and commenced operations:

| Class | Commenced Operations |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Initial Class | May 2, 2016 |
| Service Class | May 2, 2016 |

Shares of the Portfolio are offered and are redeemed at a price equal to their respective net asset value ("NAV") per share. No sales or redemption charge is applicable to the purchase or redemption of the Portfolio's shares. Under the terms of the Fund's multiple class plan, adopted pursuant to Rule 18f-3 under the 1940 Act, the classes differ in that, among other things, Service Class shares of the Portfolio pay a combined distribution and service fee of 0.25% of average daily net assets attributable to Service Class shares of the Portfolio to the Distributor (as defined in Note 3(B)) pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Contract owners of variable annuity contracts purchased after June 2, 2003, are permitted to invest only in the Service Class shares.

The Portfolio's investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital.

Note 2—Significant Accounting Policies

The Portfolio is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification *Topic 946 Financial Services—Investment Companies*. The Portfolio prepares its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States of America and follows the significant accounting policies described below.

(A) Securities Valuation. Investments are usually valued as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day the Portfolio is open for business ("valuation date").

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") has designated New York Life Investment Management LLC ("New York Life Investments" or the "Manager") as its Valuation Designee (the "Valuation Designee"). The Valuation Designee is responsible for performing fair valuations relating to all investments in the Portfolio's portfolio for which market quotations are not readily available; periodically assessing and managing material valuation risks; establishing and applying fair value methodologies; testing fair valuation methodologies; evaluating and overseeing pricing services; ensuring appropriate segregation of valuation and portfolio management functions; providing quarterly, annual and prompt reporting to the Board, as appropriate; identifying potential conflicts of interest; and maintaining appropriate records. The Valuation Designee has established a valuation committee ("Valuation Committee") to assist in carrying out the Valuation Designee's responsibilities and establish prices of securities for which market quotations are not readily available. The Portfolio's and the Valuation Designee's policies and procedures ("Valuation Procedures") govern the Valuation Designee's selection and application of methodologies for determining and calculating the fair value of Portfolio investments. The Valuation Designee may value the Portfolio's portfolio securities for which market quotations are not readily available and other Portfolio assets utilizing inputs from pricing services and other third-party sources. The Valuation Committee meets (in person, via electronic mail or via teleconference) on an ad-hoc basis to determine fair valuations and on a quarterly basis to review fair value events with respect to certain securities for which market quotations are not readily available, including valuation risks and back-testing results, and preview reports to the Board.

The Valuation Committee establishes prices of securities for which market quotations are not readily available based on such methodologies and measurements on a regular basis after considering information that is reasonably available and deemed relevant by the Valuation Committee. The Board shall oversee the Valuation Designee and review fair valuation materials on a prompt, quarterly and annual basis and approve proposed revisions to the Valuation Procedures.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to the Valuation Procedures. A market quotation is readily available only when that quotation is a quoted price (unadjusted) in active markets for identical investments that the Portfolio can access at the measurement date, provided that a quotation will not be readily available if it is not reliable. "Fair value" is defined as the price the Portfolio would reasonably expect to receive upon selling an asset or liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value measurements are determined within a

framework that establishes a three-tier hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable market data and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs to establish a classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. "Inputs" refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, such as the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value using a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs for the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Portfolio. Unobservable inputs reflect the Portfolio's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the information available. The inputs or methodology used for valuing assets or liabilities may not be an indication of the risks associated with investing in those assets or liabilities. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1—quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for an identical asset or liability
- Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for a similar asset or liability in active markets, interest rates and yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Portfolio's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in measuring fair value of an asset or liability)

The level of an asset or liability within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of an input, both individually and in the aggregate, that is significant to the fair value measurement. The aggregate value by input level of the Portfolio's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2023, is included at the end of the Portfolio of Investments.

The Portfolio may use third-party vendor evaluations, whose prices may be derived from one or more of the following standard inputs, among others:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| • Broker/dealer quotes | • Benchmark securities |
| • Two-sided markets | • Reference data (corporate actions or material event notices) |
| • Bids/offers | • Monthly payment information |
| • Industry and economic events | • Reported trades |

An asset or liability for which a market quotation is not readily available is valued by methods deemed reasonable in good faith by the Valuation Committee, following the Valuation Procedures to represent fair value. Under these procedures, the Valuation Designee generally uses a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values and other relevant information. The Valuation Designee may also use an income-based valuation approach in which the anticipated future cash flows of the asset or liability are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature and/or duration of any

restrictions on the disposition of the asset or liability. Fair value represents a good faith approximation of the value of a security. Fair value determinations involve the consideration of a number of subjective factors, an analysis of applicable facts and circumstances and the exercise of judgment. As a result, it is possible that the fair value for a security determined in good faith in accordance with the Valuation Procedures may differ from valuations for the same security determined for other funds using their own valuation procedures. Although the Valuation Procedures are designed to value a security at the price the Portfolio may reasonably expect to receive upon the security's sale in an orderly transaction, there can be no assurance that any fair value determination thereunder would, in fact, approximate the amount that the Portfolio would actually realize upon the sale of the security or the price at which the security would trade if a reliable market price were readily available. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, there were no material changes to the fair value methodologies.

Securities which may be valued in this manner include, but are not limited to: (i) a security for which trading has been halted or suspended or otherwise does not have a readily available market quotation on a given day; (ii) a debt security that has recently gone into default and for which there is not a current market quotation; (iii) a security of an issuer that has entered into a restructuring; (iv) a security that has been delisted from a national exchange; (v) a security subject to trading collars for which no or limited trading takes place; and (vi) a security whose principal market has been temporarily closed at a time when, under normal conditions, it would be open. Securities valued in this manner are generally categorized as Level 2 or 3 in the hierarchy.

Equity securities, including exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), are valued at the last quoted sales prices as of the close of regular trading on the relevant exchange on each valuation date. Securities that are not traded on the valuation date are valued at the mean of the last quoted bid and ask prices. Prices are normally taken from the principal market in which each security trades. These securities are generally categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Investments in mutual funds, including money market funds, are valued at their respective NAVs at the close of business each day on the valuation date. These securities are generally categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Futures contracts are valued at the last posted settlement price on the market where such futures are primarily traded. These securities are generally categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Temporary cash investments acquired in excess of 60 days to maturity at the time of purchase are valued using the latest bid prices or using valuations based on a matrix system (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings), both as furnished by independent pricing services. Temporary cash investments that mature in 60 days or less at the time of purchase ("Short-Term Investments") are valued using the amortized cost method of valuation, unless the use of such method would be inappropriate. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost on the date of purchase and thereafter

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assuming a constant amortization to maturity of the difference between such cost and the value on maturity date. Amortized cost approximates the current fair value of a security. Securities valued using the amortized cost method are not valued using quoted prices in an active market and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

The information above is not intended to reflect an exhaustive list of the methodologies that may be used to value portfolio investments. The Valuation Procedures permit the use of a variety of valuation methodologies in connection with valuing portfolio investments. The methodology used for a specific type of investment may vary based on the market data available or other considerations. The methodologies summarized above may not represent the specific means by which portfolio investments are valued on any particular business day.

(B) Income Taxes. The Portfolio's policy is to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to the shareholders of the Portfolio within the allowable time limits.

The Manager evaluates the Portfolio's tax positions to determine if the tax positions taken meet the minimum recognition threshold in connection with accounting for uncertainties in income tax positions taken or expected to be taken for the purposes of measuring and recognizing tax liabilities in the financial statements. Recognition of tax benefits of an uncertain tax position is permitted only to the extent the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by taxing authorities. The Manager analyzed the Portfolio's tax positions taken on federal, state and local income tax returns for all open tax years (for up to three tax years) and has concluded that no provisions for federal, state and local income tax are required in the Portfolio's financial statements. The Portfolio's federal, state and local income tax and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state and local departments of revenue.

(C) Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders. Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Portfolio intends to declare and pay dividends from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital and currency gains, if any, at least annually. All dividends and distributions are reinvested at NAV in the same class of shares of the Portfolio. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations and may differ from determinations using GAAP.

(D) Security Transactions and Investment Income. The Portfolio records security transactions on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are determined using the identified cost method. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign tax withheld at the source, and interest income is accrued as earned using the effective interest rate method. Distributions received from real estate investment trusts may be classified as dividends, capital gains and/or return of capital.

Investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments of the Portfolio are allocated pro rata to the separate classes of shares based upon their relative net assets on the date the income is earned or realized and unrealized gains and losses are incurred.

(E) Expenses. Expenses of the Fund are allocated to the individual Portfolios in proportion to the net assets of the respective Portfolios when the expenses are incurred, except where direct allocations of expenses can be made. Expenses (other than fees incurred under the distribution and service plans, further discussed in Note 3(B), which are charged directly to the Service Class shares) are allocated to separate classes of shares pro rata based upon their relative net assets on the date the expenses are incurred. The expenses borne by the Portfolio, including those of related parties to the Portfolio, are shown in the Statement of Operations.

Additionally, the Portfolio may invest in ETFs and mutual funds, which are subject to management fees and other fees that may cause the costs of investing in ETFs and mutual funds to be greater than the costs of owning the underlying securities directly. These indirect expenses of ETFs and mutual funds are not included in the amounts shown as expenses in the Statement of Operations or in the expense ratios included in the Financial Highlights.

(F) Use of Estimates. In preparing financial statements in conformity with GAAP, the Manager makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

(G) Futures Contracts. A futures contract is an agreement to purchase or sell a specified quantity of an underlying instrument at a specified future date and price, or to make or receive a cash payment based on the value of a financial instrument (e.g., foreign currency, interest rate, security or securities index). The Portfolio is subject to risks such as market price risk, leverage risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk, operational risk, legal risk and/or interest rate risk in the normal course of investing in these contracts. Upon entering into a futures contract, the Portfolio is required to pledge to the broker or futures commission merchant an amount of cash and/or U.S. government securities equal to a certain percentage of the collateral amount, known as the "initial margin." During the period the futures contract is open, changes in the value of the contract are recognized as unrealized appreciation or depreciation by marking to market such contract on a daily basis to reflect the market value of the contract at the end of each day's trading. The Portfolio agrees to receive from or pay to the broker or futures commission merchant an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as "variation margin." When the futures contract is closed, the Portfolio records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction and the Portfolio's basis in the contract.

The use of futures contracts involves, to varying degrees, elements of market risk in excess of the amount recognized in the Statement of

Assets and Liabilities. The contract or notional amounts and variation margin reflect the extent of the Portfolio's involvement in open futures positions. There are several risks associated with the use of futures contracts as hedging techniques. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at the time when the Portfolio seeks to close out a futures contract. If no liquid market exists, the Portfolio would remain obligated to meet margin requirements until the position is closed. Futures contracts may involve a small initial investment relative to the risk assumed, which could result in losses greater than if the Portfolio did not invest in futures contracts. Futures contracts may be more volatile than direct investments in the instrument underlying the futures and may not correlate to the underlying instrument, causing a given hedge not to achieve its objectives. The Portfolio's activities in futures contracts have minimal counterparty risk as they are conducted through regulated exchanges that guarantee the futures against default by the counterparty. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a futures commission merchant that holds margin on behalf of the Portfolio, the Portfolio may not be entitled to the return of the entire margin owed to the Portfolio, potentially resulting in a loss. The Portfolio may invest in futures contracts to seek enhanced returns or to reduce the risk of loss by hedging certain of its holdings. The Portfolio's investment in futures contracts and other derivatives may increase the volatility of the Portfolio's NAVs and may result in a loss to the Portfolio. Open futures contracts as of June 30, 2023, are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

(H) Foreign Currency Transactions. The Portfolio's books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Prices of securities denominated in foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean between the buying and selling rates last quoted by any major U.S. bank at the following dates:

- (i) market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities— at the valuation date; and
- (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses—at the date of such transactions.

The assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currency amounts are presented at the exchange rates and market values at the close of the period. The realized and unrealized changes in net assets arising from fluctuations in exchange rates and market prices of securities are not separately presented.

Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions represents net currency gains or losses realized as a result of differences between the amounts of securities sale proceeds or purchase cost, dividends, interest and withholding taxes as recorded on the Portfolio's books, and the U.S. dollar equivalent amount actually received or paid. Net currency gains or losses from valuing such foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities, other than investments at valuation date exchange rates, are reflected in unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses.

(I) Securities Lending. In order to realize additional income, the Portfolio may engage in securities lending, subject to the limitations set forth in the 1940 Act and relevant guidance by the staff of the Securities

and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). If the Portfolio engages in securities lending, the Portfolio will lend through its custodian, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., ("JPMorgan"), acting as securities lending agent on behalf of the Portfolio. Under the current arrangement, JPMorgan will manage the Portfolio's collateral in accordance with the securities lending agency agreement between the Portfolio and JPMorgan, and indemnify the Portfolio against counterparty risk. The loans will be collateralized by cash (which may be invested in a money market fund) and/or non-cash collateral (which may include U.S. Treasury securities and/or U.S. government agency securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or its agencies or instrumentalities) at least equal at all times to the market value of the securities loaned. Non-cash collateral held at year end is segregated and cannot be transferred by the Portfolio. The Portfolio bears the risk of delay in recovery of, or loss of rights in, the securities loaned. The Portfolio may also record a realized gain or loss on securities deemed sold due to a borrower's inability to return securities on loan. The Portfolio bears the risk of any loss on investment of cash collateral. The Portfolio will receive compensation for lending its securities in the form of fees or it will retain a portion of interest earned on the investment of any cash collateral. The Portfolio will also continue to receive interest and dividends on the securities loaned and any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Portfolio. Income earned from securities lending activities, if any, is reflected in the Statement of Operations. Securities on loan as of June 30, 2023, are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

(J) Rights and Warrants. Rights are certificates that permit the holder to purchase a certain number of shares, or a fractional share, of a new stock from the issuer at a specific price. Warrants are instruments that entitle the holder to buy an equity security at a specific price for a specific period of time. These investments can provide a greater potential for profit or loss than an equivalent investment in the underlying security. Prices of these investments do not necessarily move in tandem with the prices of the underlying securities.

There is risk involved in the purchase of rights and warrants in that these investments are speculative investments. The Portfolio could also lose the entire value of its investment in warrants if such warrants are not exercised by the date of its expiration. The Portfolio is exposed to risk until the sale or exercise of each right or warrant is completed. Rights and Warrants as of June 30, 2023 are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

(K) Indemnifications. Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Portfolio enters into contracts with third-party service providers that contain a variety of representations and warranties and that may provide general indemnifications. The Portfolio's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Portfolio that have not yet occurred. The Manager believes that the risk of loss in connection with these potential indemnification obligations is remote. However, there

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can be no assurance that material liabilities related to such obligations will not arise in the future, which could adversely impact the Portfolio.

(L) Quantitative Disclosure of Derivative Holdings. The following tables show additional disclosures related to the Portfolio's derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effect on the Portfolio's financial positions, performance and cash flows.

The Portfolio entered into futures contracts to manage its exposure to the securities markets or to movements in interest rates and currency values.

Fair value of derivative instruments as of June 30, 2023:

| Asset Derivatives | Equity Contracts Risk | Total |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Futures Contracts - Net Assets—Net unrealized appreciation on futures contracts (a) | \$20,305 | \$20,305 |
| Total Fair Value | <u>\$20,305</u> | <u>\$20,305</u> |

(a) Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of futures contracts as reported in the Portfolio of Investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023:

| Net Realized Gain (Loss) from: | Equity Contracts Risk | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Futures Transactions | \$496,630 | \$496,630 |
| Total Net Realized Gain (Loss) | <u>\$496,630</u> | <u>\$496,630</u> |

| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | Equity Contracts Risk | Total |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Futures Contracts | \$99,205 | \$99,205 |
| Total Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | <u>\$99,205</u> | <u>\$99,205</u> |

| Average Notional Amount | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Futures Contracts Long | <u>\$4,541,998</u> |

Note 3—Fees and Related Party Transactions

(A) Manager and Subadvisor. New York Life Investments, a registered investment adviser and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life, serves as the Portfolio's Manager, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Management Agreement ("Management Agreement"). The Manager provides offices, conducts clerical, recordkeeping and bookkeeping services and keeps most of the financial and accounting records required to be maintained by the Portfolio. Except for the portion of salaries and expenses that are the responsibility of the Portfolio, the Manager pays the salaries and expenses of all personnel affiliated with the Portfolio and certain operational expenses of the Portfolio. The

Portfolio reimburses New York Life Investments in an amount equal to the portion of the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer attributable to the Portfolio. Wellington Management Company LLP ("Wellington" or the "Subadvisor"), a registered investment adviser, serves as the Subadvisor to the Portfolio and is responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Portfolio. Pursuant to the terms of a Subadvisory Agreement between New York Life Investments and Wellington, New York Life Investments pays for the services of the Subadvisor.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Fund pays the Manager, on behalf of the Portfolio, a monthly fee for the services performed and the facilities furnished at an annual rate of the Portfolio's average daily net assets as follows: 0.80% up to \$1 billion; 0.775% from \$1 billion to \$2 billion; and 0.75% in excess of \$2 billion. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the effective management fee rate was 0.80% (exclusive of any applicable waivers/reimbursements).

New York Life Investments has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses so that Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (excluding taxes, interest, litigation, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and other transaction expenses relating to the purchase or sale of portfolio investments and acquired (underlying) portfolio/fund fees and expenses) of Initial Class shares do not exceed 0.74% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets of its average daily net assets. New York Life Investments will apply an equivalent waiver or reimbursement to Service Class shares. This agreement will remain in effect until May 1, 2024, and shall renew automatically for one-year terms unless New York Life Investments provides written notice of termination prior to the start of the next term or upon approval of the Board.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, New York Life Investments earned fees from the Portfolio in the amount of \$1,571,855 and waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$177,974 and paid the Subadvisor fees in the amount of \$686,191.

JPMorgan provides sub-administration and sub-accounting services to the Portfolio pursuant to an agreement with New York Life Investments. These services include calculating the daily NAVs of the Portfolio, maintaining the general ledger and sub-ledger accounts for the calculation of the Portfolio's NAVs, and assisting New York Life Investments in conducting various aspects of the Portfolio's administrative operations. For providing these services to the Portfolio, JPMorgan is compensated by New York Life Investments.

Pursuant to an agreement between the Fund and New York Life Investments, New York Life Investments is responsible for providing or procuring certain regulatory reporting services for the Portfolio. The Portfolio will reimburse New York Life Investments for the actual costs incurred by New York Life Investments in connection with providing or procuring these services for the Portfolio.

(B) Distribution and Service Fees. The Fund, on behalf of the Portfolio, has entered into a distribution agreement with NYLIFE Distributors LLC (the "Distributor"), an affiliate of New York Life Investments. The Portfolio has adopted a distribution plan (the "Plan") in

accordance with the provisions of Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Under the Plan, the Distributor has agreed to provide, through its affiliates or independent third parties, various distribution-related, shareholder and administrative support services to the Service Class shareholders. For its services, the Distributor is entitled to a combined distribution and service fee accrued daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to the Service Class shares of the Portfolio.

Note 4–Federal Income Tax

As of June 30, 2023, the cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of the Portfolio's investment portfolio, including applicable derivative contracts and other financial instruments, as determined on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

| | Federal Tax Cost | Gross Unrealized Appreciation | Gross Unrealized Depreciation | Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Investments in Securities | \$419,130,199 | \$32,240,531 | \$(49,637,816) | \$(17,397,285) |

As of December 31, 2022, for federal income tax purposes, capital loss carryforwards of \$45,284,168, as shown in the table below, were available to the extent provided by the regulations to offset future realized gains of the Portfolio. Accordingly, no capital gains distributions are expected to be paid to shareholders until net gains have been realized in excess of such amounts.

| Capital Loss Available Through | Short-Term Capital Loss Amounts (000's) | Long-Term Capital Loss Amounts (000's) |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Unlimited | \$33,618 | \$11,666 |

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the tax character of distributions paid as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets was as follows:

| | 2022 |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Distributions paid from: | |
| Ordinary Income | \$ 88,089,468 |
| Long-Term Capital Gains | 27,789,689 |
| Total | \$115,879,157 |

Note 5–Custodian

JPMorgan is the custodian of cash and securities held by the Portfolio. Custodial fees are charged to the Portfolio based on the Portfolio's net assets and/or the market value of securities held by the Portfolio and the number of certain transactions incurred by the Portfolio.

Note 6–Line of Credit

The Portfolio and certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments maintain a line of credit with a syndicate of banks in order to secure a source of funds for temporary purposes to meet unanticipated or excessive redemption requests.

Effective July 25, 2023, under the credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), the aggregate commitment amount is \$600,000,000 with an additional uncommitted amount of \$100,000,000. The commitment fee is an annual rate of 0.15% of the average commitment amount payable quarterly, regardless of usage, to JPMorgan, who serves as the agent to the syndicate. The commitment fee is allocated among the Portfolio and certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments based upon their respective net assets and other factors. Interest on any revolving credit loan is charged based upon the Federal Funds Rate, Daily Simple Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") + 0.10%, or the Overnight Bank Funding Rate, whichever is higher. The Credit Agreement expires on July 23, 2024, although the Portfolio, certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments and the syndicate of banks may renew the Credit Agreement for an additional year on the same or different terms or enter into a credit agreement with a different syndicate of banks. Prior to July 25, 2023, the aggregate commitment amount and the commitment fee were the same as those under the current Credit Agreement. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, there were no borrowings made or outstanding with respect to the Portfolio under the Credit Agreement.

Note 7–Interfund Lending Program

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the SEC, the Portfolio, along with certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments, may participate in an interfund lending program. The interfund lending program provides an alternative credit facility that permits the Portfolio and certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments to lend or borrow money for temporary purposes directly to or from one another, subject to the conditions of the exemptive order. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, there were no interfund loans made or outstanding with respect to the Portfolio.

Note 8–Purchases and Sales of Securities (in 000's)

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, were \$130,387 and \$157,816, respectively.

Note 9–Capital Share Transactions

Transactions in capital shares for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022, were as follows:

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| Initial Class | Shares | Amount |
|--|-------------|----------------|
| Six-month period ended June 30, 2023: | | |
| Shares sold | 1,127,782 | \$ 8,731,646 |
| Shares redeemed | (3,747,776) | (29,625,506) |
| Net increase (decrease) | (2,619,994) | \$(20,893,860) |
| Year ended December 31, 2022: | | |
| Shares sold | 2,446,048 | \$ 27,488,637 |
| Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | 6,649,151 | 49,470,351 |
| Shares redeemed | (1,607,897) | (17,992,442) |
| Net increase (decrease) | 7,487,302 | \$ 58,966,546 |

| Service Class | Shares | Amount |
|--|-------------|----------------|
| Six-month period ended June 30, 2023: | | |
| Shares sold | 1,280,356 | \$ 9,825,083 |
| Shares redeemed | (2,323,517) | (18,215,649) |
| Net increase (decrease) | (1,043,161) | \$ (8,390,566) |
| Year ended December 31, 2022: | | |
| Shares sold | 1,368,591 | \$ 15,273,858 |
| Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | 9,034,597 | 66,408,806 |
| Shares redeemed | (3,804,605) | (39,796,571) |
| Net increase (decrease) | 6,598,583 | \$ 41,886,093 |

Note 10—Other Matters

As of the date of this report, interest rates in the United States and many parts of the world, including certain European countries, continue to ascend from historically low levels. Thus, the Portfolio currently faces a heightened level of risk associated with rising interest rates. This could be driven by a variety of factors, including but not limited to central bank monetary policies, changing inflation or real growth rates, general economic conditions, increasing bond issuances or reduced market demand for low yielding investments.

Social, political, economic and other conditions and events, such as war, natural disasters, health emergencies (e.g., epidemics and pandemics), terrorism, conflicts, social unrest, recessions, inflation, rapid interest rate changes and supply chain disruptions, may occur and could significantly impact the Portfolio, issuers, industries, governments and other systems, including the financial markets. Developments that disrupt global economies and financial markets, such as COVID-19, the conflict in Ukraine, and the failures of certain U.S. and non-U.S. banks, may magnify factors that affect the Portfolio's performance.

Note 11—Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements of the Portfolio as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, events and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2023, through the date the financial statements were issued have been evaluated by the Manager for possible adjustment and/or disclosure. No subsequent events requiring financial statement adjustment or disclosure have been identified.

Discussion of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Portfolio's Liquidity Risk Management Program (Unaudited)

In compliance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Liquidity Rule"), the Portfolio has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the "Program"), which New York Life Investment Management LLC believes is reasonably designed to assess and manage the Portfolio's liquidity risk. A Portfolio's liquidity risk is the risk that the Portfolio could not meet requests to redeem shares issued by the Portfolio without significant dilution of the remaining investors' interests in the Portfolio. The Board of Trustees of MainStay VP Funds Trust (the "Board") previously approved the designation of New York Life Investment Management LLC as administrator of the Program (the "Administrator"). The Administrator has established a Liquidity Risk Management Committee to assist the Administrator in the implementation and day-to-day administration of the Program and to otherwise support the Administrator in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Program.

At a meeting of the Board held on February 28, 2023, the Administrator provided the Board with a written report addressing the Program's operation and assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of its implementation for the period from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 (the "Review Period"), as required under the Liquidity Rule. The report noted that the Administrator concluded that (i) the Program operated effectively to assess and manage the Portfolio's liquidity risk, (ii) the Program has been and continues to be adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Portfolio's liquidity developments and (iii) the Portfolio's investment strategy continues to be appropriate for an open-end fund. In addition, the report summarized the operation of the Program and the information and factors considered by the Administrator in its assessment of the Program's implementation, such as the liquidity risk assessment framework and the liquidity classification methodologies, and discussed notable geopolitical, market and other economic events that impacted liquidity risk during the Review Period.

In accordance with the Program, the Portfolio's liquidity risk is assessed no less frequently than annually taking into consideration certain factors, as applicable, such as (i) investment strategy and liquidity of portfolio investments, (ii) short-term and long-term cash flow projections, and (iii) holdings of cash and cash equivalents, as well as borrowing arrangements and other funding sources. Certain factors are considered under both normal and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions.

Each Portfolio portfolio investment is classified into one of four liquidity categories. The classification is based on a determination of the number of days it is reasonably expected to take to convert the investment into cash, or sell or dispose of the investment, in current market conditions without significantly changing the market value of the investment. The Administrator has delegated liquidity classification determinations to the Portfolio's subadvisor, subject to appropriate oversight by the Administrator, and liquidity classification determinations are made by taking into account the Portfolio's reasonably anticipated trade size, various market, trading and investment-specific considerations, as well as market depth, and, in certain cases, third-party vendor data.

The Liquidity Rule requires portfolios that do not primarily hold assets that are highly liquid investments to adopt a minimum amount of net assets that must be invested in highly liquid investments that are assets (an "HLIM"). In addition, the Liquidity Rule limits a portfolio's investments in illiquid investments. Specifically, the Liquidity Rule prohibits acquisition of illiquid investments if, immediately after acquisition, doing so would result in a portfolio holding more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments that are assets. The Program includes provisions reasonably designed to determine, periodically review and comply with the HLIM requirement, as applicable, and to comply with the 15% limit on illiquid investments.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives under all circumstances in the future. Please refer to the Portfolio's prospectus for more information regarding the Portfolio's exposure to liquidity risk and other risks to which it may be subject.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures and Proxy Voting Record

The Portfolio is required to file with the SEC its proxy voting record for the 12-month period ending June 30 on Form N-PX. A description of the policies and procedures that are used to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities of the Portfolio is available free of charge upon request by calling 800-598-2019 or visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The most recent Form N-PX or proxy voting record is available free of charge upon request by calling 800-598-2019; visiting <https://www.newyorklifeinvestments.com/investment-products/vp>; or visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Shareholder Reports and Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure

The Portfolio is required to file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC 60 days after its first and third fiscal quarter on Form N-PORT. The Portfolio's holdings report is available free of charge upon request by calling 800-598-2019 or by visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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MainStay VP Portfolios

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MainStay VP American Century Sustainable Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Candriam Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Epoch U.S. Equity Yield Portfolio
MainStay VP Fidelity Institutional AM[®] Utilities Portfolio[†]
MainStay VP MacKay International Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Natural Resources Portfolio
MainStay VP S&P 500 Index Portfolio
MainStay VP Small Cap Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Mid Cap Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington U.S. Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Winslow Large Cap Growth Portfolio

Mixed Asset

MainStay VP Balanced Portfolio
MainStay VP Income Builder Portfolio
MainStay VP Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Convertible Portfolio

Income

MainStay VP Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP Floating Rate Portfolio
MainStay VP Indexed Bond Portfolio
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MainStay VP Conservative Allocation Portfolio
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