



## MainStay Epoch International Choice Fund

| Class/Ticker            | A ICEVX                                | Investor ICELX | C ICEWX | I ICEUX | R1 ICETX | R2 ICEYX | R3 ICEZX |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| To Statutory Prospectus | To Statement of Additional Information |                |         |         |          |          |          |

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's Prospectus, reports to shareholders and other information about the Fund by going online to [nylinvestments.com/documents](http://nylinvestments.com/documents), by calling 800-624-6782 or by sending an e-mail to [MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com](mailto:MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com). The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated February 28, 2020, as may be amended from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semiannual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from MainStay Funds or from your financial intermediary. Instead, the reports will be made available on the MainStay Funds' website. You will be notified by mail and provided with a website address to access the report each time a new report is posted to the website.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. At any time, you may elect to receive reports and other communications from MainStay Funds electronically by calling toll-free 800-624-6782, by sending an e-mail to [MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com](mailto:MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com), or by contacting your financial intermediary.

You may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper form free of charge. If you hold shares of the Fund directly, you can inform MainStay Funds that you wish to receive paper copies of reports by calling toll-free 800-624-6782 or by sending an e-mail to [MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com](mailto:MainStayShareholderServices@nylim.com). If you hold shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary, please contact the financial intermediary to make this election. Your election to receive reports in paper form will apply to all MainStay Funds in which you are invested and may apply to all funds held with your financial intermediary.

### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks total return.

### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may be required to pay a commission or other transaction charge to your financial intermediary for effecting transactions in a class of shares of the Fund that has no initial sales charge, contingent deferred sales charge, or other asset-based fee for sales or distribution, such as Class I shares. These commissions are not reflected in the fee and expense table or expense example below. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the MainStay Funds. This amount may vary depending on the MainStay Fund in which you invest. In addition, different financial intermediary firms and financial professionals may impose different sales loads and waivers. More information about these and other discounts or waivers is available from your financial professional, in the "Information on Sales Charges" section starting on page 101 of the Prospectus and Appendix A – Intermediary-Specific Sales Charge Waivers and Discounts, and in the "Alternative Sales Arrangements" section on page 123 of the Statement of Additional Information.

|  | Class A           | Investor Class    | Class C | Class I | Class R1 | Class R2 | Class R3 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)  |                   |                   |         |         |          |          |          |
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)                                       | 5.50 %            | 5.00 %            | None    | None    | None     | None     | None     |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of the lesser of the original offering price or redemption proceeds) | None <sup>1</sup> | None <sup>1</sup> | 1.00 %  | None    | None     | None     | None     |
| <b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)    |                   |                   |         |         |          |          |          |
| Management Fees (as an annual percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets) <sup>2</sup>                              | 0.80 %            | 0.80 %            | 0.80 %  | 0.80 %  | 0.80 %   | 0.80 %   | 0.80 %   |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees   | 0.25 %            | 0.25 %            | 1.00 %  | None    | None     | 0.25 %   | 0.50 %   |
| Other Expenses   | 0.15 %            | 0.38 %            | 0.38 %  | 0.15 %  | 0.25 %   | 0.25 %   | 0.25 %   |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses   | 1.20 %            | 1.43 %            | 2.18 %  | 0.95 %  | 1.05 %   | 1.30 %   | 1.55 %   |

1. No initial sales charge applies on investments of \$1 million or more (and certain other qualified purchases). However, a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% may be imposed on certain redemptions made within 18 months of the date of purchase on shares that were purchased without an initial sales charge.
2. The management fee is as follows: 0.80% on assets up to \$5 billion; 0.775% on assets from \$5 billion to \$7.5 billion; and 0.75% on assets over \$7.5 billion.

### Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated whether or not you redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods (except as indicated with respect to Class C shares). The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The Example reflects the contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangement, if applicable, for the current duration of the arrangement only. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| Expenses After | Class A  | Investor Class | Class C                |                                      | Class I  | Class R1 | Class R2 | Class R3 |
|----------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                |          |                | Assuming no redemption | Assuming redemption at end of period |          |          |          |          |
| 1 Year         | \$ 666   | \$ 638         | \$ 221                 | \$ 321                               | \$ 97    | \$ 107   | \$ 132   | \$ 158   |
| 3 Years        | \$ 910   | \$ 930         | \$ 682                 | \$ 682                               | \$ 303   | \$ 334   | \$ 412   | \$ 490   |
| 5 Years        | \$ 1,173 | \$ 1,243       | \$ 1,169               | \$ 1,169                             | \$ 525   | \$ 579   | \$ 713   | \$ 845   |
| 10 Years       | \$ 1,925 | \$ 2,127       | \$ 2,513               | \$ 2,513                             | \$ 1,166 | \$ 1,283 | \$ 1,568 | \$ 1,845 |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 47% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing in a portfolio consisting mostly of equity securities of companies located outside the United States, which may include companies in emerging markets. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets (net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of companies located outside of the United States. Equity securities include common stock, depository receipts, and securities convertible into common stock, such as warrants, rights, convertible bonds, debentures and convertible preferred stocks. The Fund will normally invest in companies located in at least three countries outside of the United States. A company is considered to be located in a particular country if it: (i) is organized under the laws of the country; (ii) has securities which are principally traded on a stock exchange in the country; (iii) derives at least 50% of its revenues from goods produced or sold, investments made, or services performed in the country; or (iv) maintains at least 50% of its assets in the country. Although the Fund is not subject to any additional geographic requirement, the Fund expects that the majority of its investments will be in the developed markets of Canada, Western Europe, Asia and Australasia. The Fund may invest more than 25% of its net assets in securities of companies located in each of the United Kingdom and Japan. In order to gain additional exposure to international markets, the Fund may also invest in exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), whose underlying securities are issued by international companies.

**Investment Process:** Epoch Investment Partners, Inc., the Fund's Subadvisor, invests primarily in companies that generate increasing levels of free cash flow and have management teams that the Subadvisor believes allocate free cash flow effectively to create shareholder value.

The security selection process focuses on free-cash-flow analytics as opposed to traditional accounting-based metrics. The Subadvisor seeks to identify companies with a consistent, straightforward ability to both generate free cash flow and to intelligently allocate it among internal reinvestment opportunities, acquisitions, dividends, share repurchases and/or debt reduction.

The Subadvisor may sell or reduce a position in a security when it believes its investment objectives have been met or when the security is deemed less attractive relative to another security on a return/risk basis. The Subadvisor may sell or reduce a position in a security if it sees the investment thesis failing to materialize.

## Principal Risks

You can lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. The investments selected by the Subadvisor may underperform the market in which the Fund invests or other investments. The Fund may receive large purchase or redemption orders which may have adverse effects on performance if the Fund were required to sell securities, invest cash or hold a relatively large amount of cash at times when it would not otherwise do so.

The principal risks of investing in the Fund are summarized below.

**Market Risk:** The value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate because of changes in the markets in which the Fund invests, which could cause the Fund to underperform other funds with similar investment objectives and strategies. Such changes may be rapid and unpredictable. From time to time, markets may experience periods of stress for potentially prolonged periods that may result in: (i) increased market volatility; (ii) reduced market liquidity; and (iii) increased redemptions of Fund shares. Such conditions may add significantly to the risk of volatility in the net asset value of the Fund's shares.

**Portfolio Management Risk:** The investment strategies, practices and risk analyses used by the Subadvisor may not produce the desired results.

**Equity Securities Risk:** Investments in common stocks and other equity securities are particularly subject to the risk of changing economic, stock market, industry and company conditions and the risks inherent in the portfolio managers' ability to anticipate such changes that can adversely affect the value of the Fund's holdings.

**Market Capitalization Risk:** To the extent the Fund invests in securities issued by small-, mid-, or large-cap companies, the Fund will be subject to the risks associated with securities issued by companies of the applicable market capitalization. Securities of small-cap and mid-cap companies may be subject to greater price volatility, significantly lower trading volumes, cyclical, static or moderate growth prospects and greater spreads between their bid and ask prices than securities of larger companies. Smaller capitalization companies frequently rely on narrower product lines and niche markets and may be more vulnerable to adverse business or market developments. Securities issued by larger companies may have less growth potential and may not be able to attain the high growth rates of successful smaller companies, especially during strong economic periods. In addition, larger companies may be less capable of responding quickly to competitive challenges and industry changes, including those resulting from improvements in technology, and may suffer sharper price declines as a result of earnings disappointments. There is a risk that the securities issued by companies of a certain market capitalization may underperform the broader market at any given time.

**Value Stock Risk:** Value stocks may never reach what the Subadvisor believes is their full value or they may go down in value. In addition, different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions, and therefore the Fund's performance may be lower or higher than that of funds that invest in other types of equity securities.

**Growth Stock Risk:** If growth companies do not increase their earnings at a rate expected by investors, the market price of the stock may decline significantly, even if earnings show an absolute increase. Growth company stocks also typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns.

**Focused Portfolio Risk:** Because the Fund typically invests in relatively few holdings, a larger percentage of its assets may be invested in a particular issuer or in fewer companies than is typical of other mutual funds. This may increase volatility of the Fund's NAVs. The Fund will be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, regulatory or market developments affecting a single issuer than a fund that is invested more broadly.

**Foreign Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign (non-U.S.) securities may be riskier than investments in U.S. securities. Foreign regulatory regimes and securities markets can have less stringent investor protections and disclosure standards and less liquid trading markets than U.S. regulatory regimes and securities markets, and can experience political, social and economic developments that may affect the value of the Fund's investments in foreign securities. Foreign securities may also subject the Fund's investments to changes in currency rates. Changes in the value of foreign currencies may make the return on an investment increase or decrease, unrelated to the quality or performance of the investment itself.

**Liquidity and Valuation Risk:** The Fund's investments may be illiquid at the time of purchase or liquid at the time of purchase and subsequently become illiquid due to, among other things, events relating to the issuer of the securities, market events, operational issues, economic conditions, investor perceptions or lack of market participants. The lack of an active trading market may make it difficult to sell or obtain an accurate price for a security. If market conditions or issuer specific developments make it difficult to value securities, the Fund may value these securities using more subjective methods, such as fair value pricing. In such cases, the value determined for a security could be different than the value realized upon such security's sale. As a result, an investor could pay more than the market value when buying shares or receive less than the market value when selling shares. This could affect the proceeds of any redemption or the number of shares an investor receives upon purchase.

The Fund is subject to the risk that it could not meet redemption requests within the allowable time period without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund. To meet redemption requests or to raise cash to pursue other investment opportunities, the Fund may be forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, which may adversely affect the Fund.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** The risks related to investing in foreign securities are generally greater with respect to securities of companies that conduct their business activities in emerging markets or whose securities are traded principally in emerging markets. The risks of investing in emerging markets include the risks of illiquidity, increased price volatility, smaller market capitalizations, less government regulation, less extensive and less frequent accounting, financial and other reporting requirements, loss resulting from problems in share registration and custody, substantial economic and political disruptions and the nationalization of foreign deposits or assets.

**Geographic Focus Risk:** Issuers that operate in a single country, a small number of countries, or a particular geographic region can be affected similarly by the market, currency, political, economic, regulatory, geopolitical and other conditions in such country or region, and the Fund's performance will be affected by the conditions, in the countries or regions to which the Fund is exposed. To the extent the Fund focuses its investments in a particular country or region, such as the United Kingdom or Japan, its performance will be more susceptible to adverse developments in such country or region than a more geographically diversified fund.

**Depository Receipts Risk:** Investments in depository receipts may entail the special risks of investing in foreign securities, including currency exchange fluctuations, government regulations, and the potential for political and economic instability.

**Convertible Securities Risk:** Convertible securities are typically subordinate to an issuer's other debt obligations. In part, the total return for a convertible security depends upon the performance of the underlying stock into which it can be converted. Also, issuers of convertible securities are often not as strong financially as those issuing securities with higher credit ratings, are more likely to encounter financial difficulties and typically are more vulnerable to changes in the economy, such as a recession or a sustained period of rising interest rates, which could affect their ability to make interest and principal payments. If an issuer stops making interest and/or principal payments, the Fund could lose its entire investment.

**Regulatory Risk:** The Fund as well as the issuers of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests are subject to considerable regulation and the risks associated with adverse changes in laws and regulations governing their operations. For example, regulatory authorities in the United States or other countries may prohibit or restrict the ability of the Fund to short sell certain securities, either generally or with respect to certain industries or countries, which may impact the Fund's ability to fully implement its investment strategies. In addition, regulatory authorities are in the process of adopting and implementing regulations governing derivatives markets, and, although the ultimate impact of the regulations remains unclear, the regulations may adversely affect, among other things, the availability, value or performance of derivatives.

**Rights and Warrants Risk:** Rights and warrants may provide a greater potential for profit or loss than an equivalent investment in the underlying securities. Prices of these investments do not necessarily move in tandem with the prices of the underlying securities, and warrants are speculative investments. If a right or warrant is not exercised by the date of its expiration, the Fund will lose its entire investment in such right or warrant.

**Exchange-Traded Fund Risk:** The risks of owning an ETF generally reflect the risks of owning the securities in which the ETF invests or is designed to track, although lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in it being more volatile than its underlying portfolio securities. Disruptions in the markets for the securities underlying ETFs purchased or sold by the Fund could result in losses on the Fund's investment in ETFs. ETFs also have management fees and transaction costs that may make them more expensive than owning the underlying securities directly.

## Past Performance

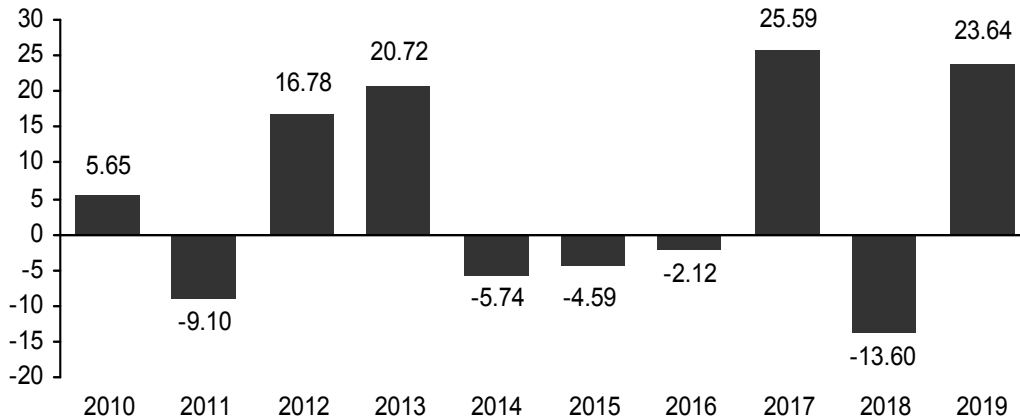
The following bar chart and table indicate some of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows you how the Fund's calendar year performance has varied over time. Sales loads, if any, are not reflected in the bar chart. If they were, returns would be less than those shown. The average annual total returns table shows how the Fund's average annual total returns (before and after taxes) compare to those of a broad-based securities market index. The Fund has selected the MSCI EAFE® Index as its primary benchmark. The MSCI EAFE® Index consists of international stocks representing the developed world outside of North America.

Performance data for the classes varies based on differences in their fee and expense structures. Performance data is not shown for classes with less than one calendar year of performance. Past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Please visit [nylinvestments.com/funds](http://nylinvestments.com/funds) for more recent performance information.

The Fund's subadvisor changed effective January 9, 2017, and the Fund's principal investment strategies changed effective March 13, 2017. The past performance in the bar chart and table prior to those dates reflects the Fund's prior subadvisor and principal investment strategies.

### Annual Returns, Class I Shares

(by calendar year 2010-2019)



#### Best Quarter

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| 3Q/10 | 17.79% |
|-------|--------|

#### Worst Quarter

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| 3Q/11 | -19.16% |
|-------|---------|

### Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2019)

|  | Inception  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|------------|--------|---------|----------|
| Return Before Taxes  |            |        |         |          |
| Class I  | 12/31/1997 | 23.64% | 4.61%   | 4.81%    |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions                                    |            |        |         |          |
| Class I  |            | 23.10% | 4.31%   | 4.57%    |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares            |            |        |         |          |
| Class I  |            | 14.82% | 3.76%   | 4.03%    |
| Return Before Taxes  |            |        |         |          |
| Class A  | 9/1/2006   | 16.53% | 3.17%   | 3.91%    |
| Investor Class   | 4/29/2008  | 16.27% | 2.98%   | 3.73%    |
| Class C  | 9/1/2006   | 21.11% | 3.31%   | 3.51%    |
| Class R1   | 9/1/2006   | 23.53% | 4.51%   | 4.69%    |
| Class R2   | 9/1/2006   | 23.23% | 4.25%   | 4.39%    |
| Class R3   | 9/1/2006   | 22.89% | 3.97%   | 4.12%    |
| MSCI EAFE® Index (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes) |            | 22.01% | 5.67%   | 5.50%    |

After-tax returns are calculated using the highest individual federal marginal income tax rates in effect at the time of each distribution or capital gain or upon the sale of Fund shares, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. In some cases, the return after taxes may exceed the return before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of shares at the end of the measurement period. Actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After-tax returns shown are for Class I shares. After-tax returns for the other share classes may vary.

## Management

New York Life Investment Management LLC serves as the Fund's Manager. Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. serves as the Subadvisor. The individuals listed below are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund.

| Subadvisor                      | Portfolio Managers   | Fund Service Date |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. | Michael A. Welhoelter, Managing Director & Co-Chief Investment Officer | Since 2017        |
|                                 | William J. Booth, Managing Director & Co-Chief Investment Officer      | Since 2017        |
|                                 | Glen Petraglia, Managing Director                                      | Since 2018        |

## How to Purchase and Sell Shares

You may purchase or sell shares of the Fund on any day the Fund is open for business by contacting your financial adviser or financial intermediary firm, or by contacting the Fund by telephone at **800-624-6782**, by mail at MainStay Funds, P.O. Box 219003, Kansas City, MO 64121-9000, by overnight mail to 430 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 219003, Kansas City, MO 64105-1407, or by accessing our website at [nylinvestments.com/funds](http://nylinvestments.com/funds). Generally, an initial investment minimum of \$1,000 applies if you invest in Investor Class or Class C shares, \$15,000 for Class A shares and \$1,000,000 for individual investors in Class I shares investing directly (i) with the Fund; or (ii) through certain private banks and trust companies that have an agreement with NYLIFE Distributors LLC, the Fund's principal underwriter and distributor, or its affiliates. A subsequent investment minimum of \$50 applies to investments in Investor Class and Class C shares. However, for Investor Class and Class C shares purchased through AutoInvest, MainStay's systematic investment plan, a \$500 initial investment minimum and a \$50 minimum for subsequent purchases applies. Class R1 shares, Class R2 shares, Class R3 shares and institutional shareholders in Class I shares have no initial or subsequent investment minimums.

Certain financial intermediaries through whom you may invest may impose their own investment minimums, fees, policies and procedures for purchasing and selling Fund shares, which are not described in this Prospectus or the Statement of Additional Information, and which will depend on the policies, procedures and trading platforms of the financial intermediary. Consult a representative of your financial intermediary about the availability of shares of the Fund and the intermediary's policies, procedures and other information.

## Tax Information

The Fund's distributions are generally taxable to you as ordinary income, capital gains, or a combination of the two, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account.

## Compensation to Financial Intermediary Firms

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

"New York Life Investments" is both a service mark, and the common trade name, of certain investment advisors affiliated with New York Life Insurance Company.

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