

Prospectus

Delaware VIP® Trust

Delaware VIP Small Cap Value Series

Service Class

April 30, 2021

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Series summary

Delaware VIP® Small Cap Value Series

What is the Series' investment objective?

Delaware VIP Small Cap Value Series seeks capital appreciation.

What are the Series' fees and expenses?

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Series. The fee table and example do not reflect any fees or sales charges imposed by variable insurance contracts. If they did, the expenses would be higher.

Annual series operating expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Class	Service
Management fees	0.72%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.30%
Other expenses	0.06%
Total annual series operating expenses	1.08%

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Series with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Series for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Series' operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

Class	Service
1 year	\$110
3 years	\$343
5 years	\$595
10 years	\$1,317

Portfolio turnover

The Series pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual series operating expenses or in the example, affect the Series' performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Series' portfolio turnover rate was 24% of the average value of its portfolio.

What are the Series' principal investment strategies?

The Series invests primarily in investments of small companies whose stock prices, in the portfolio managers' opinion, appear low relative to their underlying value or future potential. Among other factors, the Series' investment manager, Delaware Management Company (Manager), considers the financial strength of a company, its management, the prospects for its industry, and any anticipated changes within the company that might suggest a more favorable outlook going forward. The Manager focuses on free cash flow in its individual stock selection, seeking companies that the Manager believes have a sustainable ability to buy back shares, lower debt, and/or increase or initiate dividends. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Series' net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, will be in investments of small-capitalization companies (80% policy). The Series considers small-capitalization companies to be companies with a market capitalization generally less than 3.5 times the dollar-weighted, median market capitalization of the Russell 2000® Index at the time of purchase. The Series may invest up to 15% of its net assets in real estate investment trusts (REITs).

The Manager may permit its affiliates, Macquarie Investment Management Global Limited (MIMGL) and Macquarie Funds Management Hong Kong Limited (MFMHKL), to execute Series security trades on behalf of the Manager. The Manager may also seek quantitative support from MIMGL.

The Series' 80% policy is nonfundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval. Series shareholders would be given at least 60 days' notice prior to any such change.

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What are the principal risks of investing in the Series?

Investing in any mutual fund involves the risk that you may lose part or all of the money you invest. Over time, the value of your investment in the Series will increase and decrease according to changes in the value of the securities in the Series' portfolio. An investment in the Series may not be appropriate for all investors. The Series' principal risks include:

Market risk — The risk that all or a majority of the securities in a certain market — such as the stock or bond market — will decline in value because of factors such as adverse political or economic conditions, future expectations, investor confidence, or heavy institutional selling.

Industry and sector risk — The risk that the value of securities in a particular industry or sector (such as financial services or manufacturing) will decline because of changing expectations for the performance of that industry or sector.

Company size risk — The risk that investments in small- and/or medium-sized companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies because of limited financial resources or dependence on narrow product lines.

Interest rate risk — The risk that securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise. The risk is generally associated with bonds; however, because small- and medium-sized companies and companies in the real estate sector often borrow money to finance their operations, they may be adversely affected by rising interest rates. A series may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low interest rates.

Foreign risk — The risk that foreign securities (particularly in emerging markets) may be adversely affected by political instability, changes in currency exchange rates, inefficient markets and higher transaction costs, foreign economic conditions, the imposition of economic or trade sanctions, or inadequate or different regulatory and accounting standards.

Real estate industry risk — This risk includes, among others: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes, and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the cleanup of, and liability to third parties resulting from, environmental problems; casualty for condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates.

Liquidity risk — The possibility that investments cannot be readily sold within seven calendar days at approximately the price at which a series has valued them.

Government and regulatory risk — The risk that governments or regulatory authorities may take actions that could adversely affect various sectors of the securities markets and affect series performance.

IBOR risk — The risk that changes related to the use of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or similar interbank offered rates ("IBORs," such as the Euro Overnight Index Average (EONIA)) could have adverse impacts on financial instruments that reference LIBOR or a similar rate. While some instruments may contemplate a scenario where LIBOR or a similar rate is no longer available by providing for an alternative rate setting methodology, not all instruments have such fallback provisions and the effectiveness of replacement rates is uncertain. The abandonment of LIBOR and similar rates could affect the value and liquidity of instruments that reference such rates, especially those that do not have fallback provisions. The use of alternative reference rate products may impact investment strategy performance.

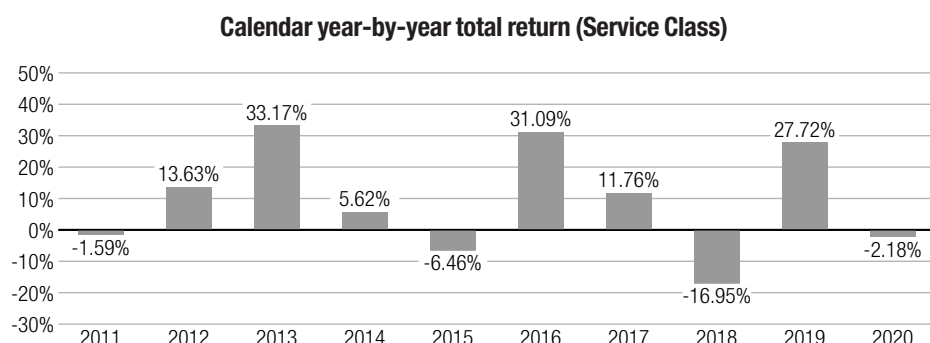
Active management and selection risk — The risk that the securities selected by a series' management will underperform the markets, the relevant indices, or the securities selected by other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies. The securities and sectors selected may vary from the securities and sectors included in the relevant index.

The Manager is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited (MGL). Other than Macquarie Bank Limited (MBL), a subsidiary of MGL and an affiliate of the Manager, none of the entities noted are authorized deposit-taking institutions for the purposes of the Banking Act 1959 (Commonwealth of Australia). The obligations of these entities do not represent deposits or other liabilities of MBL. MBL does not guarantee or otherwise provide assurance in respect of the obligations of these entities, unless noted otherwise. The Series is governed by US laws and regulations.

How has Delaware VIP® Small Cap Value Series performed?

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Series by showing changes in the Series' performance from year to year and by showing how the Series' average annual total returns for the 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. The Series' past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future. The returns reflect any expense caps in effect during these periods. The returns would be lower without the expense caps. You may obtain the Series' most recently available month-end performance by calling 800 523-1918 or by visiting our website at delawarefunds.com/vip-performance.

Performance reflects all Series expenses but does not include any fees or sales charges imposed by variable insurance contracts. If they had been included, the returns shown below would be lower. Investors should consult the variable contract prospectus for more information.



During the periods illustrated in this bar chart, the Class's highest quarterly return was 32.53% for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 2020, and its lowest quarterly return was -37.10% for the quarter ended March 31, 2020.

Average annual total returns for periods ended December 31, 2020

	1 year	5 years	10 years
Delaware VIP Small Cap Value Series — Service Class	-2.18%	8.74%	8.38%
Russell 2000® Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	4.63%	9.65%	8.66%

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Who manages the Series?

Investment manager

Delaware Management Company, a series of Macquarie Investment Management Business Trust (a Delaware statutory trust)

Portfolio managers	Title with Delaware Management Company	Start date on the Series
Christopher S. Beck, CFA	Chief Investment Officer — US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity	May 1997
Kelley McKee Carabasi, CFA	Senior Portfolio Manager	July 2012
Steven G. Catricks, CFA	Senior Portfolio Manager	July 2012
Michael Foley, CFA	Senior Portfolio Manager	July 2019
Kent P. Madden, CFA	Senior Portfolio Manager	July 2012

Sub-advisors

Macquarie Investment Management Global Limited (MIMGL)

Macquarie Funds Management Hong Kong Limited (MFMHKL)

Purchase and redemption of Series shares

Shares are sold, directly or indirectly, to separate accounts of life insurance companies at net asset value (NAV). Please refer to the variable annuity or variable life insurance product contract prospectus for more information about the purchase and redemption of shares.

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Tax information

The dividends and distributions paid from the Series to the insurance company separate accounts will consist of ordinary income, capital gains, or some combination of both. Because shares of the Series must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance contracts (variable contracts), such dividends and distributions will be exempt from current taxation by contract holders if left to accumulate within a separate account. You should refer to your variable contract prospectus for more information on these tax consequences.

Payments to broker/dealers and other financial intermediaries

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

How we manage the Series

Our principal investment strategies

The Manager researches individual companies and analyzes economic and market conditions, seeking to identify the securities or market sectors that the Manager believes are the best investments for the Series. The following are descriptions of how the portfolio management team pursues the Series' investment objective.

The Manager strives to identify small companies that it believes offer above-average opportunities for long-term price appreciation because their current stock prices do not appear to accurately reflect the companies' underlying value or future earnings potential.

The Manager's focus will be on value stocks, defined as stocks whose prices are historically low based on a given financial measure such as profit, book value, or cash flow. Companies may be undervalued for many reasons. They may be unknown to stock analysts, they may have experienced poor earnings, or their industry may be in the midst of a period of weak growth.

The Manager will carefully evaluate the financial strength of a company, the nature of its management, any developments affecting the company or its industry, anticipated new products or services, possible management changes, projected takeovers, or technological breakthroughs. Using this extensive analysis, the Manager's goal is to pinpoint the companies within the universe of undervalued stocks whose true value is likely to be recognized and rewarded with a rising stock price in the future.

Because there is added risk when investing in smaller companies, which may still be in their early developmental stages, the portfolio managers maintain a well-diversified portfolio, typically holding a mix of different stocks, representing a wide array of industries.

The Manager may permit its affiliates, MIMGL and MFMHKL, to execute Series security trades on behalf of the Manager. The Manager may also seek quantitative support from MIMGL.

The Series' investment objective is nonfundamental. This means that the Series' Board of Trustees (Board) may change the objective without obtaining shareholder approval. If the objective were changed, the Series would notify shareholders at least 60 days before the change became effective.

The securities in which the Series typically invests

Stocks offer investors the potential for capital appreciation. Certain stocks that the Series invests in may pay dividends as well. Please see the Series' statement of additional information (SAI) for additional information about certain of the securities described below, as well as other securities in which the Series may invest.

Common or ordinary stocks

Common or ordinary stocks are securities that represent shares of ownership in a corporation. Stockholders may participate in a corporation's profits through its distributions of dividends to stockholders, proportionate to the number of shares they own.

How the Series uses them: Generally, the Series invests 90% to 100% of its net assets in common stocks. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Series' net assets will be in securities of small-cap companies.

Repurchase agreements

A repurchase agreement is an agreement between a buyer of securities, such as a series, and a seller of securities, in which the seller agrees to buy the securities back within a specified time at the same price the buyer paid for them, plus an amount equal to an agreed-upon interest rate. Repurchase agreements are often viewed as equivalent to cash.

How the Series uses them: Typically, the Series uses repurchase agreements as short-term investments for its cash position. In order to enter into these repurchase agreements, the Series must have collateral of at least 102% of the repurchase price. The Series will only enter into repurchase agreements in which the collateral is composed of US government securities. At the Manager's discretion, the Series may invest overnight cash balances in short-term discount notes issued or guaranteed by the US government, its agencies or instrumentalities, or government-sponsored corporations.

Restricted securities

Restricted securities are privately placed securities whose resale is restricted under US securities laws.

How the Series uses them: The Series may invest in privately placed securities, including those that are eligible for resale only among certain institutional buyers without registration, which are commonly known as "Rule 144A Securities." Restricted securities that are determined to be illiquid may not exceed the Series' limit on investments in illiquid investments.

How we manage the Series

Real estate investment trusts

REITs are pooled investment vehicles that invest primarily in income-producing real estate or real estate-related loans or interests. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs, or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments.

How the Series uses them: The Series may invest up to 15% of its net assets in REITs, another category of income-generating equity securities.

Illiquid investments

Illiquid investments are any investment that a series reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

How the Series uses them: The Series may invest up to 10% of its net assets in illiquid investments.

Options

Options represent a right to buy or sell a swap agreement, a futures contract, or a security or a group of securities at an agreed upon price at a future date. The purchaser of an option may or may not choose to go through with the transaction. The seller of an option, however, must go through with the transaction if the purchaser exercises the option. Certain options may be considered illiquid.

How the Series uses them: The Series may write call options and purchase put options on a covered basis only and will not engage in option writing strategies for speculative purposes.

Use of these strategies can increase the operating costs of the Series and can lead to loss of principal.

Other non-principal investment strategies

Lending securities

The Series may lend up to 25% of its assets to qualified broker/dealers or institutional investors for their use in securities transactions. Borrowers of the Series' securities must provide collateral to the Series and adjust the amount of collateral each day to reflect changes in the value of the loaned securities. These transactions, if any, may generate additional income for the Series.

Borrowing from banks

The Series may borrow money from banks as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes or to facilitate redemptions. The Series will be required to pay interest to the lending banks on the amount borrowed. As a result, borrowing money could result in the Series being unable to meet its investment objective. The Series will not borrow money in excess of one-third of the value of its total assets.

Initial public offerings (IPOs)

Under certain market conditions, the Series may invest in companies at the times of their IPOs. Companies involved in IPOs generally have limited operating histories, and prospects for future profitability are uncertain. Prices of IPOs may also be unstable because of the absence of a prior public market, the small number of shares available for trading, and limited investor information. IPOs may be sold within 12 months of purchase. This may result in increased short-term capital gains, which will be distributed to shareholders as ordinary income.

Temporary defensive positions

In response to unfavorable market conditions, the Series may make temporary investments in cash or cash equivalents or other high-quality, short-term instruments. These investments may not be consistent with the Series' investment objective. To the extent that the Series holds such instruments, it may be unable to achieve its investment objective.

The risks of investing in the Series

Investing in any mutual fund involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment, and the risk that you may lose part or all of the money you invest. Before you invest in the Series, you should carefully evaluate the risks. An investment in the Series typically provides the best results when held for a number of years. The information below describes the principal risks you assume when investing in the Series. Please see the statement of additional information (SAI) for a further discussion of these risks and other risks not discussed here.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that all or a majority of the securities in a certain market — such as the stock or bond market — will decline in value because of factors such as adverse political or economic conditions, future expectations, investor confidence, or heavy institutional selling.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Manager maintains a long-term investment approach and focuses on securities that it believes can appreciate over an extended period of time regardless of interim market fluctuations. Generally, the Manager does not try to predict overall market movements. Although the Series may hold securities for any amount of time, the Manager generally does not trade for short-term purposes.

Industry and security risks

Industry risk is the risk that the value of securities in a particular industry (such as financial services or manufacturing) will decline because of changing expectations for the performance of that industry.

Security risk is the risk that the value of an individual stock or bond will decline because of changing expectations for the performance of the individual company issuing the stock or bond (due to situations that could range from decreased sales to events such as a pending merger or actual or threatened bankruptcy).

How the Series strives to manage them: The Manager limits the amount of the Series' assets invested in any one industry and in any individual security or issuer. The Manager also follows a rigorous selection process when choosing securities.

Company size risk

Company size risk is the risk that investments in small- and/or medium-sized companies typically exhibit higher volatility than investments in larger, more established companies. Company size risk also comes from lower liquidity typically associated with small company stocks, which means the price may be affected by poorly executed trades, even if the underlying business of the company is unchanged.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Manager maintains a well-diversified portfolio, selects stocks carefully, and monitors them continually. Because the Manager focuses on stocks that are already selling at relatively low prices, the Manager believes that the Series may experience less price volatility than small-cap mutual funds that do not use a value-oriented strategy.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise. The risk is generally associated with bonds; however, because small- and medium-sized companies and companies in the real estate sector often borrow money to finance their operations, they may be adversely affected by rising interest rates. A series may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low interest rates.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Manager analyzes each company's financial situation and its cash flow to determine the company's ability to finance future expansion and operations. The potential effect that rising interest rates might have on a stock is taken into consideration before the stock is purchased.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility that securities cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. Illiquid investments may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments, and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. A series also may not be able to dispose of illiquid investments at a favorable time or price during periods of infrequent trading of an illiquid investment.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Series limits its exposure to illiquid investments to no more than 10% of its net assets.

Foreign risk

Foreign risk is the risk that foreign securities (particularly in emerging markets) may be adversely affected by political instability, changes in currency exchange rates, inefficient markets and higher transaction costs, foreign economic or government conditions, the imposition of economic and/or trade sanctions, inadequate or different regulatory and accounting standards, and the possibility that significant events in foreign markets, including broad market moves, may affect the value of series shares.

How the Series strives to manage it: Although the Series may invest up to 25% of its net assets in foreign securities, the Manager typically invests only a small portion of the Series' assets in foreign corporations, typically through ADRs. When the Manager does purchase foreign securities, they are often denominated in US dollars. To the extent the Manager invests in foreign securities, it invests primarily in issuers of developed countries, which are less likely to encounter these foreign risks than issuers in developing countries. The Manager may use hedging techniques to help offset potential foreign currency losses.

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Derivatives risk

Derivatives risk is the possibility that a series may experience a significant loss if it employs a derivatives strategy (including a strategy involving equity-linked securities, futures, options, forward foreign currency contracts, or swaps such as interest rate swaps, index swaps, or credit default swaps) related to a security, index, reference rate, or other asset or market factor (collectively, a “reference instrument”) and that reference instrument moves in the opposite direction from what the portfolio manager had anticipated. If a market or markets, or prices of particular classes of investments, move in an unexpected manner, a series may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the transaction and it may realize losses. Derivatives also involve additional expenses, which could reduce any benefit or increase any loss to a series from using the strategy. In addition, changes in government regulation of derivatives could affect the character, timing, and amount of a series’ taxable income or gains. A series’ transactions in derivatives may be subject to one or more special tax rules. These rules may: (i) affect whether gains and losses recognized by a series are treated as ordinary or capital or as short-term or long-term, (ii) accelerate the recognition of income or gains to the series, (iii) defer losses to the series, and (iv) cause adjustments in the holding periods of the series’ securities. A series’ use of derivatives may be limited by the requirements for taxation of the series as a regulated investment company.

Investing in derivatives may subject a series to counterparty risk. Please refer to “Counterparty risk” for more information. Other risks include illiquidity, mispricing or improper valuation of the derivatives contract, and imperfect correlation between the value of the derivatives instrument and the underlying reference instrument so that a series may not realize the intended benefits. In addition, since there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any derivatives instrument purchased or sold, a series may be required to hold a derivatives instrument to maturity and take or make delivery of an underlying reference instrument that the Manager would have otherwise attempted to avoid, which could result in losses. When used for hedging, the change in value of the derivatives instrument may also not correlate specifically with the currency, rate, or other risk being hedged, in which case a series may not realize the intended benefits.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Series will use derivatives for defensive purposes, such as to protect gains or hedge against potential losses in the portfolio without actually selling a security, to neutralize the impact of interest rate changes, to effect diversification, or to earn additional income.

The Manager has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” with respect to the Series under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the CEA.

Counterparty risk

Counterparty risk is the risk that if a series enters into a derivatives contract (such as a futures, options, or swap contract) or a repurchase agreement, the counterparty to such a contract or agreement may fail to perform its obligations under the contract or agreement due to, among other reasons, financial difficulties (such as a bankruptcy or reorganization). As a result, the series may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery, may obtain only a limited recovery, or may obtain no recovery at all.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Manager seeks to minimize this risk by considering the creditworthiness of all counterparties before the Series enters into transactions with them. The Series will hold collateral from counterparties consistent with applicable regulations.

Government and regulatory risks

Governments or regulatory authorities may take actions that could adversely affect various sectors of the securities markets and affect series performance. Government involvement in the private sector may, in some cases, include government investment in, or ownership of, companies in certain commercial business sectors; wage and price controls; or imposition of trade barriers and other protectionist measures. For example, an economic or political crisis may lead to price controls, forced mergers of companies, expropriation, the creation of government monopolies, foreign exchange controls, the introduction of new currencies (and the redenomination of financial obligations into those currencies), or other measures that could be detrimental to the investments of a series.

How the Series strives to manage them: The Manager evaluates the economic and political climate in the relevant jurisdictions before selecting securities for the Series. The Manager typically diversifies the Series’ assets among a number of different securities in a variety of sectors in order to minimize the impact to the Series of any legislative or regulatory development affecting particular countries, issuers, or market sectors.

Real estate industry risk

Real estate industry risk includes, among others: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes, and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the cleanup of, and liability to third parties resulting from, environmental problems; casualty for condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes, or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. REITs are subject to substantial cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, self-liquidation, and the risk of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Internal Revenue Code), or other similar statutes in non-US countries and/or to maintain exemptions from the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Manager carefully selects REITs based on the quality of their management and their ability to generate substantial cash flow, which the Manager believes can help to shield them from some of the risks involved with real estate investing.

Natural disaster and epidemic risk

Natural disaster and epidemic risk is the risk that the value of a series' investments may be negatively affected by natural disasters, epidemics, or similar events. Natural or environmental disasters, such as earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and other severe weather-related phenomena generally, and widespread disease, including pandemics and epidemics, have been and can be highly disruptive to economies and markets, adversely impacting individual companies, sectors, industries, markets, currencies, interest and inflation rates, credit ratings, investor sentiment, and other factors affecting the value of a series' investments. Given the increasing interdependence among global economies and markets, conditions in one country, market, or region are increasingly likely to adversely affect markets, issuers, and/or foreign exchange rates in other countries. These disruptions could prevent a series from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and could negatively impact the series' ability to achieve its investment objective.

How the Series strives to manage it: The Series maintains a long-term investment approach and focuses on securities that the portfolio managers believe can appreciate over an extended period of time regardless of interim market fluctuations. Generally, the portfolio managers do not try to predict overall market movements, but the portfolio managers do note trends in the economy, industries, and financial markets. Although the Series may hold securities for any amount of time, it generally does not trade for short-term purposes.

IBOR risk

The risk that changes related to the use of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or similar interbank offered rates ("IBORs," such as the Euro Overnight Index Average (EONIA)) could have adverse impacts on financial instruments that reference such rates. While some instruments may contemplate a scenario where LIBOR or a similar rate is no longer available by providing for an alternative rate setting methodology, not all instruments have such fallback provisions and the effectiveness of replacement rates is uncertain. The abandonment of LIBOR and similar rates could affect the value and liquidity of instruments that reference such rates, especially those that do not have fallback provisions. The use of alternative reference rate products may impact investment strategy performance.

How the Series strives to manage it: Due to uncertainty regarding the future use of LIBOR or similar rates (such as the Euro Overnight Index Average (EONIA)), the impact of the abandonment of such rates on the Series or the financial instruments in which the Series invests cannot yet be determined. However, the Series tries to address such risk by monitoring the economic, political, and regulatory climate in jurisdictions relevant to the Series and the financial instruments in which the Series invests in order to minimize any potential impact on the Series. In addition, the Series typically invests in a number of different securities in a variety of sectors in order to minimize the impact to the Series of any legislative or regulatory development affecting particular countries, issuers, or market sectors.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings information

A description of the Series' policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of its portfolio securities is available in the SAI.

Who manages the Series

Investment manager

The Manager, located at 100 Independence, 610 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2354, is the Series' investment manager. Together, the Manager and the subsidiaries of Macquarie Management Holdings, Inc. (MMHI) manage, as of Dec. 31, 2020, \$186.4 billion in assets, including mutual funds, separate accounts, and other investment vehicles. The Manager and its predecessors have been managing Delaware Funds since 1938. The Manager is a series of Macquarie Investment Management Business Trust (a Delaware statutory trust), which is a subsidiary of MMHI. MMHI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited. The Manager makes investment decisions for the Series, manages the Series' business affairs, and provides daily administrative services. For its services to the Series, the Manager was paid an aggregate fee, net of fee waivers (if applicable), of 0.72% of average daily net assets during the last fiscal year.

A discussion of the basis for the Board's approval of the Series' investment advisory contract is available in the Series' annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2020.

Sub-advisors

MIMGL, located at 50 Martin Place, Sydney, Australia, is an affiliate of the Manager and a part of Macquarie Investment Management (MIM). MIM is the marketing name for certain companies comprising the asset management division of Macquarie Group Limited. As of Dec. 31, 2020, MIM managed more than \$268.1 billion in assets for institutional and individual clients. Although the Manager has principal responsibility for the Manager's portion of the Series, the Manager may seek quantitative support from MIMGL and the Manager may also permit MIMGL to execute Series security trades on behalf of the Manager.

MFMHKL, located at Level 18, One International Finance Centre, One Harbour View Street, Central, Hong Kong, is an affiliate of the Manager and a part of MIM. Although the Manager has principal responsibility for the Manager's portion of the Series, the Manager may permit MFMHKL to execute Series security trades on behalf of the Manager.

A discussion of the basis for the Board's approval of the Series' sub-advisory contracts is available in the Series' annual report to shareholders for the period ended Dec. 31, 2020.

Portfolio managers

Christopher S. Beck has primary responsibility for making day-to-day investment decisions for the Series. In making investment decisions for the Series, Mr. Beck regularly consults with Kelley McKee Carabasi, Steven G. Catricks, Michael Foley, and Kent P. Madden.

Christopher S. Beck, CFA *Chief Investment Officer — US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity*

Christopher S. Beck leads the firm's US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. He is also a member of the Macquarie Investment Management (MIM) Global Management Committee. Prior to joining MIM in 1997 as a vice president and senior portfolio manager, he was vice president at Pitcairn Trust from 1995 to 1997, where he managed small-capitalization stocks and analyzed equity sectors. Before that he was chief investment officer of the University of Delaware from 1992 to 1995 and held management positions during his seven years at Cypress Capital Management and four years at Wilmington Trust. Beck earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware and an MBA from Lehigh University, and he is a member of the CFA Society of Philadelphia and past president of the Wilmington Society of Securities Analysts.

Kelley McKee Carabasi, CFA *Senior Portfolio Manager*

Kelley McKee Carabasi is a senior portfolio manager for the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. She assumed portfolio management responsibilities in July 2012. She joined the team in July 2005 as an equity analyst. She is responsible for the analysis, purchase, and sale recommendations of basic industry, capital spending, and utilities securities for the firm's US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity portfolios. Prior to joining Macquarie Investment Management (MIM) she participated in Lincoln Financial Group's rotational Professional Development Program for three years. Carabasi earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Georgetown University and an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Steven G. Catricks, CFA *Senior Portfolio Manager*

Steven G. Catricks is a senior portfolio manager for the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. He assumed portfolio management responsibilities in July 2012. He joined the team in October 2010 as a senior equity analyst. He is responsible for the analysis, purchase, and sale recommendations of technology and business services securities for the firm's US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity portfolios. Prior to joining the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team, he was a portfolio manager for the firm's Strategic Small-Cap Value team, focusing on the technology, healthcare, and telecommunication services sectors. He joined Macquarie Investment Management (MIM) in 2001 as an equity analyst, performing research and analysis for the firm's Emerging Growth Equity team. Previously, Catricks was an equity analyst at BlackRock Financial from 1999 to 2001, where he specialized in small-capitalization growth stocks. He also worked as a systems engineer at Dow Jones/Factiva, and as a senior systems engineer at GE Aerospace/Lockheed Martin. He started his career as a systems engineer at

the Naval Air Development Center, where he spent 15 years. Catricks holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, and has nearly 20 years of experience in the technology industry. Catricks is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Michael Foley, CFA *Senior Portfolio Manager*

Michael Foley is a senior portfolio manager for the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. He assumed portfolio management responsibilities in July 2019. He joined Macquarie Investment Management (MIM) in February 2015 as a senior equity analyst for the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. Foley is responsible for the analysis, purchase, and sale recommendations of financial services and real estate investment trust (REIT) securities for the firm's US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity portfolios. Prior to joining the firm, Foley was an associate at Patriot Financial Partners, a private equity firm, from August 2011 to February 2015, focusing on the analysis of companies in the financial services sector. He started his career with Janney Montgomery Scott where he worked as an investment banking analyst within the financial institutions group from August 2009 to August 2011. Foley earned a bachelor's degree in economics with dual concentrations in finance and accounting from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Foley is on the board of directors of the McNamee Scholars Program.

Kent P. Madden, CFA *Senior Portfolio Manager*

Kent P. Madden is a senior portfolio manager for the US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity team. He assumed portfolio management responsibilities in July 2012. He joined the team in December 2004 as an equity analyst and was promoted to senior equity analyst in October 2010. He is responsible for the analysis, purchase, and sale recommendations of consumer services, consumer cyclicals, consumer staples, healthcare, and transportation stocks for the firm's US Small-Mid Cap Value Equity portfolios. Prior to joining Macquarie Investment Management (MIM) he was an equity analyst at Gartmore Global Investments, where he specialized in technology and telecommunications. He has also worked as an equity analyst for Federated Investors, where he gained experience covering small-capitalization consumer stocks, and Lehman Brothers as a corporate finance analyst. Madden holds a bachelor's degree in economics from DePauw University and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

The SAI provides additional information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by each portfolio manager, and each portfolio manager's ownership of Series shares.

Manager of managers structure

The Series and the Manager have received an exemptive order from the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to operate under a manager of managers structure that permits the Manager, with the approval of the Board, to appoint and replace both affiliated and unaffiliated sub-advisors, and to enter into and make material amendments to the related sub-advisory contracts on behalf of the Series without shareholder approval (Manager of Managers Structure). Under the Manager of Managers Structure, the Manager has ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, for overseeing the Series' sub-advisors and recommending to the Board their hiring, termination, or replacement.

The Manager of Managers Structure enables the Series to operate with greater efficiency and without incurring the expense and delays associated with obtaining shareholder approvals for matters relating to sub-advisors or sub-advisory agreements. The Manager of Managers Structure does not permit an increase in the overall management and advisory fees payable by the Series without shareholder approval. Shareholders will be notified of the hiring of any new sub-advisor within 90 days of the hiring.

Who's who

The following describes the various organizations involved in managing, administering, and servicing the Series.

Board of trustees: A mutual fund is governed by a board of trustees, which has oversight responsibility for the management of the series' business affairs. Trustees establish procedures and oversee and review the performance of the series' service providers.

Investment manager: An investment manager is a company with overall responsibility for the management of the series' assets. The investment manager is responsible for selecting portfolio investments consistent with the objective and policies stated in the mutual fund's prospectus. A written contract between a mutual fund and its investment manager specifies the services the investment manager performs and the fee the manager is entitled to receive.

Portfolio managers: Portfolio managers make investment decisions for individual portfolios.

Distributor: Delaware Distributors, L.P., 100 Independence, 610 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2354

Shares of the Series are only sold to separate accounts of insurance companies used in connection with variable annuity or variable life products.

Custodian/fund accountant: The Bank of New York Mellon, 240 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10286-0001

Mutual funds are legally required to protect their portfolio securities and most funds place them with a qualified bank custodian that segregates fund securities

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from other bank assets. The fund accountant provides services such as calculating a series' net asset value (NAV) and providing financial reporting for the series.

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Share classes

The Series offers two classes of shares, Service Class and Standard Class. The two classes of shares are identical, except that Service Class shares are subject to distribution fees, or “Rule 12b-1” fees. The 12b-1 plan of Delaware VIP® Trust (Trust) allows the Trust to pay distribution fees of up to 0.30% per year to those who sell and distribute Service Class shares and provide services to shareholders and contract owners. Since the Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of Service Class’s assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Salesperson and life insurance company compensation

Your variable contract salesperson who sells your variable contract which invests in shares of the Series may be eligible to receive the following amounts as compensation for your investment in the Series. These amounts are paid by the Distributor to the life insurance companies with which your variable contract salesperson is associated.

	Service Class
Commission (%)	—
Max 12b-1 Fee to Dealer (annual rate of average daily net assets)	0.30%

Purchase and redemption of shares

Shares are sold, directly or indirectly, to separate accounts of life insurance companies at NAV (see “Valuation of shares”). Redemptions will be effected at the NAV next determined after receipt of the order to meet obligations under the variable contracts. Contract owners do not deal directly with the Series with respect to the acquisition or redemption of Series shares. The Series has reserved the right to pay for redemptions with portfolio securities under certain conditions. A subsequent sale of such securities could result in the payment of brokerage commissions and expose a contract owner and separate account to market risk until the securities are sold. See the SAI for more information on redemptions-in-kind.

Payments to intermediaries

The Distributor and/or its affiliates may pay additional compensation at their own expense and not as an expense of the Series to certain affiliated or unaffiliated participating insurance companies that sponsor your contract, brokers, dealers, or other financial intermediaries (Financial Intermediaries) in connection with the sale or retention of Series shares and/or insurance products that contain the Series and/or the servicing of current and prospective owners of variable contracts (distribution assistance). For example, the Distributor or its affiliates may pay additional compensation to participating insurance companies for providing information about Delaware VIP® Trust (Trust) and its Series, the delivery of Trust documents and certain mailing and printing charges incurred by such insurance companies in connection with their services to variable contract owners. In addition, Financial Intermediaries may receive payments for various other purposes, including, but not limited to, promoting the sale of Series shares and the products that include Series shares; subaccounting, administrative, or contract owner processing services; and for marketing and educational support data. Your salesperson may receive some or all of such payment. Such payments are in addition to any distribution fees, subaccounting fees, and/or service fees that may be payable by the Series. The additional payments may be based on factors, including level of sales (based on gross or net sales or some specified minimum sales or some other similar criteria related to sales of the Series and/or some or all other Delaware Funds), amount of assets invested by the Financial Intermediary’s customers (which could include current or aged assets of the Series and/or some or all other Delaware Funds), the Series’ advisory fees, some other agreed-upon amount, or other measures as determined from time to time by the Distributor or its affiliates. The level of payments made to a qualifying Financial Intermediary in any given year may vary. To the extent permitted by SEC and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority rules and other applicable laws and regulations, the Distributor may pay, or allow its affiliates to pay, other promotional incentives or payments to Financial Intermediaries.

Sub-transfer agent/recordkeeping payments may be made to third parties (including affiliates of the Manager) that provide sub-transfer agent, recordkeeping and/or shareholder services with respect to certain shareholder accounts, or to the shareholder account directly to offset the costs of these services, in lieu of the transfer agent providing such services.

If a mutual fund sponsor, distributor, or other party makes greater payments for distribution assistance to your Financial Intermediary with respect to distribution of Series shares than sponsors or distributors of other mutual funds make to your Financial Intermediary, your Financial Intermediary and its salespersons may have a financial incentive to favor sales of shares of the series making the higher payments (or the associated variable contract) over other investment options, including other variable contracts, shares of other mutual funds, or other investment options available under a particular variable contract. In addition, depending on the arrangements in place at any particular time, a Financial Intermediary may also have a financial incentive for recommending a particular share class over other share classes. You should consult with your Financial Intermediary and review carefully any disclosure provided by such Financial Intermediary as to compensation it receives in connection with investment products it recommends or sells to you and other investment options available. A

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significant purpose of these payments is to increase sales of the Series' shares and the products that include Series shares. The Manager or its affiliates may benefit from the Distributor's or an affiliate's payment of compensation to Financial Intermediaries through increased fees resulting from additional assets acquired through the sale of Series shares through such Financial Intermediaries. In certain instances, the payments could be significant and may cause a conflict of interest for your Financial Intermediary. Any such payments will not change the NAV or the price of the Series' shares.

Calculating share price

The price you pay for shares will depend on when we receive your purchase order. If the Series or an authorized agent receives your order before the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (normally 4:00pm Eastern time), you will pay that day's closing Series share price, which is based on the Series' NAV. If the NYSE has an unscheduled early close, we will continue to accept your order until that day's scheduled close of the NYSE and you will pay that day's closing Series share price. If your order is received after the scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE, you will pay the next business day's closing Series share price. A business day is any day that the NYSE is open for business (Business Day). The Series reserves the right to reject any purchase order.

The Series determines the NAV per share for each of its classes at the close of regular trading on the NYSE on each Business Day (normally 4:00pm Eastern time). The Series does not calculate its NAV on days the NYSE is closed for trading. If the NYSE has an unscheduled early close, the Series' closing share price would still be determined as of that day's regularly scheduled close of the NYSE. The NAV per share for each class of the Series is calculated by subtracting the liabilities of each class from its total assets and dividing the resulting number by the number of shares outstanding for that class. Foreign securities, currencies, and other assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated into US dollars at the exchange rate of these currencies against the US dollar, as provided by an independent pricing service. The Series generally prices securities and other assets for which market quotations are readily available at their market value. The value of foreign securities may change on days when a shareholder will not be able to purchase or redeem series shares because foreign markets are open at times and on days when US markets are not. The Series prices fixed income securities on the basis of valuations provided to it by an independent pricing service that uses methods approved by the Board. For all other securities, the Series uses methods approved by the Board that are designed to price securities at their fair market values.

Fair valuation

When the Series uses fair value pricing, it may take into account any factors it deems appropriate. The Series may determine fair value based upon developments related to a specific security, current valuations of foreign stock indices (as reflected in US futures markets), and/or US sector or broad stock market indices. In determining whether market quotations are readily available or fair valuation will be used, various factors will be taken into consideration, such as market closures or suspension of trading in a security. The prices of securities used by the Series to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Fair value pricing may involve subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security could be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

The Series anticipates using fair value pricing for securities primarily traded on US exchanges only under very limited circumstances, such as the early closing of the exchange on which a security is traded or suspension of trading in the security. The Series may use fair value pricing more frequently for securities traded primarily in non-US markets because, among other things, most foreign markets close well before the Series values its securities, normally at 4:00pm Eastern time or the close of the NYSE. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim. To account for this, the Series may frequently value many foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third-party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

The Board has delegated responsibility for valuing the Series' assets to a Pricing Committee of the Manager, which operates under the policies and procedures approved by the Board and is subject to the Board's oversight.

Frequent trading of Series shares (market timing and disruptive trading)

The Series discourages purchases by market timers and purchase orders (including the purchase side of exchange orders) by contract owners identified as market timers may be rejected. The Board has adopted policies and procedures designed to detect, deter, and prevent trading activity detrimental to the Series and its contract owners, such as market timing and disruptive trading. The Series will consider anyone who follows a pattern of market timing in any Delaware Fund or the Optimum Fund Trust to be a market timer and may consider anyone who has followed a similar pattern of market timing at an unaffiliated fund family to be a market timer.

Market timing of a series occurs when investors make consecutive, rapid, short-term "round trips" — that is, purchases into a series followed quickly by redemptions out of that series. A short-term round trip is considered any redemption of series shares within 20 Business Days of a purchase of that series' shares. If you make a second such short-term round trip in a series within 90 rolling calendar days of a previous short-term round trip in that series, you may be

considered a market timer. In determining whether market timing has occurred, the Series considers short-term round trips to include rapid purchases and sales of Series shares through the exchange privilege. The Series reserves the right to consider other trading patterns to be market timing.

Your ability to use the Series' exchange privilege may be limited if you are identified as a market timer. If you are identified as a market timer, the Series will execute the redemption side of your exchange order but may refuse the purchase side of your exchange order. The Series reserves the right to restrict or reject, without prior notice, any purchase order or exchange order for any reason, including any purchase order or exchange order accepted by any contract owner's financial intermediary or in any omnibus-type account. Transactions placed in violation of the Series' market timing policy are not necessarily deemed accepted by the Series and may be rejected by the Series on the next Business Day following receipt by the Series.

Redemptions will continue to be permitted in accordance with the Series' then-current prospectus. A redemption of shares under these circumstances could be costly to a contract owner if, for example, the shares have declined in value, or the sale results in adverse tax consequences. To avoid this risk, a contract owner should carefully monitor the purchases, sales, and exchanges of Series shares and avoid frequent trading in Series shares.

The Series reserves the right to modify this policy at any time without notice, including modifications to the Series' monitoring procedures and the procedures to close accounts to new purchases. Although the implementation of this policy involves certain judgments that are inherently subjective and may be selectively applied, the Series seeks to make judgments and applications that are consistent with the interests of the Series' contract owners. While the Series will take actions designed to detect and prevent market timing, there can be no assurance that such trading activity will be completely eliminated. Moreover, the Series' market timing policy does not require the Series to take action in response to frequent trading activity. If the Series elects not to take any action in response to frequent trading, such frequent trading activity could continue.

Risks of market timing

By realizing profits through short-term trading, contract owners who engage in rapid purchases and sales or exchanges of the Series' shares dilute the value of shares held by long-term contract owners. Volatility resulting from excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of Series shares, especially involving large dollar amounts, may disrupt efficient portfolio management. In particular, the Series may have difficulty implementing its long-term investment strategies if it is forced to maintain a higher level of its assets in cash to accommodate significant short-term trading activity. Excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of the Series' shares may also force the Series to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times to raise cash to accommodate short-term trading activity. This could adversely affect the Series' performance, if, for example, the Series incurs increased brokerage costs and realization of capital gains without attaining any investment advantage.

Any series may be subject to disruptive trading activity. However, a series that invests significantly in foreign securities may be particularly susceptible to short-term trading strategies. This is because foreign securities are typically traded on markets that close well before the time a series calculates its NAV (normally 4:00pm Eastern time or the close of the NYSE). Developments that occur between the closing of the foreign market and a series' NAV calculation may affect the value of these foreign securities. The time-zone differences among international stock markets can allow a contract owner engaging in a short-term trading strategy to exploit differences in series share prices that are based on closing prices of foreign securities established some time before a series calculates its own share price.

Any series that invests in securities that are thinly traded, traded infrequently, or relatively illiquid has the risk that the securities prices used to calculate the series' NAV may not accurately reflect current market values. A contract owner may seek to engage in short-term trading to take advantage of these pricing differences. Series that may be adversely affected by such arbitrage include, in particular, series that significantly invest in small-cap securities, technology, and other specific industry sector securities, and in certain fixed income securities, such as high yield bonds, asset-backed securities, or municipal bonds.

Transaction monitoring procedures

The Series, through its transfer agent, maintains surveillance procedures designed to detect excessive or short-term trading in Series shares. This monitoring process involves several factors, which include scrutinizing transactions in Series shares for violations of the Series' market timing policy or other patterns of short-term or excessive trading. For purposes of these transaction monitoring procedures, the Series may consider trading activity by multiple accounts under common ownership, control, or influence to be trading by a single entity. Trading activity identified by these factors, or as a result of any other available information, will be evaluated to determine whether such activity might constitute market timing. These procedures may be modified from time to time to help improve the detection of excessive or short-term trading or to address other concerns. Such changes may be necessary or appropriate, for example, to deal with issues specific to certain retirement plans; plan exchange limits; US Department of Labor regulations; certain automated or pre-established exchange, asset-allocation, or dollar-cost-averaging programs; or omnibus account arrangements.

Omnibus account arrangements are common forms of holding shares of the Series, particularly among certain broker/dealers and other financial intermediaries, including sponsors of retirement plans and variable insurance products. The Series will attempt to have financial intermediaries apply the Series' monitoring procedures to these omnibus accounts and to the individual participants in such accounts. However, to the extent that a financial intermediary is not able or willing to monitor or enforce the Series' frequent trading policy with respect to an omnibus account, the Series' transfer agent may

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work with certain intermediaries (such as investment dealers holding shareholder accounts in street name, retirement plan recordkeepers, insurance company separate accounts, and bank trust companies) to apply their own procedures, provided that the Series' transfer agent believes the intermediary's procedures are reasonably designed to enforce the Series' frequent trading policies. You should refer to disclosures provided by the intermediaries with which you have an account to determine the specific trading restrictions that apply to you. If the Series' transfer agent identifies any activity that may constitute frequent trading, it reserves the right to contact the intermediary and request that the intermediary either provide information regarding an account owner's transactions or restrict the account owner's trading. If the Series' transfer agent is not satisfied that the intermediary has taken appropriate action, the transfer agent may terminate the intermediary's ability to transact in Series shares.

Limitations on ability to detect and curtail market timing

Contract owners seeking to engage in market timing may employ a variety of strategies to avoid detection and, despite the efforts of the Series and its agents to detect market timing in Series shares, there is no guarantee that the Series will be able to identify these contract owners or curtail their trading practices. In particular, the Series may not be able to detect market timing attributable to a particular investor who effects purchase, redemption, and/or exchange activity in Series shares through omnibus accounts. The difficulty of detecting market timing may be further compounded if these entities utilize multiple tiers or omnibus accounts.

Dividends, distributions, and taxes

Dividends and distributions. The Series intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code . As a regulated investment company, the Series generally pays no federal income tax on the income and gains it distributes to the insurance company separate accounts. The Series expects to declare and distribute all of its net investment income, if any, as dividends annually. The Series will distribute net realized capital gains, if any, annually following the close of its fiscal year. The Series may distribute such income dividends and capital gains more frequently, if necessary, in order to reduce or eliminate federal excise or income taxes on the Series. The amount of any distribution will vary, and there is no guarantee the Series will pay either an income dividend or a capital gains distribution. At the election of the insurance companies issuing the variable contracts, dividends and distributions are automatically reinvested at NAV in additional shares of the Series.

Tax considerations. Shares of the Series must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable contracts. As a result, it is anticipated that any income dividends or capital gains distributed by the Series will be exempt from current taxation by shareholders if left to accumulate within a separate account. Withdrawals from such contracts may be subject to ordinary income tax and, if such withdrawal is made before age 59½, a 10% penalty tax. Investors should ask their own tax advisors for more information on their tax situation, including possible state or local taxes. For more information on taxes, please refer to the accompanying prospectus of the annuity or life insurance program through which shares of the Series are offered.

Please refer to the SAI for more information regarding the tax treatment of the Series.

This discussion of “Dividends, distributions, and taxes” is not intended or written to be used as tax advice. Contract owners should consult their own tax professional about their tax situation.

Certain management considerations

Investments by fund of funds and similar investment vehicles

Certain fund of funds and pooled vehicles, whose shareholders are limited to insurance companies' investment accounts, may invest in the Series. From time to time, they may place large purchase or redemption orders with the Series due to their allocation or rebalancing requirements. While it is impossible to predict the overall impact of these transactions over time, there could be adverse effects on portfolio management. For example, the Series may be required to sell securities or invest cash at times when it would not otherwise do so. These transactions could also have tax consequences if sales of securities result in gains, and could also increase transaction costs or portfolio turnover.

Financial highlights

Delaware VIP® Small Cap Value Series

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Service Class of the Series for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Series share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Series' Service Class (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). Separate account expenses are not reflected. If the fees at the separate account level or contract level were included, total return would be lower. The information has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Series' financial statements, is included in the Series' annual report, which is available upon request by calling 800 523-1918.

Service Class shares	12/31/20	12/31/19	12/31/18	12/31/17	Year ended 12/31/16
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$38.06	\$32.58	\$42.52	\$39.67	\$33.58
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income ¹	0.26	0.33	0.29	0.24	0.27
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(2.22)	8.42	(6.98)	4.27	9.34
Total from investment operations	(1.96)	8.75	(6.69)	4.51	9.61
Less dividends and distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.32)	(0.29)	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.26)
Net realized gain	(1.80)	(2.98)	(3.00)	(1.40)	(3.26)
Total dividends and distributions	(2.12)	(3.27)	(3.25)	(1.66)	(3.52)
Net asset value, end of period	\$33.98	\$38.06	\$32.58	\$42.52	\$39.67
Total return ²	(2.18%)	27.72%	(16.95%) ³	11.76% ³	31.09% ³
Ratios and supplemental data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$880,071	\$879,365	\$700,824	\$853,046	\$794,681
Ratio of expenses to average net assets ⁴	1.08%	1.07%	1.05%	1.03%	1.04%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets prior to fees waived ⁴	1.08%	1.07%	1.07%	1.08%	1.09%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.90%	0.92%	0.74%	0.60%	0.80%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets prior to fees waived	0.90%	0.92%	0.72%	0.55%	0.75%
Portfolio turnover	24%	17%	18%	14%	11%

¹ The average shares outstanding method has been applied for per share information.

² Total return is based on the change in net asset value of a share during the period and assumes reinvestment of dividends and distributions at net asset value. Total return does not include fees, charges, or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Delaware VIP Trust serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

³ Total return during the period shown reflects a waiver by the manager and/or distributor. Performance would have been lower had the waiver not been in effect.

⁴ Expense ratios do not include expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Series invests.

Additional information about the Series' investments is available in its annual and semiannual shareholder reports. In the Series' annual shareholder report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Series' performance during the period covered by the report. You can find more information about the Series in its current SAI, which is filed electronically with the SEC, and which is legally a part of this Prospectus (it is incorporated by reference). To receive a free copy of the SAI or the annual or semiannual report, or if you have any questions about investing in the Series, write to us at 100 Independence, 610 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2354, or call toll-free 800 523-1918.

The SAI and shareholder reports are available, free of charge, through the Series' website at delawarefunds.com/literature. The insurance company that issued your contract may make the SAI and shareholder reports available to shareholders on the insurance company's website. You can find reports and other information about the Series on the EDGAR database on the SEC website at sec.gov. You may obtain copies of this information, paying a duplication fee, by emailing the SEC at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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