

MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio

(formerly known as MainStay VP MacKay Growth Portfolio)

Message from the President and Semiannual Report

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Message from the President

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to afflict our personal lives and broad segments of the U.S. and global economy throughout the six-month reporting period ended June 30, 2021. However, with the deployment of multiple vaccines around the world, including three highly effective versions approved for emergency use in the United States, investors began to turn their attention toward the gradual reopening of the economy and the shape the “new normal” would take.

The first half of the reporting period saw increasing inflationary concerns as fiscal stimulus business reopenings drove accelerating economic growth, rising commodity prices and increased consumer spending. However, the U.S. Federal Reserve noted that price increases were likely to prove temporary and made clear their intention to remain accommodative for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, after moving higher in the first quarter of 2021, interest rates declined in the second quarter.

In response to the uncertain inflation outlook, equity market leadership shifted from value in the first quarter of the year to growth in the second quarter. Nevertheless, investor sentiment remained buoyant throughout the reporting period, with all eleven sectors in the S&P 500[®] Index, a widely regarded benchmark of market performance, producing positive returns. Energy led the market’s rise fueled by rapidly increasing oil and gas prices, followed by financials and real estate, which benefited from rising interest rates and the economic reopening, respectively. Communication services produced the slowest growth, followed by the traditionally defensive utilities and consumer staples

sectors. In the fixed income market, lower-credit-quality issues tended to outperform their higher-grade counterparts, with high-yield corporate bonds generating the strongest performance. Among securitized products, commercial mortgage-backed securities generally produced the strongest returns, followed by mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities, while Treasury securities lagged.

Despite the tremendous progress we’ve seen so far this year, the United States and the world continue to face significant pandemic-related challenges. Newer, more contagious variants of COVID-19 threaten the return of restrictions and lockdowns that could stall the economic recovery. At the same time, supply chain shortages have led to rising prices on everything from laptops to autos, stoking fears of uncontrolled inflation despite reassurance from the U.S. Federal Reserve. At New York Life Investments, we recognize that the shape that the “new normal” eventually takes may differ from our expectations. You can depend on us to keep a sharp watch for the unexpected, and to continue to help you find your way through this rapidly evolving investment landscape.

Sincerely,



Kirk C. Lehneis
President

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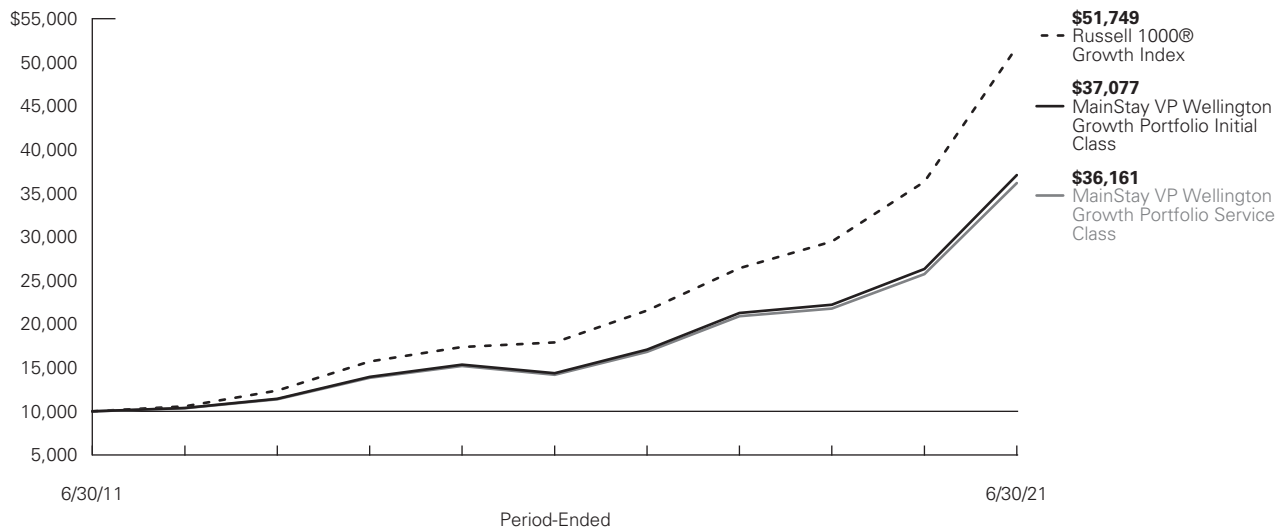
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Investment and Performance Comparison (Unaudited)

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

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



Average Annual Total Returns for the Period-Ended June 30, 2021

Class	Inception Date ^{1, 2, 3}	Six Months	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Gross Expense Ratio ⁴
Initial Class Shares	1/29/1993	13.68%	40.90%	20.87%	14.00%	0.73%
Service Class Shares	6/5/2003	13.54	40.54	20.57	13.72	0.98

- Effective January 11, 2013 and July 29, 2016, the Portfolio modified its principal investment strategies in connection with changes in the Portfolio's Subadvisor. The past performance in the chart and table reflect the Subadvisors and strategies in place during their respective time periods.
- Effective January 1, 2018 due to an organizational restructuring whereby all investment personnel of Cornerstone Capital Management Holdings LLC, a former subadvisor, transitioned to Mackay Shields LLC, a former subadvisor. The past performance in the chart and table prior to that date reflects the Portfolio's prior subadvisor and principal investment strategies.
- Effective May 1, 2021, the Portfolio replaced its subadvisor and modified its principal investment strategies. The past performance in the graph and table prior to that date reflects the Portfolio's prior subadvisor and principal investment strategies.
- The gross expense ratios presented reflect the Portfolio's "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" from the most recent Prospectus, as supplemented, and may differ from other expense ratios disclosed in this report.

Benchmark Performance	Six Months	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
Russell 1000 [®] Growth Index ¹	12.99%	42.50%	23.66%	17.87%
Morningstar Large Growth Category Average ²	12.82	41.56	21.40	15.41

- The Russell 1000[®] Growth Index is the Portfolio's primary benchmark. The Russell 1000[®] Growth Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000[®] Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Results assume reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.
- The Morningstar Large Growth Category Average is representative of funds that invest primarily in big U.S. companies that are projected to grow faster than other large-cap stocks. Stocks in the top 70% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as large cap. Growth is defined based on fast growth and high valuations. Most of these funds focus on companies in rapidly expanding industries. Results are based on average total returns of similar funds with all dividends and capital gain distributions reinvested.

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

The example below is intended to describe the fees and expenses borne by shareholders during the six-month period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, and the impact of those costs on your investment.

Example

As a shareholder of the Portfolio you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including exchange fees and sales charges (loads) on purchases (as applicable), and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees, and other Portfolio expenses (as applicable). This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the six-month period and held for the entire period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Shares are only sold in connection with variable life and annuity contracts and the example does not reflect any contract level or transactional fees or expenses. If these costs had been included, your costs would have been higher.

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

Actual Expenses

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

30, 2021. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

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

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

Share Class	Beginning Account Value 1/1/21	Ending Account Value (Based on Actual Returns and Expenses) 6/30/21	Expenses Paid During Period ¹	Ending Account Value (Based on Hypothetical 5% Annualized Return and Actual Expenses) 6/30/21	Expenses Paid During Period ¹	Net Expense Ratio During Period ²
Initial Class Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,136.80	\$3.81	\$1,021.22	\$3.61	0.72%
Service Class Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,135.40	\$5.14	\$1,019.98	\$4.86	0.97%

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

Industry Composition as of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Software	20.5%	Commercial Services & Supplies	1.3%
IT Services	14.9	Insurance	1.3
Interactive Media & Services	12.4	Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	1.1
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	7.3	Biotechnology	0.9
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	7.3	Road & Rail	0.9
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	5.7	Entertainment	0.8
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	3.9	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	0.6
Professional Services	2.8	Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	0.5
Beverages	2.8	Energy Equipment & Services	0.4
Capital Markets	2.8	Pharmaceuticals	0.3
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.4	Machinery	0.2
Specialty Retail	2.2	Media	0.0‡
Life Sciences Tools & Services	2.0	Short-Term Investment	0.2
Health Care Providers & Services	1.6	Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.0‡
Consumer Finance	1.6		<u>100.0%</u>
Aerospace & Defense	1.3		

‡ Less than one-tenth of percent.

See Portfolio of Investments beginning on page 10 for specific holdings within these categories. The Portfolio's holdings are subject to change.

Top Ten Holdings as of June 30, 2021 (excluding short-term investments) (Unaudited)

1. Microsoft Corp.	6. Mastercard, Inc., Class A
2. Amazon.com, Inc.	7. PayPal Holdings, Inc.
3. Apple, Inc.	8. Adobe, Inc.
4. Alphabet, Inc., Class C	9. salesforce.com, Inc.
5. Facebook, Inc., Class A	10. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Portfolio Management Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Answers to the questions reflect the views of portfolio managers Migene Kim, CFA, and Mona Patni of MacKay Shields LLC (“MacKay Shields”), the Portfolio’s former Subadvisor and Andrew J. Shilling, CFA, of Wellington Management Company LLP (“Wellington”), the Portfolio’s current Subadvisor.

How did MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio perform relative to its benchmark and peers during the six months ended June 30, 2021?

For the six months ended June 30, 2021, MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio returned 13.68% for Initial Class shares and 13.54% for Service Class shares. Over the same period, both share classes outperformed the 12.99% return of the Russell 1000[®] Growth Index (“the Index”), which is the Portfolio’s benchmark, and the 12.82% return of the Morningstar Large Growth Category Average.¹

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

At meetings held on January 21, January 25 and February 3, 2021, the Board of Trustees of MainStay VP Funds Trust considered and approved, among other related proposals: (i) appointing Wellington Management Company LLP as the Portfolio’s subadvisor, and the related subadvisory agreement; (ii) changing the Portfolio’s name; and (iii) modifying the Portfolio’s principal investment strategies and investment process. For more information on these and other changes refer to the supplement dated February 5, 2021.

In the process of implementing the new principal investment strategies and investment process, the Portfolio may have experienced a high level of portfolio turnover. Also during this transition period, the Portfolio may not have been pursuing its investment objective or may not have been managed consistent with its investment strategies as stated in the Prospectus. This may have impacted the Portfolio’s performance.

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

MacKay Shields

During the time MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio, the Portfolio outperformed the Index, helped by strong stock selection, most notably among consumer discretionary and health care issues. Sector allocation effect also made a positive contribution to relative returns due to the Portfolio’s underweight exposure to consumer staples and overweight exposure to communication services. (Contributions take weightings and total returns into account.) In terms of stock-selection model efficacy, the combination of signals used by the Portfolio’s quantitative stock selection model was rewarded primarily by valuation measures.

Wellington

During the time Wellington managed the Portfolio, the Portfolio underperformed the Index primarily due to security selection, with many of the most notable detractors coming from the information technology sector. Sector allocation, a result of Wellington’s

bottom-up stock selection process, did not have a meaningful impact on relative performance.

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

MacKay Shields

During the time MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio, the strongest positive contributors to the Portfolio’s performance relative to the Index were the health care, consumer discretionary and information technology sectors. During the same period, the most significant detractors from relative performance were the real estate, communication services and energy sectors.

Wellington

During the time Wellington managed the Portfolio, security selection in the industrials, communication services and real estate sectors contributed positively to performance relative to the Index. The sectors that detracted most significantly from relative performance were information technology, consumer discretionary and consumer staples. From a sector allocation perspective, the Portfolio’s underweight allocation to health care weighed on results. This was partially offset by the Portfolio’s lack of exposure to materials.

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

MacKay Shields

The stocks providing the strongest positive contributions to the Portfolio’s absolute performance during the time MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio included shares in systems software company Microsoft and interactive media & services provider Alphabet. During the same period, the most significant detractors from absolute returns were wireless technology company Qualcomm, interactive home entertainment developer Take-Two Interactive Software, and athletic footwear & apparel firm Nike.

Wellington

The strongest positive contributors to absolute performance during the time Wellington managed the Portfolio were holdings in Microsoft, visual computing company NVIDIA and professional creative software company Adobe. Microsoft shares rose with other technology stocks as hawkish rhetoric from the U.S. Federal Reserve prompted a market rotation away from cyclically sensitive value stocks into growth stocks. Shares of NVIDIA rose after the company announced that first-quarter revenue for fiscal year 2022 was likely to be above its previously provided outlook, with broad-based outperformance across each of its market platforms. Shares of Adobe rose after the company reported strong fiscal

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

second-quarter results, beating consensus estimates. Management also forecast strong profits for the next quarter, exceeding consensus estimates.

The most significant detractors from the Portfolio's absolute performance were holdings in business payment solutions provider FleetCor Technologies, financial technology company Global Payments, and digital payments company Mastercard. FleetCor shares ended the reporting period lower despite the company releasing first-quarter 2021 results that exceeded consensus EPS (earnings per share) and revenue estimates. Later in the reporting period, the company raised its full-year 2021 EPS guidance. The adjustment to guidance was announced following the completion of FleetCor's acquisition of Associated Foreign Exchange, an international cross-border payments provider. Global Payments shares lost ground despite posting first-quarter 2021 earnings that exceeded consensus estimates. Rather than reward this positive news, market participants appeared more focused on increasing competition in the space, while also reacting skeptically to the company's two announced acquisitions. Mastercard shares lost ground after reaching new all-time highs in April 2021.

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

MacKay Shields

The Portfolio's largest initial purchase during the time MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio was in auto parts and equipment retailer O'Reilly Automotive, while the largest increase in position size was in Microsoft, described above. The Portfolio's largest full sale was in information technology services provider DXC Technology, while its most significantly decreased position size was in social media platform Facebook.

Wellington

During the time Wellington managed the Portfolio, the most notable initial purchases included shares in software-as-a-service provider RingCentral and global oilfield services company Schlumberger. In Wellington's view, RingCentral has potential to be a long-term secular winner. The company has been taking share in a growing addressable market and, we believe, has a superior go-to-market strategy versus its peers. Schlumberger appears well positioned to benefit from a need for increased capital spending by large exploration & production companies after years of underinvestment.

The Portfolio's most notable sales during the same period included full positions in public sector software provider Tyler Technologies and medical device company Penumbra. In Wellington's opinion, Tyler Technologies no longer offered

compelling risk-adjusted upside relative to other opportunities. Regarding Penumbra, while Wellington retained a positive outlook for the company's product innovation and expansion into new markets, its valuation appeared to be getting ahead of fundamentals.

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

MacKay Shields

During the time MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio, the largest increases in sector exposures relative to the Index were in the health care and financials sectors. Conversely, the Portfolio's largest decreases in relative sector exposures were in the information technology and communication services sectors.

Wellington

During the time Wellington managed the Portfolio, the most notable increases in absolute sector exposures were to communication services and information technology, both of which represented overweight positions relative to the Index at the end of the reporting period. Notable reductions in the Portfolio's absolute sector exposures included consumer discretionary and health care.

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

MacKay Shields

At the end of the period when MacKay Shields managed the Portfolio, the Portfolio held its largest overweight positions relative to the Index in the information technology and consumer discretionary sectors. As of the same date, the Portfolio's most significantly underweight sector positions were in real estate and utilities.

Wellington

As of June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held its most overweight positions relative to the Index in the information technology and financials sectors, and its most underweight positions in consumer discretionary and health care.

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

Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2021[†] (Unaudited)

	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 99.8%		
Aerospace & Defense 1.3%		
Airbus SE, ADR	110,456	\$ 3,556,683
Northrop Grumman Corp.	16,683	6,063,103
		<u>9,619,786</u>
Beverages 2.8%		
Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A	53,693	12,558,256
Monster Beverage Corp. (a)	80,856	7,386,195
		<u>19,944,451</u>
Biotechnology 0.9%		
Seagen, Inc. (a)	41,620	6,570,966
Capital Markets 2.8%		
Blackstone Group, Inc. (The)	56,077	5,447,320
Coinbase Global, Inc., Class A (a)	9,275	2,349,358
MarketAxess Holdings, Inc.	15,598	7,231,077
S&P Global, Inc.	11,812	4,848,235
		<u>19,875,990</u>
Commercial Services & Supplies 1.3%		
Copart, Inc. (a)	67,313	8,873,873
Legalzoom.com, Inc. (a)	10,200	386,070
		<u>9,259,943</u>
Consumer Finance 1.6%		
American Express Co.	68,084	11,249,519
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components 0.6%		
CDW Corp.	25,622	4,474,882
Energy Equipment & Services 0.4%		
Schlumberger NV	91,553	2,930,612
Entertainment 0.8%		
Walt Disney Co. (The) (a)	31,072	5,461,525
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.5%		
Equinix, Inc.	4,290	3,443,154
Health Care Equipment & Supplies 2.4%		
ABIOMED, Inc. (a)	27,078	8,451,315
Boston Scientific Corp. (a)	211,020	9,023,215
		<u>17,474,530</u>
Health Care Providers & Services 1.6%		
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	28,739	11,508,245

	Shares	Value
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 3.9%		
Airbnb, Inc., Class A (a)	59,091	\$ 9,049,196
Booking Holdings, Inc. (a)	2,882	6,306,075
DraftKings, Inc., Class A (a)(b)	148,286	7,736,080
Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (a)	40,898	4,933,117
		<u>28,024,468</u>
Insurance 1.3%		
Markel Corp. (a)	3,545	4,206,887
Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.	34,315	4,827,434
		<u>9,034,321</u>
Interactive Media & Services 12.4%		
Alphabet, Inc., Class C (a)	13,485	33,797,725
Facebook, Inc., Class A (a)	90,508	31,470,537
Match Group, Inc. (a)	38,678	6,236,828
Snap, Inc., Class A (a)	114,200	7,781,588
ZoomInfo Technologies, Inc., Class A (a)	182,584	9,525,407
		<u>88,812,085</u>
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail 7.3%		
Amazon.com, Inc. (a)	15,225	52,376,436
IT Services 14.9%		
Affirm Holdings, Inc. (a)	57,678	3,884,613
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	61,872	8,765,406
FleetCor Technologies, Inc. (a)	41,247	10,561,707
Global Payments, Inc.	43,760	8,206,750
Mastercard, Inc., Class A	60,974	22,260,998
PayPal Holdings, Inc. (a)	72,249	21,059,139
Shopify, Inc., Class A (a)	3,318	4,847,532
Snowflake, Inc., Class A (a)	18,274	4,418,653
Square, Inc., Class A (a)	53,664	13,083,283
Visa, Inc., Class A	40,279	9,418,036
		<u>106,506,117</u>
Life Sciences Tools & Services 2.0%		
Illumina, Inc. (a)	22,172	10,492,012
Mettler-Toledo International, Inc. (a)	2,563	3,550,627
		<u>14,042,639</u>
Machinery 0.2%		
IDEX Corp.	7,336	1,614,287
Media 0.0% ‡		
Interpublic Group of Cos., Inc. (The)	7,626	247,769
Pharmaceuticals 0.3%		
Zoetis, Inc.	9,779	1,822,414

	Shares	Value
Common Stocks (continued)		
Professional Services 2.8%		
IHS Markit Ltd.	68,465	\$ 7,713,267
TransUnion	115,020	12,630,346
		<u>20,343,613</u>
Road & Rail 0.9%		
DiDi Global, Inc., ADR (a)	50,176	709,489
Uber Technologies, Inc. (a)	109,518	5,489,042
		<u>6,198,531</u>
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 5.7%		
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (a)	151,206	14,202,779
Microchip Technology, Inc.	75,577	11,316,900
Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.	5,517	2,060,324
NVIDIA Corp.	16,499	13,200,850
		<u>40,780,853</u>
Software 20.5%		
Adobe, Inc. (a)	28,793	16,862,333
Autodesk, Inc. (a)	37,168	10,849,339
Avalara, Inc. (a)	48,328	7,819,470
DocuSign, Inc. (a)	13,254	3,705,421
Intuit, Inc.	15,904	7,795,664
Microsoft Corp.	212,256	57,500,150
nCino, Inc. (a)	83,147	4,982,168
RingCentral, Inc., Class A (a)	12,145	3,529,094
salesforce.com, Inc. (a)	60,628	14,809,602
ServiceNow, Inc. (a)	18,124	9,960,044
Workday, Inc., Class A (a)	37,484	8,948,930
		<u>146,762,215</u>
Specialty Retail 2.2%		
Burlington Stores, Inc. (a)	21,385	6,885,756
TJX Cos., Inc. (The)	131,857	8,889,799
		<u>15,775,555</u>

	Shares	Value
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals 7.3%		
Apple, Inc.	379,718	\$ 52,006,177
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 1.1%		
Lululemon Athletica, Inc. (a)	22,529	8,222,409
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$571,612,795)		<u>714,383,492</u>
Short-Term Investment 0.2%		
Affiliated Investment Company 0.2%		
MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund, 0.01% (c)	1,095,390	1,095,390
Total Short-Term Investment (Cost \$1,095,390)		<u>1,095,390</u>
Total Investments (Cost \$572,708,185)	100.0%	715,478,882
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.0‡	189,846
Net Assets	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 715,668,728</u>
† Percentages indicated are based on Portfolio net assets.		
‡ Less than one-tenth of a percent.		
(a) Non-income producing security.		
(b) All or a portion of this security was held on loan. As of June 30, 2021, the aggregate market value of securities on loan was \$7,736,081. The market value of the collateral held included non-cash collateral in the form of U.S. Treasury securities with a value of \$7,870,129. (See Note 2(H))		
(c) Current yield as of June 30, 2021.		
Abbreviation(s):		
ADR—American Depositary Receipt		

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

Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2021[†] (Unaudited) (continued)

The following is a summary of the fair valuations according to the inputs used as of June 30, 2021, for valuing the Portfolio's assets:

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Asset Valuation Inputs				
Investments in Securities (a)				
Common Stocks	\$ 714,383,492	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 714,383,492
Short-Term Investment				
Affiliated Investment Company	<u>1,095,390</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,095,390</u>
Total Investments in Securities	<u>\$ 715,478,882</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 715,478,882</u>

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

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Assets

Investment in unaffiliated securities, at value (identified cost \$571,612,795) including securities on loan of \$7,736,081	\$714,383,492
Investment in affiliated investment companies, at value (identified cost \$1,095,390)	1,095,390
Cash	17,896
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold	2,170,638
Dividends	25,198
Securities lending	1,688
Other assets	<u>6,512</u>
Total assets	<u>717,700,814</u>

Liabilities

Payables:	
Investment securities purchased	1,464,280
Manager (See Note 3)	391,189
Portfolio shares redeemed	91,814
Shareholder communication	34,147
Professional fees	21,904
Custodian	16,570
NYLIFE Distributors (See Note 3)	11,903
Trustees	<u>279</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,032,086</u>
Net assets	<u>\$715,668,728</u>

Composition of Net Assets

Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (par value of \$.001 per share) unlimited number of shares authorized	\$ 16,094
Additional paid-in-capital	<u>314,669,555</u>
	314,685,649
Total distributable earnings (loss)	<u>400,983,079</u>
Net assets	<u>\$715,668,728</u>

Initial Class

Net assets applicable to outstanding shares	<u>\$656,512,706</u>
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	<u>14,744,014</u>
Net asset value per share outstanding	<u>\$ 44.53</u>

Service Class

Net assets applicable to outstanding shares	<u>\$ 59,156,022</u>
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	<u>1,350,266</u>
Net asset value per share outstanding	<u>\$ 43.81</u>

Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (Loss)

Income

Dividends-unaffiliated	\$ 1,801,914
Securities lending	6,091
Dividends-affiliated	<u>113</u>
Total income	<u>1,808,118</u>

Expenses

Manager (See Note 3)	2,250,568
Distribution/Service—Service Class (See Note 3)	71,100
Professional fees	67,014
Shareholder communication	60,498
Custodian	13,761
Trustees	6,862
Miscellaneous	<u>10,290</u>
Total expenses before waiver/reimbursement	2,480,093
Expense waiver/reimbursement from Manager (See Note 3)	<u>(46,857)</u>
Net expenses	<u>2,433,236</u>
Net investment income (loss)	<u>(625,118)</u>

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)

Net realized gain (loss) on unaffiliated investments	155,227,383
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on unaffiliated investments	<u>(67,369,876)</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>87,857,507</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>\$ 87,232,389</u>

Statements of Changes in Net Assets

for the six months ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) and the year ended December 31, 2020

	2021	2020
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (625,118)	\$ 2,215,651
Net realized gain (loss)	155,227,383	103,480,396
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(67,369,876)	78,489,040
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	87,232,389	184,185,087
Distributions to shareholders:		
Initial Class	—	(59,754,524)
Service Class	—	(5,072,008)
Total distributions to shareholders	—	(64,826,532)
Capital share transactions:		
Net proceeds from sales of shares	30,857,044	8,061,237
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholder in reinvestment of distributions	—	64,826,532
Cost of shares redeemed	(50,612,465)	(252,257,221)
Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions	(19,755,421)	(179,369,452)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	67,476,968	(60,010,897)
Net Assets		
Beginning of period	648,191,760	708,202,657
End of period	\$715,668,728	\$ 648,191,760

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

Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

Initial Class	Six months ended	Year Ended December 31,				
	June 30, 2021*	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 39.15	\$ 32.64	\$ 27.74	\$ 30.87	\$ 23.90	\$ 26.09
Net investment income (loss) (a)	(0.03)	0.12	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	5.41	10.08	7.77	(1.10)	7.05	(0.02)
Total from investment operations	5.38	10.20	7.95	(0.91)	7.24	0.07
Less distributions:						
From net investment income	—	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.21)	(0.07)	(0.04)
From net realized gain on investments	—	(3.48)	(2.86)	(2.01)	(0.20)	(2.22)
Total distributions	—	(3.69)	(3.05)	(2.22)	(0.27)	(2.26)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 44.53	\$ 39.15	\$ 32.64	\$ 27.74	\$ 30.87	\$ 23.90
Total investment return (b)	13.74%(c)	32.30%	30.01%	(4.24)%	30.41%	0.40%
Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data:						
Net investment income (loss)	(0.17)%††	0.35%	0.56%	0.60%	0.71%	0.35%(d)
Net expenses (e)	0.72%††	0.73%	0.72%	0.73%	0.74%	0.76%(f)
Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (e)	0.74%††	0.73%	0.72%	0.73%	0.74%	0.76%
Portfolio turnover rate	26%	144%	156%	127%	141%	177%
Net assets at end of period (in 000's)	\$ 656,513	\$ 590,841	\$ 652,081	\$ 461,537	\$ 525,483	\$ 337,401

* Unaudited.

†† Annualized.

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

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

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

(d) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net investment income (loss) would have been 0.34%.

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

(f) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net expenses would have been 0.77%.

Financial Highlights selected per share data and ratios

Service Class	Six months ended	Year Ended December 31,				
	June 30, 2021*	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 38.57	\$ 32.19	\$ 27.38	\$ 30.50	\$ 23.62	\$ 25.83
Net investment income (loss) (a)	(0.08)	0.04	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	5.32	9.93	7.66	(1.10)	6.97	(0.01)
Total from investment operations	5.24	9.97	7.76	(0.99)	7.09	0.01
Less distributions:						
From net investment income	—	(0.11)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.01)	—
From net realized gain on investments	—	(3.48)	(2.86)	(2.01)	(0.20)	(2.22)
Total distributions	—	(3.59)	(2.95)	(2.13)	(0.21)	(2.22)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 43.81	\$ 38.57	\$ 32.19	\$ 27.38	\$ 30.50	\$ 23.62
Total investment return (b)	13.59%(c)	31.97%	29.69%	(4.48)%	30.09%	0.15%
Ratios (to average net assets)/Supplemental Data:						
Net investment income (loss)	(0.42)%††	0.11%	0.32%	0.35%	0.46%	0.10%(d)
Net expenses (e)	0.97%††	0.98%	0.97%	0.98%	0.99%	1.01%(f)
Expenses (before waiver/reimbursement) (e)	0.99%††	0.98%	0.97%	0.98%	0.99%	1.01%
Portfolio turnover rate	26%	144%	156%	127%	141%	177%
Net assets at end of period (in 000's)	\$ 59,156	\$ 57,351	\$ 56,122	\$ 51,674	\$ 66,735	\$ 58,448

* Unaudited.

†† Annualized.

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

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

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

(d) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net investment income (loss) would have been 0.09%.

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

(f) Without the custody fee reimbursement, net expenses would have been 1.02%.

Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Note 1—Organization and Business

MainStay VP Funds Trust (the "Fund") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 1, 2011. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Fund is comprised of thirty-one separate series (collectively referred to as the "Portfolios"). These financial statements and notes relate to the MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio (formerly known as MainStay VP MacKay Growth 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 Growth Allocation Portfolio (formerly known as MainStay VP Moderate Growth Allocation Portfolio) and MainStay VP Equity Allocation Portfolio (formerly known as MainStay VP Growth Allocation Portfolio), which operate as "funds-of-funds," and other variable insurance funds.

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

Class	Commenced Operations
Initial Class	January 29, 1993
Service Class	June 5, 2003

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

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

Note 2—Significant Accounting Policies

The Portfolio is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting 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) Securities Valuation. Investments are usually valued as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day the Portfolio is open for business ("valuation date").

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 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.

The Board authorized the Valuation Committee to appoint a Valuation Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") to establish the prices of securities for which market quotations are not readily available or the prices of which are not otherwise readily determinable under the procedures. The Subcommittee meets (in person, via electronic mail or via teleconference) on an as-needed basis. The Valuation Committee meets to ensure that actions taken by the Subcommittee were appropriate.

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

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

The level of an asset or liability within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of an input, both individually and in the aggregate, that is significant to the fair value measurement. The aggregate value by input level of the Portfolio's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2021, is included at the end of the Portfolio of Investments.

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

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

An asset or liability for which 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 generally uses a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values and other relevant information. The Portfolio may also use an income-based valuation approach in which the anticipated future cash flows of the asset or liability are discounted to

calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature and/or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the asset or liability. Fair value represents a good faith approximation of the value of a security. Fair value determinations involve the consideration of a number of subjective factors, an analysis of applicable facts and circumstances and the exercise of judgment. As a result, it is possible that the fair value for a security determined in good faith in accordance with the Portfolio's valuation procedures may differ from valuations for the same security determined by other funds using their own valuation procedures. Although the Portfolio's valuation procedures are designed to value a security at the price the Portfolio may reasonably expect to receive upon the security's sale in an orderly transaction, there can be no assurance that any fair value determination thereunder would, in fact, approximate the amount that the Portfolio would actually realize upon the sale of the security or the price at which the security would trade if a reliable market price were readily available. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, there were no material changes to the fair value methodologies.

Securities which may be valued in this manner include, but are not limited to: (i) a security for which trading has been halted or suspended; (ii) a debt security that has recently gone into default and for which there is not a current market quotation; (iii) a security of an issuer that has entered into a restructuring; (iv) a security that has been delisted from a national exchange; (v) a security for which the market price is not readily available from a third-party pricing source or, if so provided, does not, in the opinion of the Manager or the Subadvisor, reflect the security's market value; (vi) a security subject to trading collars for which no or limited trading takes place; and (vii) a security whose principal market has been temporarily closed at a time when, under normal conditions, it would be open. Securities valued in this manner are generally categorized as Level 3 in the hierarchy. No securities held by the Portfolio as of June 30, 2021 were fair valued in such a manner.

Certain securities held by the Portfolio may principally trade in foreign markets. Events may occur between the time the foreign markets close and the time at which the Portfolio's NAVs are calculated. These events may include, but are not limited to, situations relating to a single issuer in a market sector, significant fluctuations in U.S. or foreign markets, natural disasters, armed conflicts, governmental actions or other developments not tied directly to the securities markets. Should the Manager or the Subadvisor conclude that such events may have affected the accuracy of the last price of such securities reported on the local foreign market, the Subcommittee may, pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board, adjust the value of the local price to reflect the estimated impact on the price of such securities as a result of such events. In this instance, securities are generally categorized as Level 3 in the hierarchy. Additionally, certain foreign equity securities are also fair valued whenever the movement of a particular index exceeds certain thresholds. In such cases, the securities are fair valued by applying factors provided by a third-party vendor in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Board and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. No foreign equity securities held by the Portfolio as of June 30, 2021 were fair valued in such a manner.

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

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

Temporary cash investments acquired in excess of 60 days to maturity at the time of purchase are valued using the latest bid prices or using valuations based on a matrix system (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings), both as furnished by independent pricing services. Temporary cash investments that mature in 60 days or less at the time of purchase ("Short-Term Investments") are valued using the amortized cost method of valuation, unless the use of such method would be inappropriate. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost on the date of purchase and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of the difference between such cost and the value on maturity date. Amortized cost approximates the current fair value of a security. Securities valued using the amortized cost method are not valued using quoted prices in an active market and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

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

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

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

returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state and local departments of revenue.

(C) Foreign Taxes. The Portfolio may be subject to foreign taxes on income and other transaction-based taxes imposed by certain countries in which it invests. A portion of the taxes on gains on investments or currency purchases/repatriation may be reclaimable. The Portfolio will accrue such taxes and reclaims as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

The Portfolio may be subject to taxation on realized capital gains, repatriation proceeds and other transaction-based taxes imposed by certain countries in which it invests. The Portfolio will accrue such taxes as applicable based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the market in which it invests. Capital gains taxes relating to positions still held are reflected as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as well as an adjustment to the Portfolio's net unrealized appreciation (depreciation). Taxes related to capital gains realized, if any, are reflected as part of net realized gain (loss) in the Statement of Operations. Changes in tax liabilities related to capital gains taxes on unrealized investment gains, if any, are reflected as part of the change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments in the Statement of Operations. Transaction-based charges are generally assessed as a percentage of the transaction amount.

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

(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. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign tax withheld at the source, and interest income is accrued as earned using the effective interest rate method. Distributions received from real estate investment trusts may be classified as dividends, capital gains and/or return of capital.

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

(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. Expenses (other than fees incurred under the distribution

and service plans, further discussed in Note 3(B), which are charged directly to the Service Class shares) are allocated to separate classes of shares pro rata based upon their relative net assets on the date the expenses are incurred. The expenses borne by the Portfolio, including those of related parties to the Portfolio, are shown in the Statement of Operations.

Additionally, the Portfolio may invest in 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 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, the Manager makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

(H) Securities Lending. In order to realize additional income, the Portfolio may engage in securities lending, subject to the limitations set forth in the 1940 Act and relevant guidance by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). If the Portfolio engages in securities lending, the Portfolio will lend through its custodian, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., ("JPMorgan"), acting as securities lending agent on behalf of the Portfolio. Under the current arrangement, JPMorgan will manage the Portfolio's collateral in accordance with the securities lending agency agreement between the Portfolio and JPMorgan, and indemnify the Portfolio against counterparty risk. The loans will be collateralized by cash (which may be invested in a money market fund) and/or non-cash collateral (which may include U.S. Treasury securities and/or U.S. government agency securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or its agencies or instrumentalities) at least equal at all times to the market value of the securities loaned. The Portfolio bears the risk of delay in recovery of, or loss of rights in, the securities loaned. The Portfolio may also record a realized gain or loss on securities deemed sold due to a borrower's inability to return securities on loan. The Portfolio bears the risk of any loss on investment of cash collateral. The Portfolio will receive compensation for lending its securities in the form of fees or it will retain a portion of interest earned on the investment of any cash collateral. The Portfolio will also continue to receive interest and dividends on the securities loaned and any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Portfolio. Income earned from securities lending activities, if any, is reflected in the Statement of Operations. Securities on loan as of June 30, 2021, are shown in the Portfolio of Investments.

Prior to February 22, 2021, these services were provided by State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street").

(I) Indemnifications. Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Portfolio enters into contracts with

third-party service providers that contain a variety of representations and warranties and that may provide general indemnifications. The Portfolio's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Portfolio that have not yet occurred. The Manager believes that the risk of loss in connection with these potential indemnification obligations is remote. However, there can be no assurance that material liabilities related to such obligations will not arise in the future, which could adversely impact the Portfolio.

Note 3—Fees and Related Party Transactions

(A) Manager and Subadvisor. New York Life Investments, a registered investment adviser and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life, serves as the Portfolio's Manager, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Management Agreement ("Management Agreement"). The Manager provides offices, conducts clerical, recordkeeping and bookkeeping services and keeps most of the financial and accounting records required to be maintained by the Portfolio. Except for the portion of salaries and expenses that are the responsibility of the Portfolio, the Manager pays the salaries and expenses of all personnel affiliated with the Portfolio and certain operational expenses of the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses New York Life Investments in an amount equal to the portion of the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer attributable to the Portfolio. The Portfolio's subadvisor changed effective May 1, 2021, due to the replacement of MacKay Shields LLC ("MacKay Shields") as the Portfolio's subadvisor and the appointment of Wellington Management Company LLP ("Wellington" or the "Subadvisor") as the Portfolio's subadvisor. Wellington, a registered investment adviser, 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 Wellington, New York Life Investments pays for the services of the Subadvisor.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Fund pays the Manager, on behalf of the Portfolio, a monthly fee for the services performed and the facilities furnished at an annual rate of the Portfolio's average daily net assets as follows: 0.70% up to \$500 million; 0.65% from \$500 million to \$1 billion; 0.625% from \$1 billion to \$2 billion; and 0.60% in excess of \$2 billion. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the effective management fee rate was 0.69%.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, New York Life Investments earned fees from the Portfolio in the amount of \$2,250,568 and waived fees/reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$46,857 and paid MacKay Shields and Wellington fees in the amount of \$738,905 and \$319,649, respectively.

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

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administrative operations. For providing these services to the Portfolio, JPMorgan is compensated by New York Life Investments.

Prior to February 22, 2021, these services were provided by State Street.

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

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

(C) Investments in Affiliates (in 000's). During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, purchases and sales transactions, income earned from investments and shares held of investment companies managed by New York Life Investments or its affiliates were as follows:

Affiliated Investment Companies	Value, Beginning of Period	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds from Sales	Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Sales	Change in Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	Value, End of Period	Dividend Income	Other Distributions	Shares End of Period
MainStay U.S. Government Liquidity Fund	\$ 32	\$ 65,788	\$ (64,725)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,095	\$ —(a)	\$ —	1,095

(a) Less than \$500.

Note 4—Federal Income Tax

As of June 30, 2021, the cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of the Portfolio's investment portfolio, including applicable derivative contracts and other financial instruments, as determined on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

	Federal Tax Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)
Investments in Securities	\$575,142,747	\$151,240,411	\$(10,904,276)	\$140,336,135

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the tax character of distributions paid as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets was as follows:

	2020
Distributions paid from:	
Ordinary Income	\$21,811,757
Long-Term Capital Gains	43,014,775
Total	\$64,826,532

Note 5—Custodian

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

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

Prior to February 22, 2021, these services were provided by State Street. The services provided by State Street were a direct expense of the Portfolio and are included in the Statement of Operations as Custodian fees which totaled \$3,802 for the period January 1, 2021 through February 21, 2021.

Note 6—Line of Credit

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

Effective July 27, 2021, under the credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), the aggregate commitment amount is \$600,000,000 with an additional uncommitted amount of \$100,000,000. The commitment fee is an annual rate of 0.15% of the average commitment amount payable quarterly, regardless of usage, to JPMorgan, who serves as the agent to the syndicate. The commitment fee is allocated among the Portfolio and certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments based upon their respective net assets and other factors. Interest on any revolving credit loan is charged based upon the Federal Funds Rate or the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), whichever is higher. The Credit Agreement expires on July 26, 2022, although the Portfolio, certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments and the syndicate of banks may renew the Credit Agreement for an additional year on the same or different terms or enter into a credit agreement with a different syndicate of banks. Prior to July 27, 2021, the aggregate commitment amount and the commitment fee were the same as those

under the current Credit Agreement. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, there were no borrowings made or outstanding with respect to the Portfolio under the Credit Agreement.

Note 7—Interfund Lending Program

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the SEC, the Portfolio, along with certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments, may participate in an interfund lending program. The interfund lending program provides an alternative credit facility that permits the Portfolio and certain other funds managed by New York Life Investments to lend or borrow money for temporary purposes directly to or from one another, subject to the conditions of the exemptive order. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, there were no interfund loans made or outstanding with respect to the Portfolio.

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

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, were \$172,523 and \$187,228, respectively.

Note 9—Capital Share Transactions

Transactions in capital shares for the six-month period ended June 30, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, were as follows:

Initial Class	Shares	Amount
Period ended June 30, 2021:		
Shares sold	739,411	\$ 30,714,390
Shares redeemed	(1,085,636)	(44,902,054)
Net increase (decrease)	(346,225)	\$ (14,187,664)
Year ended December 31, 2020:		
Shares sold	270,749	\$ 7,421,176
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	1,663,929	59,754,524
Shares redeemed	(6,824,924)	(238,125,894)
Net increase (decrease)	(4,890,246)	\$(170,950,194)

Service Class	Shares	Amount
Period ended June 30, 2021:		
Shares sold	3,593	\$ 142,654
Shares redeemed	(140,200)	(5,710,411)
Net increase (decrease)	(136,607)	\$ (5,567,757)
Year ended December 31, 2020:		
Shares sold	19,462	\$ 640,061
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions	143,286	5,072,008
Shares redeemed	(419,134)	(14,131,327)
Net increase (decrease)	(256,386)	\$ (8,419,258)

Note 10—Other Matters

An outbreak of COVID-19, first detected in December 2019, has developed into a global pandemic and has resulted in travel restrictions, closure of international borders, certain businesses and securities markets, restrictions on securities trading activities, prolonged quarantines, supply chain disruptions, and lower consumer demand, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The continued impact of COVID-19 and related new variants is uncertain and could further adversely affect the global economy, national economies, individual issuers and capital markets in unforeseeable ways and result in a substantial and extended economic downturn. Developments that disrupt global economies and financial markets, such as COVID-19, may magnify factors that affect the Portfolio's performance.

Note 11—Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements of the Portfolio as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, events and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2021, through the date the financial statements were issued have been evaluated by the Manager for possible adjustment and/or disclosure. No subsequent events requiring financial statement adjustment or disclosure have been identified.

Board Consideration and Approval of Subadvisory Agreement with Wellington Management Company LLP (Unaudited)

The Subadvisory Agreement between New York Life Investment Management LLC (“New York Life Investments”) and Wellington Management Company LLP (“Wellington”) with respect to the MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio (formerly known as the MainStay VP MacKay Growth Portfolio) (“Portfolio”) (“New Subadvisory Agreement”), must be approved initially and, 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 February 3, 2021 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 New Subadvisory Agreement for an initial two-year period.

At meetings held on January 21, January 25 and February 3, 2021, the Board considered and approved New York Life Investments’ recommendations to appoint Wellington as the subadvisor to the Portfolio, to approve the New Subadvisory Agreement and to approve the related changes to the Portfolio’s principal investment strategies, name and investment process (the “Repositioning”), all effective on or about May 1, 2021. The Board noted that the material terms of the New Subadvisory Agreement are substantially identical to the terms of the then-current subadvisory agreement with MacKay Shields LLC (“MacKay”) with respect to the Portfolio, but that the subadvisory fee schedule under the New Subadvisory Agreement with Wellington includes fees that are lower at every level of assets than the subadvisory fees paid to MacKay under the then-current subadvisory agreement.

In reaching the decisions to approve the Repositioning and New Subadvisory Agreement, the Board considered information furnished by New York Life Investments and Wellington in connection with meetings of the Board and its Contracts, Investment and Risk and Compliance Oversight Committees held on January 21, January 25 and February 3, 2021, as well as other information furnished to the Board and its Committees throughout the year, as deemed relevant by the Trustees. The Board also considered information on the fees charged to other investment advisory clients of Wellington that follow investment strategies similar to those proposed for the Portfolio, as repositioned, and, when applicable, the rationale for any differences in the Portfolio’s proposed subadvisory fee and the fees charged to those other investment advisory clients. In addition, the Board considered information previously provided to the Board in connection with its review of the subadvisory agreements for other funds in the MainStay Group of Funds, as deemed relevant to each Trustee. The Board also considered information furnished by Wellington 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 New Subadvisory Agreement and investment performance reports on the Portfolio as well as presentations from New

York Life Investments and Wellington personnel. 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.

In considering the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement, the Trustees reviewed and evaluated 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 to be provided to the Portfolio by Wellington; (ii) the investment performance of the Portfolio, the qualifications of the proposed portfolio managers of the Portfolio and the historical investment performance of products managed by such portfolio managers with investment strategies similar to those of the Portfolio, as repositioned; (iii) the anticipated costs of the services to be provided, and profits expected to be realized, by Wellington from its relationship with the Portfolio; (iv) the extent to which economies of scale may be realized if the Portfolio grows and the extent to which economies of scale may benefit the Portfolio’s shareholders; and (v) the reasonableness of the Portfolio’s proposed subadvisory fee to be paid by New York Life Investments to Wellington and estimated total ordinary operating expenses. Although the Board recognized that comparisons between the Portfolio’s proposed fees and estimated 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 proposed fees and estimated total ordinary operating expenses as compared to the peer funds identified by New York Life Investments.

Although individual Trustees may have weighed certain factors or information differently, the Board’s decisions to approve the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement were based on a consideration of the information provided to the Trustees throughout the year, such as presentations from Wellington personnel, as well as information furnished specifically in connection with the contract review process for the Portfolio, in each case as deemed relevant to each Trustee. The Trustees noted that, throughout the year, the Trustees would be afforded an opportunity to ask questions of, and request additional information or materials from, New York Life Investments and Wellington with respect to the Portfolio. The Board took note of New York Life Investments’ belief that Wellington, with its resources and historical investment performance track record for strategies similar to those of the Portfolio, as repositioned, is well qualified to serve as the Portfolio’s subadvisor. 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 decisions to approve the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement are summarized in more detail below, and the Board did not consider any factor or information controlling in reaching such decisions.

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services to be Provided by Wellington

In considering the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement, the Board considered New York Life Investments' responsibilities as manager of the Portfolio, noting that New York Life Investments is responsible for supervising the Portfolio's subadvisor. The Board examined the nature, extent and quality of the investment advisory services that Wellington proposed to provide to the Portfolio. Further, the Board evaluated and/or examined the following with regard to Wellington:

- experience in providing investment advisory services;
- experience in serving as advisor or subadvisor to other funds with similar strategies as those of the Portfolio, as repositioned, and the performance track record of those funds;
- experience of investment advisory, senior management and administrative personnel;
- overall legal and compliance environment, resources and history and 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 Wellington;
- New York Life Investments' and Wellington's belief that their respective compliance policies, procedures and systems are reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws and their commitment to further developing and strengthening compliance programs relating to the MainStay Group of Funds generally and the Portfolio specifically;
- ability to attract and retain qualified investment professionals and willingness to invest in personnel to service and support the Portfolio;
- portfolio construction and risk management processes;
- experience of the Portfolio's proposed portfolio managers, including with respect to investment strategies similar to those of the Portfolio, as repositioned, the number of accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the method for compensating the portfolio managers; and
- overall reputation, financial condition and assets under management.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the Portfolio would likely benefit from the nature, extent and quality of the proposed investment advisory services to be provided by Wellington.

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. The Board considered investment reports on, and analysis of, the Portfolio's performance provided to the Board throughout the year. 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 benchmarks, 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 market conditions.

The Board also gave weight to its discussions with senior management at New York Life Investments concerning the Portfolio's investment performance and remediation efforts undertaken by New York Life Investments, and other alternatives to the Repositioning, and the New Subadvisory Agreement considered by New York Life Investments. In addition, the Board considered steps taken to seek to improve the Portfolio's investment performance and discussions between the Portfolio's current portfolio management team and the Investment Committee of the Board. The Board further considered that shareholders may benefit from Wellington's investment process, including its portfolio construction and risk management processes. The Board noted that the Repositioning had not yet been implemented so an investment performance track record for the Portfolio, as repositioned, was not available.

The Board evaluated the Portfolio's proposed portfolio management team, investment process, strategies and risks. The Board noted that Wellington currently manages one or more portfolios with investment strategies similar to those of the Portfolio, as repositioned. Additionally, the Board considered the historical performance of such portfolio or portfolios and other portfolios managed by the proposed portfolio managers for the Portfolio. Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the Portfolio was likely to be managed responsibly and capably by Wellington.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the selection of Wellington as the subadvisor to the Portfolio is likely to benefit the Portfolio's long-term investment performance.

Costs of the Services to be Provided, and Profits to be Realized, by Wellington

The Board considered the anticipated costs of the services to be provided by Wellington under the New Subadvisory Agreement and the profits expected to be realized by Wellington due to its relationship with the Portfolio. The Board considered that Wellington's subadvisory fee had been negotiated at arm's-length by New York Life Investments and that these fees would be paid by New York Life Investments, not the Portfolio.

Board Consideration and Approval of Subadvisory Agreement with Wellington Management Company LLP (Unaudited) (continued)

In evaluating the anticipated costs of the services to be provided by Wellington and profits expected to be realized by Wellington, the Board considered, among other factors, Wellington's investments in, or willingness to invest in, personnel, systems, equipment and other resources and infrastructure to support and further enhance the services proposed to be provided to the Portfolio, and that New York Life Investments would be responsible for paying the subadvisory fee to Wellington. The Board also considered the financial resources of Wellington and acknowledged that Wellington must be in a position to attract and retain experienced professional personnel and to maintain a strong financial position for Wellington to be able to provide high-quality services to the Portfolio.

In considering anticipated costs and profitability, the Board also considered certain fall-out benefits that may be realized by Wellington due to its relationship with the Portfolio, including reputational and other indirect benefits. The Board recognized, for example, the potential benefits to Wellington from legally permitted "soft-dollar" arrangements by which brokers would provide research and other services to Wellington in exchange for commissions paid by the Portfolio with respect to trades in the Portfolio's portfolio securities. In addition, the Board also requested and received information from New York Life Investments concerning other material business relationships between Wellington and its affiliates and New York Life Investments and its affiliates, and considered the existence of a strategic partnership between New York Life Investments and Wellington that relates to certain current and future products that represented a conflict of interest associated with New York Life Investments' recommendation to approve the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement.

The Board took into account the fact that the Portfolio would undergo changes to its principal investment strategies in connection with the Repositioning. The Board noted estimates from New York Life Investments and Wellington that a significant portion of the holdings of the Portfolio would be sold to align the Portfolio's holdings with the strategies that would be pursued by Wellington. Additionally, the Board considered New York Life Investments' representation that New York Life Investments would work closely with Wellington to seek to execute the optimal transition strategy and that New York Life Investments would make every effort to minimize potential direct and indirect costs associated with the Repositioning.

The Board considered that any profits realized by Wellington due to its relationship with the Portfolio would be the result of arm's-length negotiations between New York Life Investments and Wellington, acknowledging that any such profits would be based on fees paid to Wellington by New York Life Investments, not the Portfolio.

Subadvisory Fee and Estimated Total Ordinary Operating Expenses

The Board evaluated the reasonableness of the fee to be paid under the New Subadvisory Agreement and the Portfolio's estimated total ordinary operating expenses. The Board primarily considered the reasonableness

of the management fee to be paid by the Portfolio to New York Life Investments because the subadvisory fee to be paid to Wellington would be paid by New York Life Investments, not the Portfolio. The Board also considered the reasonableness of the subadvisory fee to be paid by New York Life Investments and the amount of the management fee expected to be retained by New York Life Investments.

In assessing the reasonableness of the Portfolio's proposed fees and estimated expenses, the Board considered information provided by New York Life Investments on fees and expenses of peer funds, and the Board considered information provided by Wellington 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, as repositioned. The Board considered the similarities and differences in the contractual 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 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 proposed expense structure would permit 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 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 fee breakpoints, initially setting management fee rates at scale or making additional investments to enhance services.

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 proposed expense structure and other methods to share benefits from economies of scale.

Conclusion

On the basis of the information and factors summarized above, among other information and factors deemed relevant by the Trustees, and the evaluation thereof, the Board, including the Independent Trustees voting separately, unanimously voted to approve the Repositioning and the New Subadvisory Agreement.

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

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

At a meeting of the Board held on March 8, 2021, the Administrator provided the Board with a written report addressing the Program's operation and assessing its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the "Review Period"), as required under the Liquidity Rule. The report noted that the Administrator concluded that (i) the Program operated effectively to assess and manage the Portfolio's liquidity risk, (ii) the Program has been adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Portfolio's liquidity developments and (iii) the Portfolio's investment strategy continues to be appropriate for an open-end fund. In addition, the report discussed notable events that impacted liquidity risk during the Review Period, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic shutdown.

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

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

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

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

Proxy Voting Record

The Portfolio is required to file with the SEC its proxy voting records 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.

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MainStay VP Portfolios

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MainStay VP Candriam Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio
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MainStay VP MacKay S&P 500 Index Portfolio
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MainStay VP Small Cap Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Growth Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Mid Cap Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington Small Cap Portfolio
MainStay VP Wellington U.S. Equity Portfolio
MainStay VP Winslow Large Cap Growth Portfolio

Mixed Asset

MainStay Balanced Fund
MainStay Income Builder Fund
MainStay MacKay Convertible Fund

Income

MainStay VP Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP Floating Rate Portfolio
MainStay VP Indexed Bond Portfolio
MainStay VP MacKay Government Portfolio
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Asset Allocation

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