

MainStay VP IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy 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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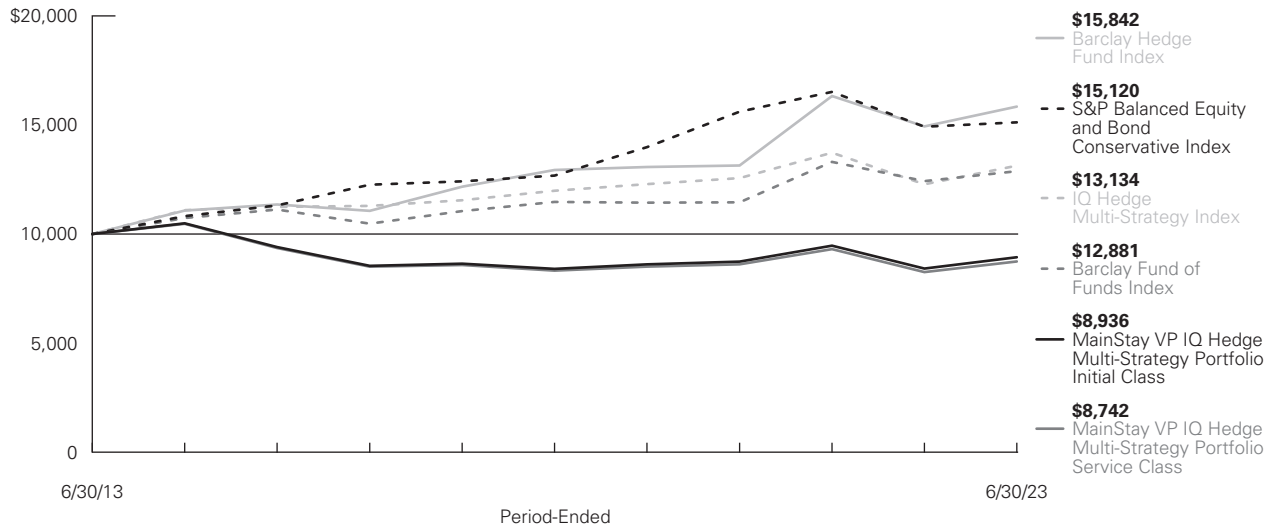
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Investment and Performance Comparison (Unaudited)

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	Six Months ²	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Gross Expense Ratio ³
Initial Class Shares	5/1/2013	4.98%	6.17%	1.24%	-1.12%	1.18%
Service Class Shares	5/1/2013	4.85	5.90	0.99	-1.34	1.43

- Effective November 30, 2018, the Portfolio's predecessor fund, MainStay VP Absolute Return Multi-Strategy Portfolio (the "VP ARMS Portfolio"), was reorganized into the Portfolio. The Portfolio assumed the VP ARMS Portfolio's historical performance and accounting information. Therefore, the performance information prior to November 30, 2018, shown in this report is that of the VP ARMS Portfolio, which had a different investment objective and different principal investment strategies and subadvisors. Past performance may have been different if the Portfolio's current subadvisor, investment objective or principal investment strategies had been in place during the periods.
- Not annualized.
- The gross expense ratios presented reflect the Portfolio's "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" from the most recent Prospectus, as supplemented, and may differ from other expense ratios disclosed in this report.

Benchmark Performance*	Six Months¹	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
S&P Balanced Equity and Bond Conservative Index ²	5.59%	2.21%	3.58%	4.22%
Barclay Hedge Fund Index ³	4.41	6.09	4.14	4.71
Barclay Fund of Funds Index ⁴	3.01	3.66	2.34	2.56
IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index ⁵	5.40	6.95	1.85	2.76
Morningstar Multistrategy Category Average ⁶	3.04	4.64	2.62	2.34

* 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.

1. Not annualized.
2. The Portfolio has selected the S&P Balanced Equity and Bond Conservative Index as its primary benchmark. The S&P Balanced Equity and Bond-Conservative Index consists of a position in S&P 500 Total Return Index (25%) and a position in the S&P U.S. Treasury Bond 7-10 Year Index (75%).
3. The Portfolio has selected the Barclay Hedge Fund Index as its secondary benchmark. The Barclay Hedge Fund Index is a measure of the average return of all hedge funds (excepting Funds of Funds) in the Barclay database. The index is simply the arithmetic average of the net returns of all the funds that have reported that month.
4. The Portfolio has selected the Barclay Fund of Funds Index as an additional benchmark. The Barclay Fund of Funds Index is a measure of the average return of all reporting funds in the Barclay database.
5. The IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index seeks to replicate the risk-adjusted return characteristics of the collective hedge funds using various hedge fund investment styles, including long/short equity, global macro, market neutral, event-driven, fixed income arbitrage and emerging markets.
6. The Morningstar Multistrategy Category Average is representative of funds that have a majority of their assets exposed to alternative strategies. Funds in this category include both funds with static allocations to alternative strategies and funds tactically allocating among alternative strategies and asset classes. 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 IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy 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	\$1,049.80	\$3.25	\$1,021.62	\$3.21	0.64%
Service Class Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,048.50	\$4.52	\$1,020.38	\$4.46	0.89%

- 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.

Portfolio Composition as of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Bank Loan Funds	24.3%	International Small Cap Equity Fund	0.8%
Floating Rate—Investment Grade Funds	23.9	U.S. REITs Funds	0.7
Unaffiliated Investment Companies (a)	22.5	Volatility	0.7
Convertible Bond Funds	12.6	Private Equity Replication	0.5
Emerging Small Cap Equity Fund	11.1	Affiliated Investment Company	0.3
Derivative Income	9.8	U.S. Small Cap Core Funds	0.0‡
U.S. Large Cap Core Funds	7.4	Other Assets, Less Liabilities	<u>-22.7</u>
Merger Arbitrage	3.8		<u>100.0%</u>
Broad Fund	3.0		
BRIC Equity Fund	1.3		

‡ Less than one-tenth of a percent.

(a) Represents a security purchased with cash collateral received for securities on loan.

See Portfolio of Investments beginning on page 12 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 Floating Rate Bond ETF	6. SPDR Bloomberg Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF
2. SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF	7. JPMorgan Equity Premium Income ETF
3. Invesco Senior Loan ETF	8. JPMorgan Nasdaq Equity Premium Income ETF
4. SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF	9. Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund
5. SPDR Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF	10. IQ Merger Arbitrage ETF

Portfolio Management Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Answers to the questions reflect the views of portfolio managers Greg Barrato and James Harrison of IndexIQ Advisors LLC, the Portfolio's Subadvisor.

How did MainStay VP IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Portfolio perform relative to its benchmarks and peers during the six months ended June 30, 2023?

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, MainStay VP IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Portfolio returned 4.98% for Initial Class shares and 4.85% for Service Class shares. Over the same period, both share classes underperformed the 5.59% return for the S&P Balanced Equity and Bond Conservative Index, which is the Portfolio's primary benchmark, and outperformed the 4.41% return for the Barclay Hedge Fund Index, which is the Portfolio's secondary benchmark and also outperformed the 3.01% return of the Barclay Fund of Funds Index. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, both share classes underperformed the 5.40% return of the IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index ("Underlying Index") and outperformed the 3.04% return of the Morningstar Multistrategy Category Average.¹

Were there any changes to the Portfolio during the reporting period?

At a meeting held on March 6-7, 2023, the Board of Trustees of MainStay VP Funds Trust considered and approved, among other related proposals: (i) modifying the Portfolio's investment objective; and (ii) modifying the Portfolio's principal investment strategies. See the Supplement dated May 1, 2023, for additional information.

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

The Portfolio's asset allocation over the reporting period averaged 71.12% in fixed-income securities, 20.18% in equities, with the remainder in alternatives, commodities, currencies, volatility and real estate. Although the Portfolio's asset allocation mix was similar to the S&P Balanced Equity and Bond Conservative Index, which allocates 75% to U.S. Treasury bonds and 25% to U.S. equities, the Portfolio had a shorter duration² profile, as it was more exposed to short-term corporate bonds, floating rate bonds and convertible securities among its fixed-income holdings. These subsectors outperformed 7–10 year U.S. Treasury bonds. In its equity holdings, the Portfolio benefitted from long positions in emerging markets, developed international and U.S. large cap growth stocks. Long positions in gold, the U.S. dollar, derivative income, private equity replication and U.S. real estate also made positive contributions to excess return. (Contributions take weightings and total returns into account.)

During the reporting period, how did the Portfolio's performance correlate with traditional equity and fixed-income indices?

The Portfolio maintained a higher correlation to traditional equity indices and a lower correlation to investment-grade fixed-income indices. The Portfolio's correlation to the S&P 500[®] Index³ was 77.4%. The Portfolio's correlation to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index⁴ was 25.4%.

During the reporting period, how did the Portfolio's volatility compare to that of traditional fixed-income indices?

During the reporting period, the annualized daily volatility of the Portfolio was 4.48%, compared to a volatility of 7.53% for the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

During the reporting period, how did the Portfolio use derivatives and how was the Portfolio's performance materially affected by investments in derivatives?

The Portfolio seeks to track, before fees and expenses, the performance of its Underlying Index, the IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index. The Underlying Index includes ETFs (exchange-traded funds), ETNs (exchange-traded notes) and exchange-traded commodity pools, and attempts to replicate the risk-adjusted return characteristics of the overall hedge fund universe using a long/short investment style. The Portfolio uses total return swaps to replicate the long and short exposures in the Underlying Index. Derivatives were not used to gain leverage beyond that of the Underlying Index; rather, they were used exclusively to enable the Portfolio to track its Underlying Index.

How did you allocate the Portfolio's assets among each of the strategies during the reporting period and why?

As per the recent Underlying Index methodology change, the Portfolio's maximum gross exposure increased from 120% to 160%, effective June 6, 2023. Additionally, among other significant changes, the Portfolio now replicates a single hedge fund index, instead of replicating multiple sub-strategy indices, and follows a quarterly rebalancing schedule, instead of a monthly schedule.

Until June 2023, the Portfolio's allocations were driven by the weightings of the component securities in the Underlying Index, which used quantitative models to determine the weights across

1. See page 5 for more information on benchmark and peer group returns.
2. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income investment to changes in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years and is considered a more accurate sensitivity gauge than average maturity.
3. "S&P 500[®]" is a trademark of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. The S&P 500[®] Index is widely regarded as the standard index for measuring large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Results assume reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.
4. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable rate mortgage passthroughs), asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities. Results assume reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

the various hedge fund investment styles represented in the Underlying Index, as well as the weights of the assets within these styles.

Effective June 6, 2023, and pursuant to the new Underlying Index methodology, the Portfolio attempts to replicate a single, composite hedge fund index through allocations various asset classes.

Over the reporting period, the Portfolio had an average allocation of 71% to fixed income and 20% to Equities. The remainder of the allocation was spread across commodities, currencies, real estate, volatility and alternative strategies.

Given the rules-based nature of the process, there is no subjectivity involved in the allocation decision process.

How did the tactical allocation among the hedge fund investment styles affect the Portfolio's performance during the reporting period?

Prior to the methodology change described above, the Portfolio allocated its assets among six underlying hedge fund investment styles: emerging markets, market neutral, long/short equity, event-driven, fixed-income arbitrage and global macro. Until June 2023, the Portfolio maintained gross exposure ranging from 100% to 120% due to periodic short allocations across its underlying investment styles.

With a fixed-income heavy positioning amid an equity surge over the performance period, the Portfolio underperformed the benchmark. Overall, the Portfolio held an average allocation of approximately 73% to fixed-income and 20% to equity, with the balance in alternatives. Being underweight to equity hurt relative performance as equity markets accelerated in the first half of 2023. Notably, this acceleration was driven by a small cohort of mega-cap tech-related stocks. Thus, although the Portfolio's exposure to technology made a positive contribution, on a relative basis, it was underweight to the sector which hurt capture of upside performance. Relative performance was further dampened by the Portfolio's alternatives allocation, which underperformed equity markets and whose exposure is absent in the benchmark.

Effective June 6, 2023, and pursuant to the new index methodology, the Portfolio's allocations span the alternatives, commodities, currency, equity, fixed income, real estate, and volatility asset classes to meet its objective of replicating a single composite hedge fund index. Following the new methodology implementation, the Portfolio maintained a higher-than-benchmark fixed-income allocation, lower equity allocation and increased exposures to alternatives and commodities. An overweight exposure to fixed-income benefited the Portfolio,

particularly with its exposure to low duration, floating rate debt, as inflation remained stubborn and interest rate levels stayed at elevated levels. Increased alternatives exposure also contributed positively to performance. A notable contribution within this asset class was driven by Derivative Income, as covered-call strategies delivered steady income and stable returns.

The allocation to Equities added 1.73% with emerging markets, developed international and U.S. large cap growth added the most value.

The Portfolio had smaller, though positive, contributions from the allocations to commodities (such as gold), the U.S. Dollar and alternative strategies including equity covered calls.

During the reporting period, how did each investment style either contribute to or detract from the Portfolio's absolute performance?

Prior to the June 2023 methodology change, the emerging-markets investment style provided the strongest positive contribution to the Portfolio's absolute performance. Fixed-income arbitrage, long/short, and event-driven also contributed positively to absolute performance, while the global macro and market neutral investment styles each made negative contributions to returns.

After the methodology change and during the final month of the reporting period, fixed income delivered the greatest positive contribution to the Portfolio's absolute performance, followed by positive contributions from equity, alternatives, and real estate. Volatility produced the most negative contribution to returns, while commodities and currency also contributed negatively.

How did the Portfolio's investment style weightings change during the reporting period?

Prior to the methodology change, the Portfolio's allocations to the six underlying hedge fund investments styles remained relatively range-bound. The Portfolio's allocation to its event-driven investment style remained at its maximum weight of 33.3%. The Portfolio's allocation to its long/short investment style ranged from 6.97% to 10.52%. The Portfolio's allocation to the fixed-income arbitrage investment style ranged from 14.39% to 20.39%. The Portfolio maintained a short allocation to its market neutral investment style, with weights ranging from -16.67% to -6.96%. The Portfolio's allocation to its emerging-markets investment style ranged from 18.10% to 23.56%. The Portfolio's allocation to its global macro investment style ranged from 28.87% to its maximum weight of 33.33%

After the methodology change, as of the end of the reporting period, the Portfolio's allocations were 62.55% to fixed income, 18.50% to equity, 14.47% to alternatives, 3.05% to commodities, 0.72% to real estate, and 0.71% to volatility.

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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
Exchange-Traded Funds 96.2%		
Alternative 14.1%		
Derivative Income 9.8%		
JPMorgan Equity Premium Income ETF	243,794	\$ 13,489,122
JPMorgan Nasdaq Equity Premium Income ETF	278,077	13,450,585
		<u>26,939,707</u>
Merger Arbitrage 3.8%		
AltShares Merger Arbitrage ETF	48,870	1,244,719
IQ Merger Arbitrage ETF (a)	300,433	9,373,510
		<u>10,618,229</u>
Private Equity Replication 0.5%		
Invesco Global Listed Private Equity ETF	131,860	1,387,167
Total Alternative (Cost \$38,362,196)		<u>38,945,103</u>
Bonds 60.8%		
Bank Loan Funds 24.3%		
Invesco Senior Loan ETF (b)	1,477,380	31,084,075
SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF (b)	861,582	36,074,438
		<u>67,158,513</u>
Convertible Bond Funds 12.6%		
iShares Convertible Bond ETF	114,469	8,740,853
SPDR Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF (b)	375,121	26,239,714
		<u>34,980,567</u>
Floating Rate—Investment Grade Funds 23.9%		
iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF (b)	972,371	49,415,893
SPDR Bloomberg Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF	538,531	16,527,517
		<u>65,943,410</u>
Total Bonds (Cost \$167,080,803)		<u>168,082,490</u>
Equities 20.6%		
BRIC Equity Fund 1.3%		
iShares MSCI India ETF	81,476	3,560,501
Emerging Small Cap Equity Fund 11.1%		
SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF (b)	585,149	30,726,174

	Shares	Value
International Small Cap Equity Fund 0.8%		
Schwab International Small-Cap Equity ETF	63,294	\$ 2,137,438
U.S. Large Cap Core Funds 7.4%		
Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	343,098	11,565,834
First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index Fund (a)	2,824	460,284
Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	42,183	3,495,705
Vanguard Financials ETF	38,477	3,125,871
Vanguard Materials ETF (b)	9,539	1,735,812
		<u>20,383,506</u>
U.S. Small Cap Core Funds 0.0% ‡		
iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF	1,094	109,017
Schwab U.S. Small-Cap ETF	517	22,645
Vanguard Small-Cap ETF	356	70,805
		<u>202,467</u>
Total Equities (Cost \$56,024,125)		<u>57,010,086</u>
Real Estate 0.7%		
U.S. REITs Funds 0.7%		
Fidelity MSCI Real Estate Index ETF	2,320	58,209
iShares Core U.S. REIT ETF	2,031	104,414
Vanguard Real Estate ETF (b)	21,263	1,776,736
Total Real Estate (Cost \$1,979,536)		<u>1,939,359</u>
Total Exchange-Traded Funds (Cost \$263,446,660)		<u>265,977,038</u>
Exchange-Traded Note 0.7%		
Volatility 0.7%		
Volatility 0.7%		
iPath S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures ETN (a)(b)	77,081	1,927,025
Total Exchange-Traded Note (Cost \$2,361,104)		<u>1,927,025</u>
Exchange-Traded Vehicle 3.0%		
Commodity 3.0%		
Broad Fund 3.0%		
iShares GSCI Commodity Dynamic Roll Strategy ETF	317,911	8,259,328
Total Exchange-Traded Vehicle (Cost \$8,257,738)		<u>8,259,328</u>

	Shares	Value
Short-Term Investments 22.8%		
Affiliated Investment Company 0.3%		
MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund, 5.06% (c)	688,014	\$ 688,014
Unaffiliated Investment Companies 22.5%		
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, 5.12% (c)(d)	20,000,000	20,000,000
Invesco Government & Agency Portfolio, 5.16% (c)(d)	30,294,018	30,294,018
RBC U.S. Government Money Market Fund, 5.08% (c)(d)	12,000,000	<u>12,000,000</u>
Total Unaffiliated Investment Companies (Cost \$62,294,018)		<u>62,294,018</u>
Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$62,982,032)		<u>62,982,032</u>
Total Investments (Cost \$337,047,534)	122.7%	339,145,423
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	<u>(22.7)</u>	<u>(62,794,706)</u>
Net Assets	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 276,350,717</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 \$76,738,995; the total market value of collateral held by the Portfolio was \$78,924,273. The market value of the collateral held included non-cash collateral in the form of U.S. Treasury securities with a value of \$16,630,255. The Portfolio received cash collateral with a value of \$62,294,018. (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.

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

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
IQ Merger Arbitrage ETF	\$ —	\$ 9,339	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 35	\$ 9,374	\$ —	\$ —	300
IQ Ultra Short Duration ETF	9,690	732	(10,428)	(116)	122	—	151	—	—
MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund	67	17,763	(17,142)	—	—	688	14	—	688
	\$9,757	\$27,834	\$(27,570)	\$(116)	\$157	\$10,062	\$165	\$ —	

Swap Contracts

Open OTC total return equity swap contracts as of June 30, 2023 were as follows¹:

Swap Counterparty	Reference Obligation	Floating Rate ²	Termination Date(s)	Payment Frequency Paid/ Received	Notional Amount Long/ (Short) (000) ³	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) ⁴
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	AltShares Merger Arbitrage ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	16	\$ —
Morgan Stanley & Co.	AltShares Merger Arbitrage ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	16	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate	9/4/24	Overnight	(729)	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Fund Rate minus 0.10%	9/16/24	Monthly	(729)	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Fidelity MSCI Real Estate Index ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	1	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Fidelity MSCI Real Estate Index ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	1	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	147	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	147	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index Fund	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	6	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	First Trust Dow Jones Internet Index Fund	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	6	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Invesco Global Listed Private Equity ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	18	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Invesco Global Listed Private Equity ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	18	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Invesco Senior Loan ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	397	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Invesco Senior Loan ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	397	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iPath S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures ETN	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	24	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iPath S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures ETN	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	24	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	IQ Merger Arbitrage ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	119	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	IQ Merger Arbitrage ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	119	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares Convertible Bond ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	111	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares Convertible Bond ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	111	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate	9/4/24	Overnight	(1,578)	—

Swap Counterparty	Reference Obligation	Floating Rate ²	Termination Date(s)	Payment Frequency Paid/Received	Notional Amount Long/(Short) (000) ³	Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation) ⁴
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate minus 0.35%	9/16/24	Monthly	(1,578)	\$ —
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	1	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	1	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares Core U.S. REIT ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	1	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares Core U.S. REIT ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	1	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	631	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	631	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares GSCI Commodity Dynamic Roll Strategy ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	105	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares GSCI Commodity Dynamic Roll Strategy ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	105	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	iShares MSCI India ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	45	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	iShares MSCI India ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	45	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	JPMorgan Equity Premium Income ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	172	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	JPMorgan Equity Premium Income ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	172	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	JPMorgan Nasdaq Equity Premium Income ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	172	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	JPMorgan Nasdaq Equity Premium Income ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	172	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	44	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	44	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Schwab International Small-Cap Equity ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	27	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Schwab International Small-Cap Equity ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	27	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Schwab U.S. Small-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	—	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Schwab U.S. Small-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	—	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	460	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	460	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	SPDR Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	335	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	SPDR Bloomberg Convertible Securities ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	335	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	SPDR Bloomberg Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	211	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	SPDR Bloomberg Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	211	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	392	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	392	—

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)

Swap Counterparty	Reference Obligation	Floating Rate ²	Termination Date(s)	Payment Frequency Paid/Received	Notional Amount Long/(Short) (000) ³	Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation) ⁴
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Energy ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate	9/4/24	Overnight	(154)	\$ —
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Energy ETF	Federal Fund Rate minus 0.57%	9/16/24	Monthly	(154)	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Financials ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	40	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Financials ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	40	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Materials ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	22	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Materials ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	22	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Mid-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate	9/4/24	Overnight	(1,222)	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Mid-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate minus 0.35%	9/16/24	Monthly	(1,222)	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Real Estate ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	22	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Real Estate ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	22	—
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Vanguard Small-Cap ETF	Federal Funds Composite Interest Rate plus 0.50%	9/4/24	Overnight	1	—
Morgan Stanley & Co.	Vanguard Small-Cap ETF	Federal Fund Rate plus 0.50%	9/16/24	Monthly	1	—
						\$ —

† Less than \$500.

- As of June 30, 2023, cash in the amount \$80,000 was pledged to brokers for OTC swap contracts.
- Portfolio pays or receives the floating rate and receives or pays the total return of the referenced entity.
- Notional amounts reflected as a positive value indicate a long position held by the Portfolio or Index and a negative value indicates a short position.
- Reflects the value at reset date as of June 30, 2023.

Abbreviation(s):

BRIC—Brazil, Russia, India and China

ETF—Exchange-Traded Fund

ETN—Exchange-Traded Note

GSCI—Goldman Sachs Commodity Index

MSCI—Morgan Stanley Capital International

REIT—Real Estate Investment Trust

SPDR—Standard & Poor's Depository Receipt

VIX—CBOE Volatility Index

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)				
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$ 265,977,038	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 265,977,038
Exchange-Traded Note	1,927,025	—	—	1,927,025
Exchange-Traded Vehicle	8,259,328	—	—	8,259,328
Short-Term Investments				
Affiliated Investment Company	688,014	—	—	688,014
Unaffiliated Investment Companies	<u>62,294,018</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>62,294,018</u>
Total Short-Term Investments	<u>62,982,032</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>62,982,032</u>
Total Investments in Securities	<u>\$ 339,145,423</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 339,145,423</u>

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

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

Assets

Investment in unaffiliated securities, at value (identified cost \$327,020,560) including securities on loan of \$76,738,995	\$329,083,899
Investment in affiliated investment companies, at value (identified cost \$10,026,974)	10,061,524
Cash denominated in foreign currencies (identified cost \$4,585)	4,599
Cash collateral on deposit at broker for swap contracts	80,000
Receivables:	
Dividends	87,219
Securities lending	43,546
Portfolio shares sold	23,417
Other assets	3,003
Total assets	<u>339,387,207</u>

Liabilities

Cash collateral received for securities on loan	62,294,018
Payables:	
Portfolio shares redeemed	252,558
Dividends and interest on OTC swaps contracts	216,011
Manager (See Note 3)	146,732
NYLIFE Distributors (See Note 3)	54,389
Shareholder communication	20,905
Custodian	19,687
Professional fees	17,783
Transfer agent (See Note 3)	1,151
Accrued expenses	13,256
Total liabilities	<u>63,036,490</u>
Net assets	<u>\$276,350,717</u>

Composition of Net Assets

Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (par value of \$.001 per share) unlimited number of shares authorized	\$ 32,880
Additional paid-in-capital	<u>347,257,711</u>
	347,290,591
Total distributable earnings (loss)	<u>(70,939,874)</u>
Net assets	<u>\$276,350,717</u>

Initial Class

Net assets applicable to outstanding shares	<u>\$ 11,239,311</u>
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	<u>1,331,330</u>
Net asset value per share outstanding	<u>\$ 8.44</u>

Service Class

Net assets applicable to outstanding shares	<u>\$265,111,406</u>
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	<u>31,549,131</u>
Net asset value per share outstanding	<u>\$ 8.40</u>

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

Investment Income (Loss)

Income

Dividends-unaffiliated	\$ 4,017,509
Securities lending, net	366,012
Dividends-affiliated	<u>165,214</u>
Total income	<u>4,548,735</u>

Expenses

Manager (See Note 3)	1,052,199
Distribution/Service—Service Class (See Note 3)	335,730
Professional fees	34,433
Custodian	33,075
Trustees	3,589
Miscellaneous	<u>4,619</u>
Total expenses before waiver/reimbursement	1,463,645
Expense waiver/reimbursement from Manager (See Note 3)	(145,599)
Reimbursement from prior custodian ^(a)	<u>(85,488)</u>

Net expenses 1,232,558

Net investment income (loss) 3,316,177

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)

Net realized gain (loss) on:

Unaffiliated investment transactions	(1,732,433)
Affiliated investment company transactions	(115,796)
Swap transactions	(744,896)
Foreign currency transactions	<u>(3,158)</u>

Net realized gain (loss) (2,596,283)

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

Unaffiliated investments	12,497,364
Affiliated investments	156,921
Translation of other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	<u>4,101</u>

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) 12,658,386

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) 10,062,103

Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations \$13,378,280

(a) Represents a refund for overbilling of custody fees.

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)	\$ 3,316,177	\$ 5,845,226
Net realized gain (loss)	(2,596,283)	(28,946,491)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	12,658,386	(8,397,896)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	13,378,280	(31,499,161)
Distributions to shareholders:		
Initial Class	—	(245,307)
Service Class	—	(4,860,946)
Total distributions to shareholders	—	(5,106,253)
Capital share transactions:		
Net proceeds from sales of shares	4,019,943	7,315,445
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	—	5,106,253
Cost of shares redeemed	(27,122,697)	(63,501,869)
Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions	(23,102,754)	(51,080,171)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(9,724,474)	(87,685,585)
Net Assets		
Beginning of period	286,075,191	373,760,776
End of period	\$276,350,717	\$286,075,191

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	\$ 8.04	\$ 8.97	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.74	\$ 8.22	\$ 8.92
Net investment income (loss) (a)	0.11	0.18	0.09	0.14	0.20	(0.05)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.29	(0.94)	(0.14)	0.33	0.49	(0.55)
Total from investment operations	0.40	(0.76)	(0.05)	0.47	0.69	(0.60)
Less distributions:						
From net investment income	—	(0.17)	—	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.10)
Return of capital	—	—	—	(0.03)	(0.01)	—
Total distributions	—	(0.17)	—	(0.19)	(0.17)	(0.10)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 8.44	\$ 8.04	\$ 8.97	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.74	\$ 8.22
Total investment return (b)	4.98%	(8.48)%	(0.55)%(c)	5.38%	8.47%	(6.88)%
Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data:						
Net investment income (loss)	2.58%††(d)	2.12%	0.97%	1.56%	2.36%	(0.53)%
Net expenses (e)	0.64%††(f)	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	1.43%
Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (e)	0.80%††	0.81%	0.83%	1.00%	1.20%	2.96%(g)
Portfolio turnover rate	95%	139%	126%	179%	151%	450%
Net assets at end of period (in 000's)	\$ 11,239	\$ 12,070	\$ 13,499	\$ 12,044	\$ 10,749	\$ 9,059

* Unaudited.

† Consolidated Financial Highlights for the period January 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018, which consolidates financial information of MainStay VP Multi-Strategy Cayman Fund Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Portfolio prior to the reorganization.

†† 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) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net investment income (loss) would have been 2.52%.

(e) 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.

(f) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net expenses would have been 0.70%.

(g) The expense ratios presented below show the impact of short sales expense:

Six-month Period Ended	Net Expenses (excluding short sale expenses)	Short Sales Expenses
December 31, 2018	1.43%	1.28%

Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

Service Class	Six months ended June 30, 2023*	Year Ended December 31,				
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018†
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.94	\$ 9.01	\$ 8.73	\$ 8.18	\$ 8.87
Net investment income (loss) (a)	0.10	0.15	0.06	0.11	0.18	(0.00)‡
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.29	(0.94)	(0.13)	0.34	0.49	(0.63)
Total from investment operations	0.39	(0.79)	(0.07)	0.45	0.67	(0.63)
Less distributions:						
From net investment income	—	(0.14)	—	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.06)
Return of capital	—	—	—	(0.03)	(0.00)‡	—
Total distributions	—	(0.14)	—	(0.17)	(0.12)	(0.06)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.01	\$ 8.94	\$ 9.01	\$ 8.73	\$ 8.18
Total investment return (b)	4.87%(c)	(8.70)%	(0.78)%(c)	5.14%	8.23%	(7.14)%
Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data:						
Net investment income (loss)	2.35%††(d)	1.82%	0.65%	1.29%	2.09%	0.03%
Net expenses (e)	0.89%††(f)	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	1.60%
Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (e)	1.05%††	1.06%	1.09%	1.25%	1.45%	2.84%(g)
Portfolio turnover rate	95%	139%	126%	179%	151%	450%
Net assets at end of period (in 000's)	\$ 265,111	\$ 274,005	\$ 360,262	\$ 371,833	\$ 389,101	\$ 391,094

* Unaudited.

† Consolidated Financial Highlights for the period January 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018, which consolidates financial information of MainStay VP Multi-Strategy Cayman Fund Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Portfolio prior to the reorganization.

‡ 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) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net investment income (loss) would have been 2.29%.

(e) 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.

(f) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net expenses would have been 0.95%.

(g) The expense ratios presented below show the impact of short sales expense:

Six-month Period Ended	Net Expenses (excluding short sale expenses)	Short Sales Expenses
December 31, 2018	1.60%	0.99%

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 IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy 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 1, 2013
Service Class	May 1, 2013

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 investment returns that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the price and yield performance of its underlying index, the IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index. The IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index seeks to achieve performance similar to the overall hedge fund universe by replicating the "beta" portion of the hedge fund return characteristics (i.e., that portion of the returns that are non-idiosyncratic, or unrelated to manager skill) by using the following hedge fund investment styles: long/short equity; global macro; market neutral; event-driven; fixed-income arbitrage; and emerging markets.

The Portfolio is a "fund of funds" that seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), other exchange-traded vehicles issuing equity securities organized in the U.S., such as exchange-traded commodity pools ("ETVs"), and exchange-traded notes ("ETNs") (such ETFs, ETVs and ETNs are referred to collectively as "exchange-traded products" or "ETPs"), but may also invest in one or more financial instruments, including but not limited to, futures contracts, reverse repurchase agreements, options, and swap agreements (collectively, "Financial Instruments") in order to seek to achieve exposure to investment strategies and/or asset classes that are similar to those of the IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Index.

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

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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:

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

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.

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.

Swaps are marked to market daily based upon quotations from pricing agents, brokers or market makers. These securities are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

Total return swap contracts, which are arrangements to exchange a market-linked return for a periodic payment, are based on a notional principal amount. To the extent that the total return of the security, index or other financial measure underlying the transaction exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest rate obligation, the Portfolio will receive a payment from or make a payment to the counterparty. Total return swap contracts are marked to market daily based upon quotations from market makers and these securities are generally categorized as Level 2 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 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 and the underlying funds held by the Portfolio 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 ETPs and mutual funds, which are subject to management fees and other fees that may cause the costs of investing in ETPs and mutual funds to be greater than the costs of owning the underlying securities directly. These indirect expenses of ETPs and

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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.

In addition, the Portfolio bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the ETPs in which it invests. Because the ETPs have varied expense and fee levels and the Portfolio may own different proportions of the ETPs at different times, the amount of fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Portfolio may vary.

(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) Swap Contracts. The Portfolio may enter into credit default, interest rate, equity, index and currency exchange rate swap contracts (“swaps”). In a typical swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange the future returns (or differentials in rates of future returns) earned or realized at periodic intervals on a particular investment or instrument based on a notional principal amount. Generally, the Portfolio will enter into a swap on a net basis, which means that the two payment streams under the swap are netted, with the Portfolio receiving or paying (as the case may be) only the net amount of the two payment streams. Therefore, the Portfolio's current obligation under a swap generally will be equal to the net amount to be paid or received under the swap, based on the relative value of notional positions attributable to each counterparty to the swap. The payments may be adjusted for transaction costs, interest payments, the amount of interest paid on the investment or instrument or other factors. Collateral, in the form of cash or securities, may be required to be held in segregated accounts with the custodian bank or broker in accordance with the terms of the swap. Swap agreements are privately negotiated in the over the counter (“OTC”) market and may be executed in a multilateral or other trade facilities platform, such as a registered commodities exchange (“centrally cleared swaps”).

Certain standardized swaps, including certain credit default and interest rate swaps, are subject to mandatory clearing and exchange-trading, and more types of standardized swaps are expected to be subject to mandatory clearing and exchange-trading in the future. The counterparty risk for exchange-traded and cleared derivatives is expected to be generally lower than for uncleared derivatives, but cleared contracts are not risk-free. In a cleared derivative transaction, the Portfolio typically enters into the transaction with a financial institution counterparty, and performance of the transaction is effectively guaranteed by a central clearinghouse, thereby reducing or eliminating the Portfolio's exposure to the credit risk of its original counterparty. The Portfolio will be required to post specified levels of margin with the clearinghouse or at the instruction of the clearinghouse; the margin required by a clearinghouse may be greater than the margin the Portfolio would be required to post in an uncleared transaction. As of June 30, 2023, all swap positions outstanding are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

Swaps are marked to market daily based upon quotations from pricing agents, brokers, or market makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. Any payments made or received upon entering into a swap would be amortized or accreted over the life of the swap and recorded as a realized gain or loss. Early termination of a swap is recorded as a realized gain or loss. Daily changes in valuation of centrally cleared swaps, if any, are recorded as a receivable or payable for the change in value as appropriate on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Portfolio bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap in the event of the default or bankruptcy of the swap counterparty. The Portfolio may be able to eliminate its exposure under a swap either by assignment or other disposition, or by entering into an offsetting swap with the same party or a similar credit-worthy party. Swaps are not actively traded on financial markets. Entering into swaps involves elements of credit, market, leverage, liquidity, operational, counterparty and legal/documentation risk in excess of the amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibilities that there will be no liquid market for these swaps, that the counterparty to the swaps may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of the contractual terms in the swaps and that there may be unfavorable changes in interest rates, the price of the index or the security underlying these transactions, among other risks.

Equity Swaps (Total Return Swaps). Total return swap contracts are agreements between counterparties to exchange cash flow, one based on a market-linked return of an individual asset or group of assets (such as an index), and the other on a fixed or floating rate. As a total return swap, an equity swap may be structured in different ways. For example, when the Portfolio enters into a “long” equity swap, the counterparty may agree to pay the Portfolio the amount, if any, by which the notional amount of the equity swap would have increased in value had it been invested in a particular referenced security or securities, plus the dividends that would have been received on those securities. In return, the Portfolio will generally agree to pay the counterparty interest on the notional amount of the equity swap plus the amount, if any, by which that notional amount would have decreased in value had it been invested in such referenced security or securities, plus, in certain instances, commissions or trading spreads on the notional amounts. Therefore, the Portfolio's return on the equity swap generally should equal the gain or loss on the notional amount, plus dividends on the referenced security or securities less the interest paid by the Portfolio on the notional amount. Alternatively, when the Portfolio enters into a “short” equity swap, the counterparty will generally agree to pay the Portfolio the amount, if any, by which the notional amount of the equity swap would have decreased in value had the Portfolio sold a particular referenced security or securities short, less the dividend expense that the Portfolio would have incurred on the referenced security or securities, as adjusted for interest payments or other economic factors. In this situation, the Portfolio will generally be obligated to pay the amount, if any, by which the notional amount of the swap would have increased in value had it been invested directly in the referenced security or securities.

Equity swaps generally do not involve the delivery of securities or other referenced assets. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to equity swaps is normally limited to the net amount of payments that the Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to an equity swap defaults, the Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Portfolio is contractually entitled to receive, if any. The Portfolio will segregate cash or liquid assets, enter into offsetting transactions or use other measures permitted by applicable law to "cover" the Portfolio's current obligations. The Portfolio and New York Life Investments, however, believe these transactions do not constitute senior securities under the 1940 Act and, accordingly, will not treat them as being subject to the Portfolio's borrowing restrictions.

Equity swaps are derivatives and their value can be very volatile. The Portfolio may engage in total return swaps to gain exposure to emerging markets securities, along with offsetting long total return swap positions to maintain appropriate currency balances and risk exposures across all swap positions. To the extent that the Manager, or the Subadvisor do not accurately analyze and predict future market trends, the values or assets or economic factors, the Portfolio may suffer a loss, which may be substantial. As of June 30, 2023, open swap agreements 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) Foreign Securities Risk. The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities, which carry certain risks that are in addition to the usual risks inherent in domestic 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 investments in foreign securities. These risks include those resulting from currency fluctuations, future adverse political or economic developments and possible imposition of currency exchange blockages or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions. Economic sanctions and other similar governmental actions or developments could, among other things, effectively restrict or eliminate the Portfolio's ability to purchase or sell certain foreign securities or groups of foreign securities, and thus may make the Portfolio's investments in such securities less liquid or more difficult to value. These risks are likely to be greater in emerging markets than in developed markets. The ability of issuers of debt securities held by the Portfolio to meet their obligations may be affected by, among other things, economic or political developments in a specific country, industry or region.

(K) Counterparty Credit Risk. In order to better define its contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Portfolio mitigate its counterparty risk, the Portfolio may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement with its counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Portfolio and a counterparty that governs certain OTC derivatives and typically contains

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collateral posting terms and netting provisions. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Portfolio may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instruments' payables and/ or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may restrict or prohibit the right of offset in bankruptcy, insolvency or other events. In addition, certain ISDA Master Agreements may contain provisions for early termination of OTC derivative transactions in the event the net assets of the Portfolio decline below specific levels or if the Portfolio fails to meet the terms of its ISDA Master Agreements. The result would cause the Portfolio to accelerate payment of any net liability owed to the counterparty.

For financial reporting purposes, the Portfolio does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements, if any, in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(L) LIBOR Replacement Risk. The Portfolio may invest in certain debt securities, derivatives or other financial instruments that have relied or continue to rely on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), as a "benchmark" or "reference rate" for various interest rate calculations. As of January 1, 2022, the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, ceased its active encouragement of banks to provide the quotations needed to sustain most LIBOR rates due to the absence of an active market for interbank unsecured lending and other reasons. In connection with supervisory guidance from U.S. regulators, certain U.S. regulated entities have generally ceased to enter into certain new LIBOR contracts after January 1, 2022. On March 15, 2022, the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act was signed into law. This law provides a statutory fallback mechanism on a nationwide basis to replace LIBOR with a benchmark rate that is selected by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and based on Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") (which measures the cost of overnight borrowings through repurchase agreement transactions collateralized with U.S. Treasury securities) for tough legacy contracts. On February 27, 2023, the Federal Reserve System's final rule in connection with this law became effective, establishing benchmark replacements based on SOFR and Term SOFR (a forward-looking measurement of market expectations of SOFR implied from certain derivatives markets) for applicable tough legacy contracts governed by U.S. law. In addition, the FCA has announced that it will require the publication of synthetic LIBOR for the one-month, three-month and six-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR settings after June 30, 2023 through at least September 30, 2024. Certain of the Portfolio's investments may involve individual tough legacy contracts which may be subject to the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act or synthetic LIBOR and no assurances can be given that these measures will have had the intended effects. Although the transition process away from LIBOR for many instruments has been completed, some LIBOR use is continuing and there are potential effects related to the transition away from LIBOR or continued use of LIBOR on the Portfolio.

The elimination of LIBOR or changes to other reference rates or any other changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of reference rates could have an adverse impact on the market for, or value of, any securities or payments linked to those reference rates, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance and/or net asset value. It could also lead to a reduction in the interest rates on, and the value of, some LIBOR-based investments and reduce the effectiveness of hedges mitigating risk in connection with LIBOR-based investments. Uncertainty and risk also remain regarding the willingness and ability of issuers and lenders to include enhanced provisions in new and existing contracts or instruments. Consequently, the transition away from LIBOR to other reference rates may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that are tied to LIBOR, fluctuations in values of LIBOR-related investments or investments in issuers that utilize LIBOR, increased difficulty in borrowing or refinancing and diminished effectiveness of hedging strategies, adversely affecting the Portfolio's performance. Furthermore, the risks associated with the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and transition may be exacerbated if the work necessary to effect an orderly transition to an alternative reference rate is not completed in a timely manner. The usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate anytime during this transition period. Any such effects of the transition process, including unforeseen effects, could result in losses to the Portfolio.

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

(N) 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 utilizes a range of derivative instruments for a variety of different purposes. Total return swaps ("TRS") are one form of derivative that is used. In some cases, TRS contracts are entered into so as to affect long and short exposure to individual securities or indices within a particular strategy. In other cases, TRS are used to gain exposure to the strategy itself, which may also use derivatives. For example, a TRS contract is used to generate the return available from a customized index comprised of a diversified basket of exchange-traded futures. Other examples of derivative positions into which the Portfolio may enter include interest rate swaps, credit default swaps and option contracts. These

instruments are frequently used to obtain a desired return at a lower cost to the Portfolio than is available when investing directly in the underlying instrument or to hedge against credit and interest rate risks. The Portfolio may also enter into foreign currency forward contracts to gain exposure to a particular currency or to hedge against the risk of loss due to changing currency exchange rates. These derivatives are not accounted for as hedging instruments.

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
Swap Transactions	\$(744,896)	\$(744,896)
Total Net Realized Gain (Loss)	<u>\$(744,896)</u>	<u>\$(744,896)</u>

Average Notional Amount	Total
Swap Contracts Long	\$ 24,802,371
Swap Contracts Short	<u>\$(24,816,377)</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. IndexIQ Advisors LLC ("IndexIQ Advisors" or "Subadvisor"), a registered investment adviser and an affiliate of New York Life Investments, 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 IndexIQ Advisors, 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 0.75% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets.

New York Life Investments has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses so that the 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 and Service Class shares do not exceed

0.70% and 0.95%, respectively, of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. 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 \$1,052,199 and waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$145,599 and paid the Subadvisor fees of \$453,405.

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	\$347,016,237	\$3,351,671	\$(11,222,485)	\$(7,870,814)

As of December 31, 2022, for federal income tax purposes, capital loss carryforwards of \$65,075,495, as shown in the table below, were

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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	\$59,425	\$5,651

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	\$5,106,253

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 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 \$267,963 and \$288,365, 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:

Initial Class	Shares	Amount
Six-month period ended June 30, 2023:		
Shares sold	45,032	\$ 372,985
Shares redeemed	(214,655)	(1,767,459)
Net increase (decrease)	(169,623)	\$ (1,394,474)
Year ended December 31, 2022:		
Shares sold	56,268	\$ 474,155
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	30,435	245,307
Shares redeemed	(90,997)	(758,670)
Net increase (decrease)	(4,294)	\$ (39,208)

Service Class	Shares	Amount
Six-month period ended June 30, 2023:		
Shares sold	442,082	\$ 3,646,958
Shares redeemed	(3,080,464)	(25,355,238)
Net increase (decrease)	(2,638,382)	\$(21,708,280)
Year ended December 31, 2022:		
Shares sold	820,504	\$ 6,841,290
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	605,130	4,860,946
Shares redeemed	(7,550,160)	(62,743,199)
Net increase (decrease)	(6,124,526)	\$(51,040,963)

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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