

MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio

Message from the President and Annual Report

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Message from the President

Equity and fixed-income markets rose broadly during the 12-month reporting period ended December 31, 2019, despite a wide range of global economic and political uncertainties.

The year began on a positive note, with markets recovering from a sharp, late-2018 dip precipitated by concerns regarding the pace of economic growth, a U.S. federal government shutdown and the potential impact of trade disputes between the United States and other nations, particularly China. A wide spectrum of equity and fixed-income sectors gained ground through April 2019 as the government reopened, trade tensions eased and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board ("Fed") signaled a pause in interest rate increases. Mixed macroeconomic signals and the inability of China and the United States to reach a trade agreement caused the market's recovery to suffer during the spring and summer months of 2019. However, accommodative monetary policies from several central banks, including a series of interest rate cuts by the Fed, along with better-than-expected corporate earnings, reassured investors and enabled markets to resume their advance.

Persistent, albeit slow, U.S. economic growth underpinned the U.S. stock market's advance during the reporting period, positioning major U.S. equity indices to reach record territory by late October 2019 and continue rising from there. Sector strength shifted as investor sentiment alternated between risk-on and risk-off positions. In general, for the reporting period, growth-oriented stocks outperformed their value-oriented counterparts by a wide margin, with the information technology sector leading the large-cap S&P 500® Index. However, the traditionally more defensive areas of utilities and communications services generated above-average performance as well. The industrials and consumer discretionary sectors performed in the middle of the pack, while real estate, consumer staples, utilities, health care and materials lagged, and energy brought up the rear on weak oil prices and concerns about future energy demand. Nevertheless, all eleven S&P 500® sectors produced positive returns, with all but energy generating double-digit gains.

In the fixed-income markets, slowing economic growth, modest inflation and the Fed's interest rate cuts created an environment of fluctuating but ultimately falling yields and rising prices for most bonds. Higher-credit-quality, longer-duration instruments generally outperformed lower-credit-quality, shorter-duration securities. Long-term Treasury bonds rallied strongly, with the yield on the 10-year note closing the reporting period at 1.92%,

down from 2.68% in December 2018. Prices for corporate credit also produced significant gains, with yields on both investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds finishing near the tightest levels of this credit cycle. Spreads of credit-related securitized product (asset-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities) tightened as well.

International stock and bond markets tended to underperform their U.S. counterparts, constrained by lackluster economic growth in the eurozone and dramatically slowing growth in China and related parts of Asia amid persistent trade tensions with the United States. Uncertainties surrounding the long-standing Brexit drama took a further toll on investor confidence, with progress delayed until the December 2019 election of Boris Johnson's pro-Brexit Conservative Party finally pointed clearly toward an eventual British exit from the European Union. Nevertheless, on average, international securities delivered positive returns supported by the accommodative monetary policies implemented by European and Asian central banks. In general, stocks tended to outperform bonds, with gains in developed-market equities followed closely by those of emerging-market equities. Among bonds, prices for emerging-market securities advanced more than those of developed-market instruments, bolstered by rising risk-on sentiment in the closing months of the reporting period.

As the economic growth cycle lengthens, investors are left to ponder how best to position their portfolios for an uncertain future. When the yield curve inverted in mid-2019 prompting concerns of a potential recession, we were reminded that the direction of the economy is continually subject to change, and perceptions of the economy can shift even more rapidly. As a MainStay VP investor, you can rely on us to manage our portfolios with unflagging energy and dedication so that you can remain focused on your long-term objectives in the face of uncertainty and change. Our goal remains to provide you with the consistently reliable financial tools you need to achieve your long-term objectives.

Sincerely,



Kirk C. Lehneis
President

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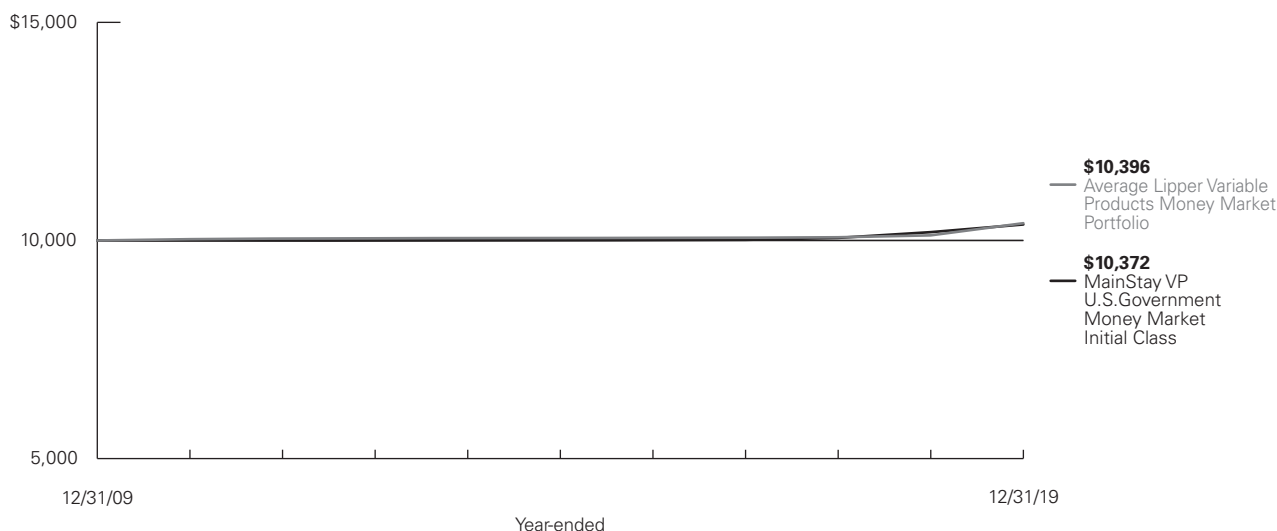
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Investment and Performance Comparison¹ (Unaudited)

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 for separate account or policy fees or charges imposed under the variable annuity policies and variable universal life insurance policies for which the Portfolio is an investment option. 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.

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Average Annual Total Returns for the Year-Ended December 31, 2019

| Class | Inception Date ² | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years | Gross Expense Ratio ³ |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Initial Class Shares | 1/29/1993 | 1.78% | 0.72% | 0.37% | 0.44% |

7-Day Current Yield = 1.16%; 7-Day Effective Yield = 1.16%.⁴

| Benchmark Performance | One Year | Five Years | Ten Years |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| Average Lipper Variable Products Money Market Portfolio ⁵ | 1.86% | 0.75% | 0.40% |
| Morningstar Prime Money Market Category Average ⁶ | 1.90 | 0.85 | 0.43 |

- Performance figures may reflect certain fee waivers and/or expense limitations, without which total returns may have been lower. For information on current fee waivers and/or expense limitations (if any), please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements.
- Effective August 26, 2016 and October 14, 2016, the Portfolio modified its principal investment strategies in connection with commencing operations as a "government money market fund." Consequently the performance information may have been different if the current investment strategies had been in effect during the period prior to the Portfolio commencing operations as a "government money market fund."
- 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.
- As of December 31, 2019, MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio had an effective 7-day current yield = 1.16%; 7-day effective yield = 1.16%. The current yield is more reflective of the Portfolio's earnings than the total return.
- The Average Lipper Variable Products Money Market Portfolio is an equally weighted performance average adjusted for capital gains distributions and income dividends of all of the money market portfolios in the Lipper Universe. Lipper Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters Group PLC, is an independent monitor of mutual fund performance. Lipper averages are not class specific. Lipper returns are unaudited. Results are based on average total returns of similar portfolios with all dividend and capital gain distributions reinvested.
- The Morningstar Prime Money Market Category Average is representative of funds that invest in short-term money market securities in order to provide a level of current income that is consistent with the preservation of capital. 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 U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio (Unaudited)

The example below is intended to describe the fees and expenses borne by shareholders during the six-month period from July 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019, 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 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 July 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. 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 December 31, 2019. 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

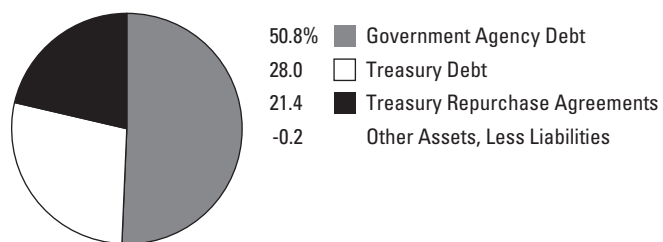
The fourth and fifth data columns in the table below provide information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Portfolio's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Portfolio's actual return. The hypothetical 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 7/1/19 | Ending Account Value (Based on Actual Returns and Expenses) 12/31/19 | Expenses Paid During Period ¹ | Ending Account Value (Based on Hypothetical 5% Annualized Return and Actual Expenses) 12/31/19 | Expenses Paid During Period ¹ | Net Expense Ratio During Period ² |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Initial Class Shares | \$1,000.00 | \$1,007.80 | \$2.23 | \$1,022.99 | \$2.24 | 0.44% |

- 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 184 (to reflect the six-month period). The table above represents the actual expenses incurred during the six-month period.
- Expenses are equal to the Portfolio's annualized expense ratio to reflect the six-month period.

Portfolio Composition as of December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)



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

Portfolio Management Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Questions answered by NYL Investors LLC, the Portfolio's Subadvisor.

How did MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio perform relative to its peers during the 12 months ended December 31, 2019?

For the 12 months ended December 31, 2019, Initial Class shares of MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio provided a 7-day current yield of 1.16% and a 7-day effective yield of 1.16%. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2019, Initial Class shares of MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio returned 1.78%. The Portfolio underperformed the 1.86% return of the Average Lipper Variable Products Money Market Portfolio and the 1.90% return of the Morningstar Prime Money Market Category Average for the 12 months ended December 31, 2019.¹

What was the Portfolio's duration² strategy during the reporting period?

With the U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") maintaining a neutral rate stance during the first half of 2019, the Portfolio added long-dated Treasury coupons and extended its duration. During the second half of the year, the Fed began lowering the Fed Funds target rate resulting in lower 1-year yields. With the 1-year coupon trade on hold, and previously purchased coupons continuing to mature, the Portfolio's duration shortened to 15 days.

What specific factors, risks or market forces prompted significant decisions for the Portfolio during the reporting period?

Except for a relatively aggressive policy reversal between July 31, 2019 and October 30, 2019, the Fed maintained a neutral rate stance for the year. However, this aggressive easing

period proved to be an opportunity for sellers to drive yields and spreads³ lower and tighter than might otherwise have been expected during any single Fed rate target adjustment. Combined with an appreciably flat yield curve,⁴ the Portfolio was forced to trade opportunistically during temporary imbalances in the markets.

During the reporting period, which market segments were the strongest contributors to the Portfolio's performance and which market segments were particularly weak?

U.S. Treasury coupons were the largest return contributor during the reporting period while repurchase agreements contributed the least on a relative yield basis. (Contributions take weightings and total returns into account.)

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

The Portfolio purchased several 1-year coupons and several floating-rate agency bonds during the reporting period. These purchases added significant yield to the Portfolio.

How did the Portfolio's asset class weightings change during the reporting period?

Broadly speaking, the Portfolio's sector weightings were unchanged this reporting period. However, the Portfolio did make a significant shift from agency discount notes to floating-rate agency debt, and a decrease in Treasury coupons versus Treasury bills.

1. See page 5 for more information on 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. The terms "spread" and "yield spread" may refer to the difference in yield between a security or type of security and comparable U.S. Treasury issues. The terms may also refer to the difference in yield between two specific securities or types of securities at a given time.
4. The yield curve is a line that plots the yields of various securities of similar quality—typically U.S. Treasury issues—across a range of maturities. The U.S. Treasury yield curve serves as a benchmark for other debt and is used in economic forecasting.

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

Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2019

| | Principal Amount | Amortized Cost |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Short-Term Investments 100.2%† | | |
| Government Agency Debt 50.8% | | |
| Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. | | |
| 1.531%, due 1/7/20 (a) | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ 4,998,733 |
| Federal Farm Credit Banks (a) | | |
| 1.531%, due 1/9/20 | 15,000,000 | 14,994,800 |
| 1.531%, due 1/14/20 | 10,000,000 | 9,994,475 |
| 1.531%, due 1/15/20 | 24,000,000 | 23,985,720 |
| 1.719% (1 Month LIBOR + 0.01%), due 7/2/20 (b) | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| 1.785% (1 Month LIBOR—0.02%), due 4/30/20 (b) | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Banks (a) | | |
| 1.531%, due 1/6/20 | 13,000,000 | 12,997,219 |
| 1.531%, due 1/8/20 | 15,000,000 | 14,995,465 |
| 1.544%, due 2/19/20 | 22,700,000 | 22,650,966 |
| 1.544%, due 2/24/20 | 7,300,000 | 7,282,754 |
| 1.544%, due 2/28/20 | 4,600,000 | 4,588,328 |
| 1.67% (SOFR + 0.13%), due 10/16/20 (b) | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. | | |
| 1.54% (SOFR + 0.00%), due 4/13/20 (a)(b) | 40,000,000 | <u>40,000,000</u> |
| Total Government Agency Debt (Cost \$201,488,460) | | <u>201,488,460</u> |
| Treasury Debt 28.0% | | |
| United States Treasury Bills (a) | | |
| 1.384%, due 1/7/20 | 5,000,000 | 4,999,048 |
| 1.488%, due 1/14/20 | 9,920,000 | 9,914,569 |
| 1.491%, due 1/21/20 | 86,000,000 | 85,927,449 |
| United States Treasury Notes (a) | | |
| 1.375%, due 2/15/20 | 5,000,000 | 4,992,943 |
| 2.00%, due 1/31/20 | 5,000,000 | <u>4,997,837</u> |
| Total Treasury Debt (Cost \$110,831,846) | | <u>110,831,846</u> |

Treasury Repurchase Agreements 21.4%

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Bank of America N.A. | | |
| 1.55%, dated 12/31/19 due 1/2/20 | | |
| Proceeds at Maturity \$25,002,153 (Collateralized by a United States Treasury Notes with rates between 1.875% and 2.00% maturity dates between 3/31/22 and 6/30/24, with a Principal Amount of \$25,154,400 and a Market Value of \$25,500,056) | 25,000,000 | 25,000,000 |

| | Principal Amount | Amortized Cost |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Treasury Repurchase Agreements (continued) | | |
| RBC Capital Markets | | |
| 1.55%, dated 12/31/19 due 1/2/20 | | |
| Proceeds at Maturity \$34,786,995 (Collateralized by a United States Treasury Note with a rate of 2.125% and maturity of 12/31/22, with a Principal Amount of \$34,960,100 and a Market Value of \$35,482,823) | \$34,784,000 | \$ 34,784,000 |
| Toronto Dominion Bank | | |
| 1.55%, dated 12/31/19 due 1/2/20 | | |
| Proceeds at Maturity \$25,002,153 (Collateralized by a United States Treasury Note with a rate of 2.375% and maturity date of 3/15/22, with a Principal Amount of \$24,900,200 and a Market Value of \$25,500,032) | 25,000,000 | <u>25,000,000</u> |
| Total Treasury Repurchase Agreements (Cost \$84,784,000) | | <u>84,784,000</u> |
| Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$397,104,306) | | <u>397,104,306</u> |
| Total Investments (Cost \$397,104,306) | 100.2% | 397,104,306 |
| Other Assets, Less Liabilities | (0.2) | (850,207) |
| Net Assets | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$396,254,099</u> |

† Percentages indicated are based on Portfolio net assets.

(a) Interest rate shown represents yield to maturity.

(b) Floating rate—Rate shown was the rate in effect as of December 31, 2019.

The following abbreviations are used in the preceding pages:

LIBOR—London Interbank Offered Rate

SOFR—Secured Overnight Financing Rate

Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2019 (continued)

The following is a summary of the fair valuations according to the inputs used as of December 31, 2019, 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) | | | | |
| Short-Term Investments | | | | |
| Government Agency Debt | \$ — | \$201,488,460 | \$ — | \$201,488,460 |
| Treasury Debt | — | 110,831,846 | — | 110,831,846 |
| Treasury Repurchase Agreements | — | 84,784,000 | — | 84,784,000 |
| Total Investments in Securities | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$397,104,306</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$397,104,306</u> |

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

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2019

Assets

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Investment in securities, at value (amortized cost \$312,320,306) | \$312,320,306 |
| Repurchase agreements, at value (amortized cost \$84,784,000) | 84,784,000 |
| Cash | 461 |
| Receivables: | |
| Portfolio shares sold | 378,037 |
| Interest | 308,241 |
| Total assets | <u>397,791,045</u> |

Liabilities

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Payables: | |
| Portfolio shares redeemed | 1,333,859 |
| Manager (See Note 3) | 137,811 |
| Professional fees | 30,734 |
| Custodian | 17,642 |
| Shareholder communication | 16,074 |
| Trustees | 668 |
| Accrued expenses | 154 |
| Dividend payable | 4 |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,536,946</u> |
| Net assets | <u>\$396,254,099</u> |

Composition of Net Assets

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (par value of \$.001 per share) unlimited number of shares authorized | \$ 396,219 |
| Additional paid-in capital | <u>395,853,457</u> |
| | 396,249,676 |
| Total distributable earnings (loss) | <u>4,423</u> |
| Net assets applicable to outstanding shares | <u>\$396,254,099</u> |
| Shares of beneficial interest outstanding | <u>396,218,980</u> |
| Net asset value per share outstanding | <u>\$ 1.00</u> |

Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2019

Investment Income (Loss)

Income

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Interest | \$9,640,303 |
| Other | <u>904</u> |
| Total income | <u>9,641,207</u> |

Expenses

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Manager (See Note 3) | 1,738,251 |
| Professional fees | 73,273 |
| Custodian | 41,794 |
| Shareholder communication | 38,486 |
| Trustees | 10,928 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>12,125</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>1,914,857</u> |
| Net investment income (loss) | <u>7,726,350</u> |

Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | <u>4,362</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | <u>\$7,730,712</u> |

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | \$ 7,726,350 | \$ 6,380,578 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 4,362 | 126 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | 7,730,712 | 6,380,704 |
| Distributions to shareholders | (7,726,350) | (6,380,657) |
| Capital share transactions: | | |
| Net proceeds from sale of shares | 259,579,026 | 410,480,548 |
| Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | 7,725,806 | 6,380,491 |
| Cost of shares redeemed | (383,545,027) | (401,242,610) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions | (116,240,195) | 15,618,429 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets | (116,235,833) | 15,618,476 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Beginning of year | 512,489,932 | 496,871,456 |
| End of year | \$ 396,254,099 | \$ 512,489,932 |

Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

| | Year ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net asset value at beginning of year | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Net investment income (loss) | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ | (0.00)‡ | 0.00 ‡ |
| Total from investment operations | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ | 0.00 ‡ |
| Less distributions: | | | | | |
| From net investment income | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.00)‡ | (0.00)‡ | (0.00)‡ |
| Net asset value at end of year | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Total investment return (a) | 1.78% | 1.38% | 0.42% | 0.02% | 0.01% |
| Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | 1.78% | 1.37% | 0.41% | 0.02%(b) | 0.01% |
| Net expenses | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.39%(c) | 0.15% |
| Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.49% | 0.48% |
| Net assets at end of year (in 000's) | \$ 396,254 | \$ 512,490 | \$ 496,871 | \$ 657,487 | \$ 620,286 |

‡ Less than one cent per share.

(a) 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.

(b) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net investment income (loss) would have been 0.01%.

(c) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net expenses would have been 0.40%.

Notes to Financial Statements

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 U.S. Government Money Market 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 Portfolios 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 Moderate Growth Allocation Portfolio and MainStay VP Growth Allocation Portfolio, which operate as “funds-of-funds.”

The Portfolio currently offers one class of shares. Initial Class shares commenced operations on January 29, 1993. Shares of the Portfolio are offered and are redeemed at a price equal to their net asset value (“NAV”) per share. No sales or redemption charge is applicable to the purchase or redemption of the Portfolio’s shares.

The Portfolio’s investment objective is to seek a high level of current income while preserving capital and maintaining liquidity.

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 Standard 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) Valuation of Shares. The Portfolio seeks to maintain a NAV of \$1.00 per share, although there is no assurance that it will be able to do so. An investment in the Portfolio, is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Portfolio’s sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Portfolio, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Portfolio at any time.

(B) Securities Valuation. Investments are usually valued as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the “Exchange”) (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day the Portfolio is open for business (“valuation date”). Securities are valued using the amortized cost method of valuation, unless the use of such method would be inappropriate per the requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. 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 Board of Trustees of the Fund (the “Board”) adopted procedures establishing methodologies for the valuation of the Portfolio’s securities and other assets and delegated the responsibility for valuation determinations under those procedures to the Valuation Committee of the Fund (the “Valuation Committee”). The Board authorized the Valuation Committee to appoint a Valuation Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) to deal in the first instance with establishing the prices of securities for which market quotations are not readily available or the prices of which are not otherwise readily determinable under these procedures. The Subcommittee meets (in person, via electronic mail or via teleconference) on an as-needed basis. Subsequently, the Valuation Committee meets to ensure that actions taken by the Subcommittee were appropriate. The procedures state that, subject to the oversight of the Board and unless otherwise noted, the responsibility for the day-to-day valuation of portfolio assets (including fair value measurements for the Portfolio’s assets and liabilities) rests with New York Life Investment Management LLC (“New York Life Investments” or the “Manager”), aided to whatever extent necessary by the Subadvisor (as defined in Note 3(A)).

To assess the appropriateness of security valuations, the Manager, the Subadvisor or the Portfolio’s third-party service provider, who is subject to oversight by the Manager, regularly compares prior day prices, prices on comparable securities and the sale prices to the prior and current day prices and challenges prices with changes exceeding certain tolerance levels with third-party pricing services or broker sources. For those securities valued through either a standardized fair valuation methodology or a fair valuation measurement, the Subcommittee deals in the first instance with such valuation and the Valuation Committee reviews and affirms, if appropriate, the reasonableness of the valuation based on such methodologies and measurements on a regular basis after considering information that is reasonably available and deemed relevant by the Valuation Committee. Any action taken by the Subcommittee with respect to the valuation of a portfolio security or other asset is submitted for review and ratification (if appropriate) to the Valuation Committee and the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

“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 which 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.

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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 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)

Securities valued at amortized cost are not obtained from a quoted price in an active market and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. 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. As of December 31, 2019, the aggregate value by input level of the Portfolio's assets and liabilities 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 market values cannot be measured using the methodologies described above is valued by methods deemed reasonable in good faith by the Valuation Committee, following the procedures established by the Board, to represent fair value. Under these procedures, the Portfolio may utilize some of the following fair value techniques: multi-dimensional relational pricing models and option adjusted spread pricing. During the year ended December 31, 2019, there were no material changes to the fair value methodologies.

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.

(C) 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. Therefore, no federal, state and local income tax provisions are required.

Management 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. Management has 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.

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

(E) 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. Interest income is accrued as earned using the effective interest rate method.

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

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

(H) Repurchase Agreements. The Portfolio may enter into repurchase agreements (i.e., buy a security from another party with the agreement that it will be sold back in the future) to earn income. The

Portfolio may enter into repurchase agreements only with counterparties, usually financial institutions, that are deemed by the Manager or the Subadvisor to be creditworthy, pursuant to guidelines established by the Board. During the term of any repurchase agreement, the Manager or the Subadvisor will continue to monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparty. Under the 1940 Act, repurchase agreements are considered to be collateralized loans by the Portfolio to the counterparty secured by the securities transferred to the Portfolio.

Repurchase agreements are subject to counterparty risk, meaning the Portfolio could lose money by the counterparty's failure to perform under the terms of the agreement. The Portfolio mitigates this risk by ensuring the repurchase agreement is collateralized by cash, U.S. government securities, fixed income securities and/or other securities. The collateral is held by the Portfolio's custodian and valued daily on a mark to market basis to determine if the value, including accrued interest, exceeds the repurchase price. In the event of the counterparty's default on the obligation to repurchase, the Portfolio has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. Under certain circumstances, such as in the event of default or bankruptcy by the counterparty, realization and/or retention of the collateral may be limited or subject to delay, to legal proceedings and possible realized loss to the Portfolio. As of December 31, 2019, repurchase agreements are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

(I) Securities Risk. 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. Debt securities are also subject to the risks associated with changes in interest rates.

Investments in the Portfolio are not guaranteed, even though some of the Portfolio's underlying investments are guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. The principal risk of mortgage-related and asset-backed securities is that the underlying debt may be prepaid ahead of schedule, if interest rates fall, thereby reducing the value of the Portfolio's investment. If interest rates rise, less of the debt may be prepaid and the Portfolio may lose money because the Portfolio may be unable to invest in higher yielding assets. The Portfolio is subject to interest-rate risk and can lose principal value when interest rates rise. Bonds are also subject to credit risk, in which the bond issuer may fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner.

(J) LIBOR Risk. A Portfolio may invest in certain debt securities, derivatives or other financial instruments that utilize the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), as a "benchmark" or "reference rate" for various interest rate calculations. In July 2017, the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. Although financial regulators and industry working groups have suggested alternative reference rates, such as European Interbank Offer Rate ("EURIBOR"), Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate ("SONIA") and Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), global consensus on alternative rates is lacking and the process for amending existing contracts or instruments to transition away from LIBOR remains unclear. 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 a Portfolio's performance and/or net asset value. Uncertainty and risk also remain regarding the willingness and ability of issuers and lenders to include revised 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 a 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. Because the usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate during the transition period, these effects could occur prior to the end of 2021.

(K) Indemnifications. Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Portfolio enters into contracts with third-party service providers that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which 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. Based on experience, management is of the view 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.

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, record-keeping 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 a portion of the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer attributable to the Portfolio. NYL Investors LLC ("NYL Investors" or the "Subadvisor"), a registered investment adviser and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life, serves as 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 ("Subadvisory Agreement") between New York Life Investments and NYL Investors, New York Life Investments pays for the services of the Subadvisor.

The Fund, on behalf of the Portfolio, pays New York Life Investments in its capacity as the Portfolio's investment manager and administrator, pursuant to the Management Agreement, a monthly fee for the services performed and the facilities furnished at an annual percentage of the average daily net assets. The Fund, on behalf of the Portfolio, pays New York Life Investments at the rate of 0.40% up to \$500 million; 0.35%

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from \$500 million to \$1 billion; and 0.30% in excess of \$1 billion. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the effective management fee rate was 0.40%.

New York Life Investments may voluntarily waive fees or reimburse expenses of the Portfolio's to the extent it deems appropriate to enhance the Portfolio's yield during periods when expenses may have a significant impact on yield because of low interest rates. This expense limitation policy is voluntary and may be revised or terminated by the Manager at any time.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, New York Life Investments earned fees from the Portfolio in the amount of \$1,738,251 and paid the Subadvisor in the amount of \$869,125.

State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street") 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 NAV of the Portfolio, maintaining the general ledger and sub-ledger accounts for the calculation of the Portfolio's NAV and assisting New York Life Investments in conducting various aspects of the Portfolio's administrative operations. For providing these services to the Portfolio, State Street 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.

Note 4—Federal Income Tax

The amortized cost also represents the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes.

As of December 31, 2019, the components of accumulated gain (loss) on a tax basis were as follows:

| Ordinary Income | Accumulated Capital and Other Gain (Loss) | Other Temporary Differences | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | Total Accumulated Gain (Loss) |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| \$4,078 | \$345 | \$— | \$— | \$4,423 |

The Portfolio utilized \$337 of capital loss carryforwards during the year ended December 31, 2019.

During the years ended December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, the tax character of distributions paid as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets were as follows:

| 2019 | | 2018 | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Tax-Based Distributions from Ordinary Income | Tax-Based Distributions from Long-Term Gains | Tax-Based Distributions from Ordinary Income | Tax-Based Distributions from Long-Term Gains |
| \$7,726,350 | \$— | \$6,380,657 | \$— |

Note 5—Custodian

State Street 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—Capital Share Transactions

Transactions in capital shares for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, were as follows:

| Initial Class (at \$1 per share) | Shares |
|--|---------------|
| Year ended December 31, 2019: | |
| Shares sold | 259,556,928 |
| Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | 7,725,188 |
| Shares redeemed | (383,512,974) |
| Net increase (decrease) | (116,230,858) |
| Year ended December 31, 2018: | |
| Shares sold | 410,448,751 |
| Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions | 6,380,000 |
| Shares redeemed | (401,211,594) |
| Net increase (decrease) | 15,617,157 |

Note 7—Recent Accounting Pronouncement

To improve the effectiveness of fair value disclosure requirements, the Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (ASU 2018-13), which adds, removes, and modifies certain aspects relating to fair value disclosure. ASU 2018-13 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2018, management evaluated the implications of certain other provisions of the ASU and determined to early adopt aspects related to the removal and modifications of certain fair value measurement disclosures under the ASU, which are currently in place as of December 31, 2019. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of certain other provisions of the ASU related to new disclosure requirements and any impact on the financial statement disclosures has not yet been determined.

Note 8—Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements of the Portfolio as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, events and transactions subsequent to December 31, 2019, through the date the financial statements were issued have been evaluated by the Portfolio's management for possible adjustment and/or disclosure. No subsequent events requiring financial statement adjustment or disclosure have been identified.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees of MainStay VP Funds Trust and Shareholders of
MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio (one of the portfolios constituting MainStay VP Funds Trust, referred to hereafter as the "Portfolio") as of December 31, 2019, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2019, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2019, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2019 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Portfolio as of December 31, 2019, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2019 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Portfolio's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Portfolio's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Portfolio in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2019 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
New York, New York
February 19, 2020

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the MainStay group of funds since 1984.

Board Consideration and Approval of Management Agreement and Subadvisory Agreement (Unaudited)

The continuation of the Management Agreement with respect to the MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio (“Portfolio”) and New York Life Investment Management LLC (“New York Life Investments”) and the Subadvisory Agreement between New York Life Investments and NYL Investors LLC (“NYL Investors”) with respect to the Portfolio (together, “Advisory Agreements”), following an initial term of up to two years, is subject to annual review and approval by the Board of Trustees of MainStay VP Funds Trust (“Board” of the “Trust”) in accordance with Section 15 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”). At its December 10-11, 2019 in-person meeting, the Board, including the Trustees who are not an “interested person” (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust (“Independent Trustees”) voting separately, unanimously approved the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements for a one-year period.

In reaching the decision to approve the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements, the Board considered information furnished by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors in connection with an annual contract review process undertaken by the Board that took place at meetings of the Board and its Contracts Committee between October 2019 and December 2019, as well as other information furnished to the Board and its Committees throughout the year, as deemed relevant by the Trustees. Information requested by and furnished to the Board for consideration in connection with the contract review process included, among other items, reports on the Portfolio and “peer funds” prepared by Strategic Insight Mutual Fund Research and Consulting, LLC (“Strategic Insight”), an independent third-party service provider engaged by the Board to report objectively on the Portfolio’s investment performance, management fee and total expenses. The Board also considered information on the fees charged to other investment advisory clients of New York Life Investments and/or NYL Investors that follow investment strategies similar to the Portfolio, if any, and, when applicable, the rationale for any differences in the Portfolio’s management and subadvisory fees and the fees charged to those other investment advisory clients. In addition, the Board considered information furnished by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors in response to requests prepared on behalf of the Board, and in consultation with the Independent Trustees, by independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees, which encompassed a variety of topics, including those summarized below. The Board took into account information provided in connection with its meetings throughout the year, including, among other items, information regarding the legal standards and fiduciary obligations applicable to its consideration of the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements and investment performance reports on the Portfolio prepared by the Investment Consulting Group of New York Life Investments as well as presentations from New York Life Investments and NYL Investors personnel. The Board also took into account other information received from New York Life Investments throughout the year, including, among other items, periodic reports on legal and compliance matters, risk management, portfolio turnover, brokerage commissions, sales and marketing activity and non-advisory services provided to the Portfolio by New York Life Investments. The contract review process, including the structure and format for materials provided to the Board, has been developed in consultation with the Board. The Independent Trustees also met in executive sessions with their independent legal counsel and, for a portion thereof, with senior management of New York Life Investments joining.

In addition to information provided to the Board throughout the year, the Board received information in connection with its June 2019 meeting provided specifically in response to requests prepared on behalf of the Board, and in consultation with the Independent Trustees, by independent legal counsel regarding the Portfolio’s distribution arrangements. In addition, the Board received information regarding the Portfolio’s asset levels, share purchase and redemption activity and the payment of fees by the share class of the Portfolio. New York Life Investments also provided the Board with information regarding the revenue sharing payments made by New York Life Investments from its own resources to insurance companies that issue variable contracts under which the Portfolio serves as an investment option or intermediaries that promote the sale, distribution and/or servicing of such variable contracts or the Portfolio’s shares.

In considering the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements, the Trustees reviewed and evaluated all of the information and factors they believed to reasonably be necessary and appropriate in light of legal advice furnished to them by independent legal counsel and through the exercise of their own business judgment. Although individual Trustees may have weighed certain factors or information differently, the factors considered by the Board are described in greater detail below and include, among other factors: (i) the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Portfolio by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors; (ii) the qualifications of the portfolio managers of the Portfolio and the historical investment performance of the Portfolio, New York Life Investments and NYL Investors; (iii) the costs of the services provided, and profits realized, by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors from their relationships with the Portfolio; (iv) the extent to which economies of scale have been realized or may be realized as the Portfolio grows and the extent to which economies of scale have benefited or may benefit the Portfolio’s shareholders; and (v) the reasonableness of the Portfolio’s management and subadvisory fees and total ordinary operating expenses, particularly as compared to any similar funds and accounts managed by New York Life Investments and/or NYL Investors. Although the Board recognized that comparisons between the Portfolio’s fees and expenses and those of other funds are imprecise given different terms of agreements, variations in fund strategies and other factors, the Board considered the reasonableness of the Portfolio’s management fee and total ordinary operating expenses as compared to the peer funds identified by Strategic Insight. Throughout their considerations, the Trustees acknowledged the commitment of New York Life Investments and its affiliates to serve the MainStay Group of Funds, as well as their capacity, experience, resources, financial stability and reputations.

The Trustees noted that, throughout the year, the Trustees are also afforded an opportunity to ask questions of, and request additional information or materials from, New York Life Investments and NYL Investors. The Board’s conclusions with respect to each of the Advisory Agreements may have also been based, in part, on the Board’s knowledge of New York Life Investments and NYL Investors resulting from, among other things, the Board’s consideration of each of the Advisory Agreements in prior years, the advisory agreements for other funds in the MainStay Group of Funds, the Board’s review throughout the year of the performance and operations of other funds in the MainStay Group of Funds and the Board’s business judgment and industry experience. In addition to considering the above-referenced factors, the Board

observed that in the marketplace, notably under variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts for which the Portfolio serves as an investment option, there are a range of investment options available to the Portfolio's shareholders and such shareholders, having had the opportunity to consider other investment options, have chosen to invest in the Portfolio. The factors that figured prominently in the Board's decision to approve the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements during its December 10-11, 2019 in-person meeting are summarized in more detail below, and the Board did not consider any factor or information controlling in making such approval.

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors

The Board examined the nature, extent and quality of the services that New York Life Investments provides to the Portfolio. The Board evaluated New York Life Investments' experience and capabilities in serving as manager of the Portfolio and considered that the Portfolio operates in a "manager-of-managers" structure. The Board also considered New York Life Investments' responsibilities under this structure, including evaluating the performance of NYL Investors, making recommendations to the Board as to whether the Subadvisory Agreement should be renewed, modified or terminated and periodically reporting to the Board regarding the results of New York Life Investments' evaluation and monitoring functions. The Board noted that New York Life Investments manages other mutual funds, serves a variety of other investment advisory clients, including other pooled investment vehicles, and has experience overseeing mutual fund service providers, including sub-advisors. The Board considered the experience of senior personnel at New York Life Investments providing management and administrative and other non-advisory services to the Portfolio as well as New York Life Investments' reputation and financial condition. The Board observed that New York Life Investments devotes significant resources and time to providing management and non-advisory services to the Portfolio, including New York Life Investments' supervision and due diligence reviews of NYL Investors and ongoing analysis of, and interactions with, NYL Investors with respect to, among other things, the Portfolio's investment performance and risks as well as NYL Investors' investment capabilities and subadvisory services with respect to the Portfolio.

The Board also considered the range of services that New York Life Investments provides to the Portfolio under the terms of the Management Agreement, including: (i) fund accounting and ongoing supervisory services provided by New York Life Investments' Fund Administration and Accounting Group; (ii) investment supervisory and analytical services provided by New York Life Investments' Investment Consulting Group; (iii) compliance services provided by the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer as well as New York Life Investments' compliance department, including supervision and implementation of the Portfolio's compliance program; (iv) legal services provided by New York Life Investments' Office of the General Counsel; and (v) risk management monitoring and analysis by compliance and investment personnel. The Board noted that New York Life Investments provides certain other non-advisory services to the Portfolio. In addition, the Board considered New York Life Investments' willingness to invest in personnel, infrastructure, technology, operational enhancements, cyber security, information security, shareholder privacy resources and business continuity planning designed to benefit the Portfolio and noted that

New York Life Investments is responsible for compensating the Trust's officers, except for a portion of the salary of the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer. The Board recognized that New York Life Investments has provided an increasingly broad array of non-advisory services to the MainStay Group of Funds as a result of regulatory and other developments, including in connection with the designation of New York Life Investments as the administrator of the MainStay Group of Funds' liquidity risk management program adopted under the 1940 Act.

The Board also examined the nature, extent and quality of the investment advisory services that NYL Investors provides to the Portfolio. The Board evaluated NYL Investors' experience in serving as subadvisor to the Portfolio and advising other portfolios and NYL Investors' track record and experience in providing investment advisory services, the experience of investment advisory, senior management and administrative personnel at NYL Investors, and New York Life Investments' and NYL Investors' overall legal and compliance environment, resources and history. In addition to information provided in connection with its quarterly meetings with the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer, the Board considered that each of New York Life Investments and NYL Investors believes its compliance policies and procedures are reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws and acknowledged their commitment to further developing and strengthening compliance programs relating to the Portfolio. The Board also considered the policies and procedures in place with respect to matters that may involve conflicts of interest between the Portfolio's investments and those of other accounts managed by NYL Investors. The Board reviewed NYL Investors' ability to attract and retain qualified investment professionals and willingness to invest in personnel to service and support the Portfolio. In this regard, the Board considered the experience of the Portfolio's portfolio managers, the number of accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the method for compensating the portfolio managers.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the Portfolio would likely continue to benefit from the nature, extent and quality of these services.

Investment Performance

In evaluating the Portfolio's investment performance, the Board considered investment performance results over various periods in light of the Portfolio's investment objective, strategies and risks, generally placing greater emphasis on the Portfolio's long-term performance track record. The Board considered investment reports on, and analysis of, the Portfolio's performance provided to the Board throughout the year by the Investment Consulting Group of New York Life Investments. These reports include, among other items, information on the Portfolio's gross and net returns, the Portfolio's investment performance compared to relevant investment categories and the Portfolio's benchmark, the Portfolio's risk-adjusted investment performance and the Portfolio's investment performance as compared to peer funds, as appropriate, as well as portfolio attribution information and commentary on the effect of current and recent market conditions. The Board also considered information provided by Strategic Insight showing the investment performance of the Portfolio as compared to peer funds.

The Board also gave weight to its discussions with senior management at New York Life Investments concerning the Portfolio's investment

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performance attributable to NYL Investors as well as discussions between the Portfolio's portfolio managers and the members of the Board's Investment Committee, which generally occur on an annual basis. In addition, the Board considered any specific actions that New York Life Investments or NYL Investors had taken, or had agreed with the Board to take, to seek to enhance Portfolio investment performance and the results of those actions.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that its review of the Portfolio's investment performance and related information supported a determination to approve the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements.

Costs of the Services Provided, and Profits Realized, by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors

The Board considered information provided by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors with respect to the costs of the services provided under each of the Advisory Agreements. The Board also considered the profits realized by New York Life Investments and its affiliates, including NYL Investors, due to their relationships with the Portfolio. Because NYL Investors is an affiliate of New York Life Investments whose subadvisory fee is paid by New York Life Investments, not the Portfolio, the Board considered cost and profitability information for New York Life Investments and NYL Investors in the aggregate.

In addition, the Board acknowledged the difficulty in obtaining reliable comparative data about mutual fund managers' profitability, because such information generally is not publicly available and may be impacted by numerous factors, including the structure of a fund manager's organization, the types of funds it manages, the methodology used to allocate certain fixed costs to specific funds and the manager's capital structure and costs of capital.

In evaluating the costs of the services provided by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors and profits realized by New York Life Investments and its affiliates, including NYL Investors, the Board considered, among other factors, each party's continuing investments in, or willingness to invest in, personnel, systems, equipment and other resources and infrastructure to support and further enhance the management of the Portfolio, and that New York Life Investments is responsible for paying the subadvisory fee for the Portfolio. The Board also considered the financial resources of New York Life Investments and NYL Investors and acknowledged that New York Life Investments and NYL Investors must be in a position to attract and retain experienced professional personnel and to maintain a strong financial position for New York Life Investments and NYL Investors to continue to provide high-quality services to the Portfolio. The Board recognized that the Portfolio benefits from the allocation of certain fixed costs across the MainStay Group of Funds, among other expected benefits resulting from its relationship with New York Life Investments.

The Board considered information regarding New York Life Investments' methodology for calculating profitability and allocating costs provided by New York Life Investments in connection with the fund profitability analysis presented to the Board. The Board previously engaged an independent third-party consultant to review the methods used to allocate costs to and among the funds in the MainStay Group of Funds. The Board noted that the independent consultant had concluded that

New York Life Investments' methods for allocating costs and procedures for estimating overall profitability of the relationship with the funds in the MainStay Group of Funds are reasonable and that New York Life Investments continued to use the same method of calculating profit and allocating costs since the independent consultant's review. The Board recognized the difficulty in evaluating a manager's profitability with respect to the Portfolio and noted that other profitability methodologies may also be reasonable.

The Board also considered certain fall-out benefits that may be realized by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors and their affiliates due to their relationships with the Portfolio, including reputational and other indirect benefits. In addition, the Board requested and reviewed information regarding the Portfolio's securities lending activity and the corresponding potential dividend received tax deduction for insurance company affiliates of New York Life Investments.

The Board noted that the Portfolio serves as an investment option primarily under variable contracts issued by affiliates of New York Life Investments that would receive fees under those contracts. The Board observed that, in addition to fees earned by New York Life Investments for managing the Portfolio, New York Life Investments' affiliates also earn revenues from serving the Portfolio in various other capacities, including as the Portfolio's distributor. The Board considered information about these other revenues and their impact on the profitability of the relationship with the Portfolio to New York Life Investments and its affiliates. The Board noted that, although it assessed the overall profitability of the Portfolio to New York Life Investments and its affiliates as part of the contract review process, when considering the reasonableness of the fee paid to New York Life Investments and its affiliates under each of the Advisory Agreements, the Board considered the profitability of New York Life Investments' relationship with the Portfolio on a pre-tax basis and without regard to distribution expenses incurred by New York Life Investments from its own resources.

After evaluating the information deemed relevant by the Trustees, the Board concluded that any profits realized by New York Life Investments and its affiliates, including NYL Investors, due to their relationships with the Portfolio were not excessive.

Management and Subadvisory Fees and Total Ordinary Operating Expenses

The Board evaluated the reasonableness of the fee paid under each of the Advisory Agreements and the Portfolio's total ordinary operating expenses. The Board primarily considered the reasonableness of the management fee paid by the Portfolio to New York Life Investments, because the subadvisory fee paid to NYL Investors is paid by New York Life Investments, not the Portfolio. The Board also considered the reasonableness of the subadvisory fee paid by New York Life Investments and the amount of the management fee retained by New York Life Investments.

In assessing the reasonableness of the Portfolio's fees and expenses, the Board primarily considered comparative data provided by Strategic Insight on the fees and expenses charged by similar mutual funds managed by other investment advisers. In addition, the Board considered information provided by New York Life Investments and NYL Investors on fees charged to other investment advisory clients, including

institutional separate accounts and/or other funds that follow investment strategies similar to those of the Portfolio, if any. The Board considered the similarities and differences in the contractual management fee schedules of the Portfolio and these similarly-managed accounts and/or funds, taking into account the rationale for any differences in fee schedules. The Board also took into account explanations provided by New York Life Investments about the more extensive scope of services provided to registered investment companies, such as the Portfolio, as compared with other investment advisory clients. Additionally, the Board considered the impact of any contractual breakpoints and voluntary waivers on the Portfolio's net management fee and expenses. The Board also considered that in proposing fees for the Portfolio, New York Life Investments considers the competitive marketplace for mutual funds.

Based on the factors outlined above, the Board concluded that the Portfolio's management fee and total ordinary operating expenses were within a range that is competitive and support a conclusion that these fees and expenses are reasonable.

Economies of Scale

The Board considered information regarding economies of scale, including whether the Portfolio's expense structure permits economies of scale to be appropriately shared with the Portfolio's beneficial shareholders. The Board also considered a report from New York Life Investments, previously prepared at the request of the Board, that addressed economies of scale, including with respect to the mutual fund business generally and the various ways in which the benefits of economies of scale may be shared with the funds in the MainStay Group of Funds. Although the Board recognized the difficulty of determining future economies of scale with precision, the Board acknowledged that economies of scale may be shared with the Portfolio in a number of ways, including, for example, through the imposition of management fee breakpoints, initially setting management fee rates at scale or making additional investments to enhance services. The Board reviewed information from New York Life Investments showing how the Portfolio's management fee schedule compared to fee schedules of other funds and accounts managed by New York Life Investments. The Board also reviewed information from Strategic Insight showing how the Portfolio's management fee schedule compared with fees paid for similar services by peer funds at varying asset levels.

Based on this information, the Board concluded that economies of scale are appropriately reflected for the benefit of the Portfolio's beneficial shareholders through the Portfolio's expense structure and other methods to share benefits from economies of scale.

Conclusion

On the basis of the information and factors summarized above and the evaluation thereof, the Board, including the Independent Trustees voting separately, unanimously voted to approve the continuation of each of the Advisory Agreements.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures and Proxy Voting Record

A description of the policies and procedures that New York Life Investments uses to vote proxies related to the Portfolio's securities is available free of charge upon request (i) by calling 800-598-2019; (ii) by visiting New York Life Investments' website at <https://www.nylinvestments.com/mainstay/products-and-performance/mainstay-vp-funds-trust>; or (iii) by visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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. The Portfolio's most recent Form N-PX or proxy voting record is available free of charge upon request (i) by calling 800-598-2019; (ii) by visiting New York Life Investments' website at <https://www.nylinvestments.com/mainstay/products-and-performance/mainstay-vp-funds-trust>; or (iii) by 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.

Board of Trustees and Officers (Unaudited)

The Trustees and officers of the Funds are listed below. The Board oversees the MainStay Group of Funds (which consists of MainStay Funds and MainStay Funds Trust), MainStay VP Funds Trust, MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund, the Manager and the Subadvisors, and elects the officers of the Funds who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Funds. Information pertaining to the Trustees and officers is set forth below. Each Trustee serves until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her

resignation, death or removal. Under the Board's retirement policy, unless an exception is made, a Trustee must tender his or her resignation by the end of the calendar year during which he or she reaches the age of 75. Officers are elected annually by the Board. The business address of each Trustee and officer listed below is 51 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010. A majority of the Trustees are not "interested persons" (as defined by the 1940 Act and rules adopted by the SEC thereunder) of the Fund ("Independent Trustees").

| | Name and Date of Birth | Term of Office, Position(s) Held and Length of Service | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee | Other Directorships Held by Trustee |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Interested Trustee | Yie-Hsin Hung* 8/12/62 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2017 | Senior Vice President of New York Life since joining in 2010, Member of the Executive Management Committee since 2017, Chief Executive Officer, New York Life Investment Management Holdings LLC & New York Life Investment Management LLC since 2015. Senior Managing Director and Co-President of New York Life Investment Management LLC from January 2014 to May 2015. Previously held positions of increasing responsibility, including head of NYLIM International, Alternative Growth Businesses, and Institutional investments since joining New York Life in 2010. | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds</i> : Trustee since 2017 (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust</i> : Trustee since 2017 (32 Funds); and <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund</i> : Trustee since 2017. |

* This Trustee is considered to be an "interested person" of the MainStay Group of Funds within the meaning of the 1940 Act because of her affiliation with New York Life Insurance Company, New York Life Investment Management LLC, Candriam Belgium, S.A., Candriam Luxembourg, S.C.A., MacKay Shields LLC, NYL Investors LLC, NYLIFE Securities LLC and/or NYLIFE Distributors LLC, as described in detail above in the column entitled "Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years."

Independent Trustees

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| David H. Chow 12/29/57 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015). | Founder and CEO, DanCourt Management, LLC (since 1999) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015) (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015) (32 Funds); <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015); <i>Market Vectors Group of Exchange-Traded Funds:</i> Independent Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 2008 and Trustee since 2006 (57 portfolios); and <i>Berea College of Kentucky:</i> Trustee since 2009. |
| Susan B. Kerley 8/12/51 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Chairman since January 2017 and Trustee since 2007*** | President, Strategic Management Advisors LLC (since 1990) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Chairman since 2017 and Trustee since 2007 (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Chairman since 2017 and Trustee since 1990. (32 Funds)**; <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Chairman since 2017 and Trustee since 2011; and <i>Legg Mason Partners Funds:</i> Trustee since 1991 (54 portfolios). |
| Alan R. Latshaw 3/27/51 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2007***. | Retired; Partner, Ernst & Young LLP (2002 to 2003); Partner, Arthur Andersen LLP (1989 to 2002); Consultant to the MainStay Funds Audit and Compliance Committee (2004 to 2006) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Trustee since 2006 (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Trustee since 2007. (32 Funds)** <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Trustee and Audit Committee Financial Expert since 2011; <i>State Farm Associates Funds Trusts:</i> Trustee since 2005 (4 portfolios); <i>State Farm Mutual Fund Trust:</i> Trustee since 2005 (15 portfolios); and <i>State Farm Variable Product Trust:</i> Trustee since 2005 (9 portfolios). |
| Richard H. Nolan, Jr. 11/16/46 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2006***. | Managing Director, ICC Capital Management (since 2004); President—Shields/Alliance, Alliance Capital Management (1994 to 2004) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Trustee since 2007 (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Trustee since 2007 (32 Funds)**; and <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Trustee since 2011. |

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| Jacques P. Perold 5/12/58 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015). | Retired; President, Fidelity Management & Research Company (2009 to 2014); Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, Geode Capital Management, LCC (2001 to 2009) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015) (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015) (32 Funds); <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Trustee since 2016, Advisory Board Member (June 2015 to December 2015); <i>Allstate Corporation:</i> Director since 2015; <i>MSCI, Inc.:</i> Director since 2017 and <i>Boston University:</i> Trustee since 2014. |
| Richard S. Trutanic 2/13/52 | MainStay VP Funds Trust: Trustee since 2007***. | Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Somerset & Company (financial advisory firm) (since 2004); Managing Director, The Carlyle Group (private investment firm) (2002 to 2004); Senior Managing Director, Partner and Board Member, Groupe Arnault S.A. (private investment firm) (1999 to 2002) | 76 | <i>MainStay Funds:</i> Trustee since 1994 (12 Funds); <i>MainStay Funds Trust:</i> Trustee since 2007 (32 Funds)**; and <i>MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund:</i> Trustee since 2011. |

** Includes prior service as a Director/Trustee of certain predecessor entities to MainStay Funds Trust.

*** Includes prior service as a Director of MainStay VP Series Fund, Inc., the predecessor to MainStay VP Funds Trust.

Officers of the Trust (Who are not Trustees)*

| Name and Date of Birth | Position(s) Held and Length of Service | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years |
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| Kirk C. Lehneis 6/29/74 | President, MainStay VP Funds Trust (since 2017) | Chief Operating Officer and Senior Managing Director (since 2016), New York Life Investment Management LLC; Chairman of the Board (since 2017), NYLIFE Distributors LLC; Chairman of the Board, NYLIM Service Company LLC (since 2017); Trustee, President and Principal Executive Officer of IndexIQ Trust, IndexIQ ETF Trust and IndexIQ Active ETF Trust (since January 2018); President, MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund, MainStay Funds and MainStay Funds Trust (since 2017)**; Senior Managing Director, Global Product Development (From 2015—2016); Managing Director, Product Development (From 2010—2015), New York Life Investment Management LLC |
| Jack R. Benintende 5/12/64 | Treasurer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, MainStay VP Funds Trust (since 2007)** | Managing Director, New York Life Investment Management LLC (since 2007); Treasurer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (since 2011), MainStay Funds Trust (since 2009) and MainStay Funds (since 2007); and Assistant Treasurer, New York Life Investment Management Holdings LLC (2008 to 2012) |
| Kevin M. Bopp 2/24/69 | Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, MainStay VP Funds Trust (since 2014) | Chief Compliance Officer, New York Life Investment Management LLC, IndexIQ Trust, IndexIQ ETF Trust and IndexIQ Active ETF Trust (since 2016), Director and Associate General Counsel (2011 to 2014) and Vice President and Assistant General Counsel (2010 to 2011), New York Life Investment Management LLC; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, MainStay Funds, MainStay Funds Trust and MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (since 2014); Assistant Secretary, MainStay Funds, MainStay Funds Trust and MainStay VP Funds Trust (2010 to 2014)**; MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (2011 to 2014) |
| J. Kevin Gao 10/13/67 | Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, MainStay VP Funds Trust (since 2010)** | Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, New York Life Investment Management LLC (since 2010); Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (since 2011), MainStay Funds and MainStay Funds Trust (since 2010) |
| Scott T. Harrington 2/8/59 | Vice President—Administration, MainStay VP Funds Trust (since 2005)** | Managing Director, New York Life Investment Management LLC (including predecessor advisory organizations) (since 2000); Member of the Board of Directors, New York Life Trust Company (since 2009); Vice President—Administration, MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (since 2011), MainStay Funds Trust (since 2009) and MainStay Funds (since 2005) |

* The officers listed above are considered to be “interested persons” of the MainStay Group of Funds, MainStay VP Funds Trust and MainStay MacKay Defined Term Municipal Opportunities Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act because of their affiliation with the MainStay Group of Funds, New York Life Insurance Company and/or its affiliates, including New York Life Investment Management LLC, NYLIM Service Company LLC, NYLIFE Securities LLC and/or NYLIFE Distributors LLC, as described in detail in the column captioned “Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years.” Officers are elected annually by the Board.

** Includes prior service as an Officer of MainStay VP Series Fund, Inc., the predecessor to MainStay VP Funds Trust.

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MainStay VP Portfolios

MainStay VP offers a wide range of Portfolios. The full array of MainStay VP offerings is listed here, with information about the manager, subadvisors, legal counsel, and independent registered public accounting firm.

Equity Portfolios

MainStay VP Eagle Small Cap Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Epoch U.S. Equity Yield Portfolio
MainStay VP Fidelity Institutional AM® Utilities Portfolio†
MainStay VP Large Cap Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Common Stock Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay International Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Mid Cap Core Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay S&P 500 Index Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Small Cap Core Portfolio
MainStay VP Mellon Natural Resources Portfolio
MainStay VP T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio

Mixed Asset Portfolios

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

Income Portfolios

MainStay VP Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP Floating Rate Portfolio
MainStay VP Indexed Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Government Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay High Yield Corporate Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Unconstrained Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP PIMCO Real Return Portfolio

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MainStay VP U.S. Government Money Market Portfolio

Alternative

MainStay VP Cushing Renaissance Advantage Portfolio
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