

# Goldman Sachs Variable Insurance Trust

Goldman Sachs Global Trends Allocation Fund  
Goldman Sachs Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio

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NOT FDIC-INSURED	May Lose Value	No Bank Guarantee
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# Global Trends Allocation Fund

as of June 30, 2021

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021	Fund Total Return (based on NAV) <sup>1</sup>	60% MSCI World / 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index <sup>2</sup>	MSCI World Index (Net, USD, Hedged) <sup>3</sup>	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index (Total Return, USD, Unhedged) <sup>4</sup>
Institutional	10.15%	7.27%	14.23%	-1.60%
Service	10.09	7.27	14.23	-1.60

<sup>1</sup> The net asset value (“NAV”) represents the net assets of the class of the Fund (ex-dividend) divided by the total number of shares of the class outstanding. The Fund’s performance assumes the reinvestment of dividends and other distributions. The Fund’s performance does not reflect the deduction of any applicable sales charges.

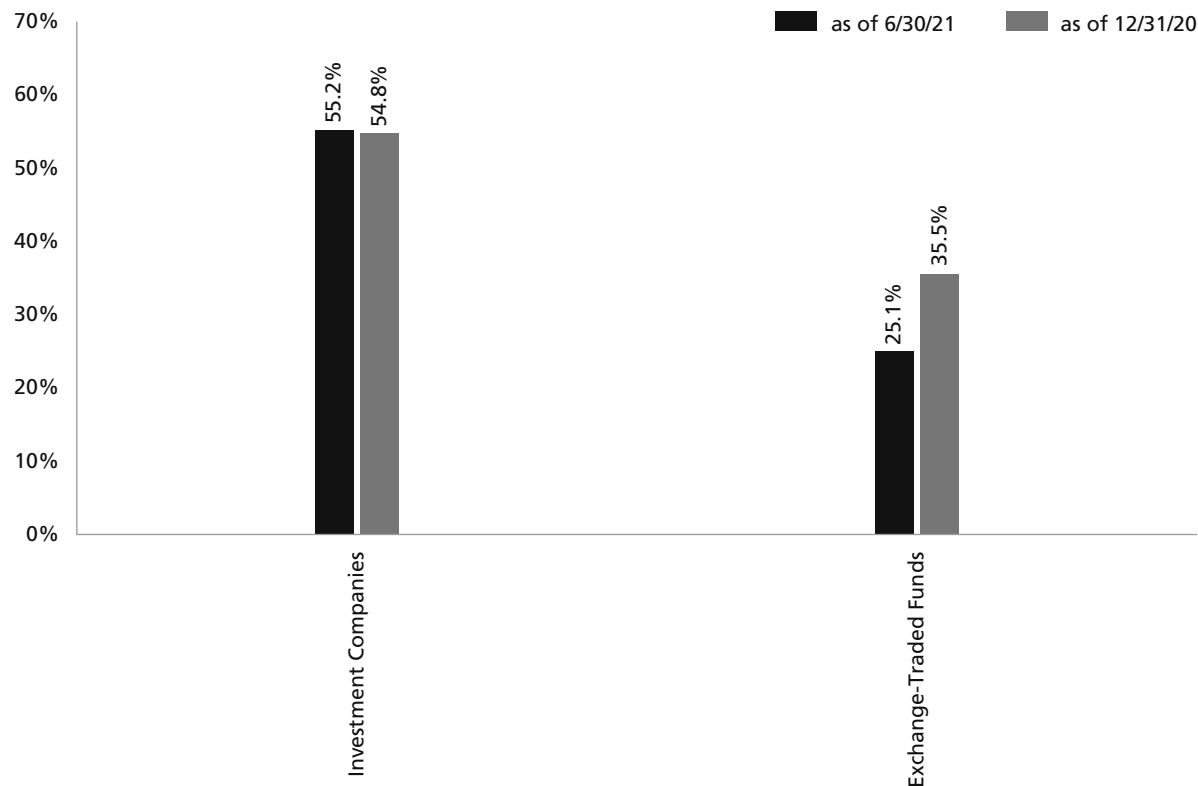
<sup>2</sup> The Fund’s blended benchmark index is comprised of 60% the MSCI World Index and 40% the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

<sup>3</sup> MSCI World Index is a broad global equity index that represents large and mid-cap equity performance across 23 developed markets countries. It covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

<sup>4</sup> Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index measures U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the U.S. Treasury. Treasury bills are excluded by the maturity constraint. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

**The returns set forth in the table above represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund’s investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor’s shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted above. Please visit our web site at [www.GSAMFUNDS.com](http://www.GSAMFUNDS.com) to obtain the most recent month-end returns.** Performance reflects applicable fee waivers and/or expense limitations in effect during the periods shown. In their absence, performance would be reduced. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

FUND COMPOSITION<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> The percentage shown for each investment category reflects the value of investments in that category as a percentage of net assets. Figures in the above graph may not sum to 100% due to the exclusion of other assets and liabilities. The underlying composition of exchange traded funds and investment companies held by the Fund are not reflected in the graph above. Consequently, the Fund’s overall composition may differ from the percentages contained in the graph above. The graph depicts the Fund’s investments but may not represent the Fund’s market exposure due to the exclusion of certain derivatives, if any, as listed in the Additional Investment Information section of the Schedule of Investments.

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# Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio

as of June 30, 2021

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021	Fund Total Return (based on NAV) <sup>1</sup>	ICE BofAML U.S. Dollar Three-Month LIBOR Constant Maturity Index <sup>2,3</sup>
Institutional	4.97%	0.11%
Service	4.87	0.11
Advisor	4.78	0.11

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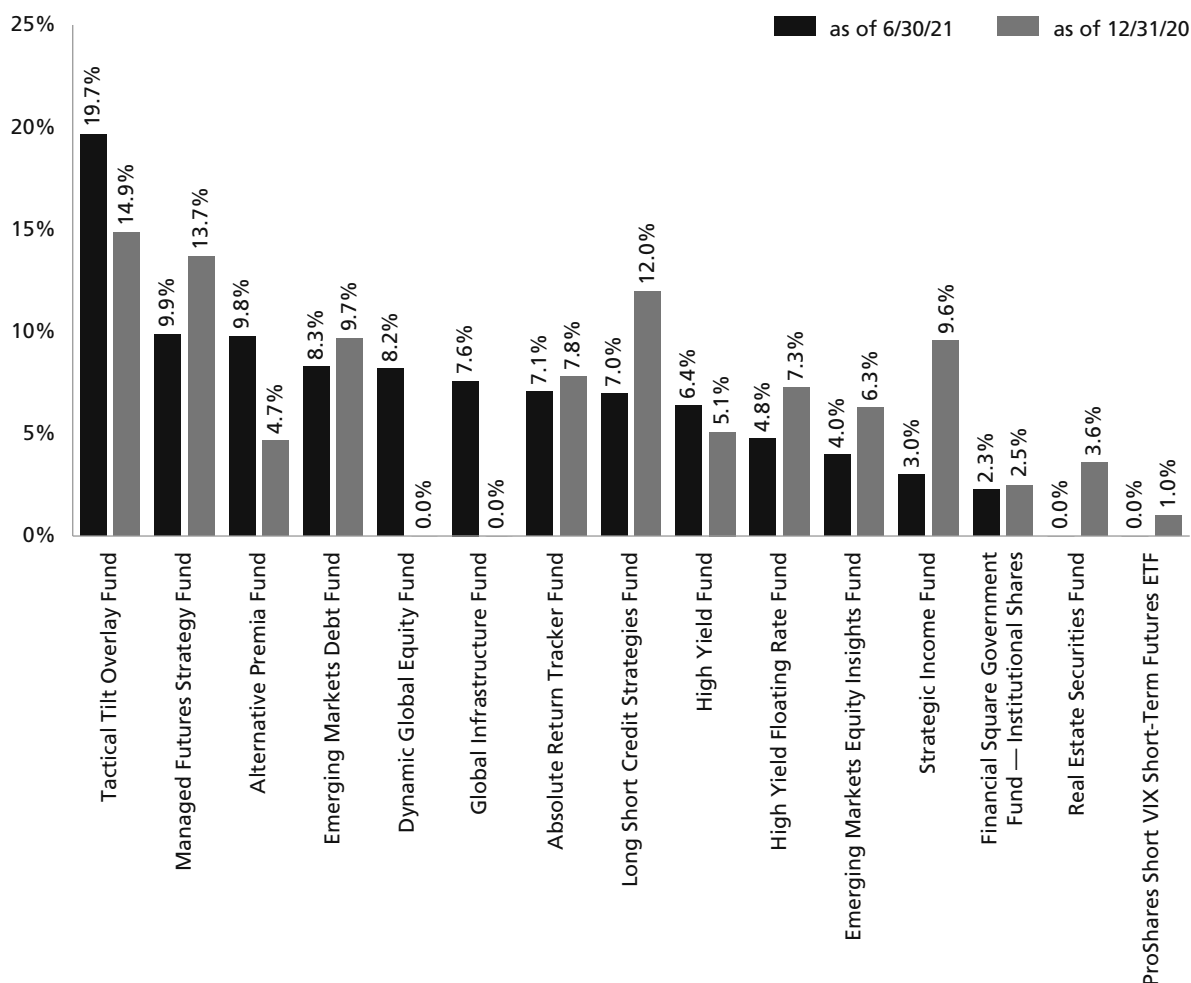
<sup>2</sup> ICE BofAML U.S. Dollar Three-Month LIBOR Constant Maturity Index is based on the assumed purchase of a synthetic instrument having three months to maturity and with a coupon equal to the closing quote for three-month LIBOR. That issue is sold the following day (priced at a yield equal to the current day closing three-month LIBOR rate) and is rolled into a new three-month instrument. The index, therefore, will always have a constant maturity equal to exactly three months. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that the Portfolio’s benchmark being the LIBOR Index is a means of emphasizing that the Portfolio has an unconstrained strategy. That said, this Portfolio employs a benchmark agnostic strategy and thus comparisons to a benchmark index are not particularly relevant.

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OVERALL UNDERLYING FUND AND ETF WEIGHTINGS<sup>4</sup>

Percentage of Net Assets



<sup>4</sup> The Portfolio is actively managed and, as such, its composition may differ over time. The percentage shown for each Underlying Fund and exchange traded fund (“ETF”) reflects the value of that Underlying Fund or ETF as a percentage of net assets of the Portfolio. Figures in the graph above may not sum to 100% due to rounding and/or exclusion of other assets and liabilities. Underlying sector allocations of exchange traded funds and investment companies held by the Portfolio are not reflected in the graph above. The graph depicts the Portfolio’s investments but may not represent the Portfolio’s market exposure due to the exclusion of certain derivatives, if any, as listed in the Additional Investment Information section of the Schedule of Investments.

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# Schedule of Investments

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Shares	Description	Value
<b>Exchange Traded Funds – 25.1%</b>		
106,665	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	\$ 45,857,417
107,500	Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	42,303,400
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>		
<b>(Cost \$52,029,504)</b>		<b>\$ 88,160,817</b>

The percentage shown for each investment category reflects the value of investments in that category as a percentage of net assets.

(a) Represents an Affiliated Issuer.

Shares	Dividend Rate	Value
<b>Investment Companies<sup>(a)</sup> – 55.2%</b>		
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund — Institutional Shares		
105,776,890	0.026%	\$105,776,890
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Instruments Fund — Institutional Shares		
17,641,672	0.006	17,641,672
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Obligations Fund — Institutional Shares		
35,284,159	0.006	35,284,159
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Solutions Fund — Institutional Shares		
35,283,344	0.006	35,283,344
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES</b>		
<b>(Cost \$193,986,065)</b>		<b>\$193,986,065</b>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS – 80.3 %</b>		
<b>(Cost \$246,015,569)</b>		<b>\$282,146,882</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES – 19.7 %</b>		
		<b>69,324,689</b>
<b>NET ASSETS – 100.0 %</b>		<b>\$351,471,571</b>

## ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION

**FUTURES CONTRACTS** — At June 30, 2021, the Fund had the following futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Long position contracts:</b>				
EURO STOXX 50 Index	1,077	09/17/2021	\$51,790,874	\$(1,018,579)
FTSE 100 Index	239	09/17/2021	23,078,140	(371,245)
Japan 10 Year Bond	51	09/13/2021	69,658,761	155,379
Russell 2000 E-Mini Index	99	09/17/2021	11,423,610	(113,380)
S&P 500 E-Mini Index	417	09/17/2021	89,417,310	921,498
TOPIX Index	92	09/09/2021	16,090,373	(140,587)
<b>Total Futures Contracts</b>				<b>\$ (566,914)</b>

# Schedule of Investments

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

Shares	Description	Value	Shares	Dividend Rate	Value
<b>Underlying Funds (Class R6 Shares)<sup>(a)</sup> – 95.9%</b>			<b>Investment Company<sup>(a)</sup> – 2.3%</b>		
<b>Equity – 39.0%</b>			Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund — Institutional Shares		
526,266	Goldman Sachs Tactical Tilt Overlay Fund	\$ 5,446,849	638,638	0.026%	\$ 638,638
91,735	Goldman Sachs Dynamic Global Equity Fund	2,267,698	<b>(Cost \$638,638)</b>		
185,595	Goldman Sachs Absolute Return Tracker Fund	1,956,171	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS – 98.2 %</b>		
84,485	Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Insights Fund	1,118,577	<b>(Cost \$25,806,356)</b>		
		10,789,295	<b>OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES – 1.8 %</b>		
<b>Fixed Income – 56.9%</b>			<b>NET ASSETS – 100.0 %</b>		
253,368	Goldman Sachs Managed Futures Strategy Fund	2,738,906			
385,814	Goldman Sachs Alternative Premia Fund	2,712,271			
185,033	Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Debt Fund	2,292,563			
163,537	Goldman Sachs Global Infrastructure Fund	2,103,090			
215,821	Goldman Sachs Long Short Credit Strategies Fund	1,942,386			
271,047	Goldman Sachs High Yield Fund	1,769,936			
140,433	Goldman Sachs High Yield Floating Rate Fund	1,320,072			
87,475	Goldman Sachs Strategic Income Fund	831,010			
		15,710,234			
<b>TOTAL UNDERLYING FUNDS (CLASS R6 SHARES)</b>					
<b>(Cost \$25,167,718)</b>		<b>\$26,499,529</b>			

The percentage shown for each investment category reflects the value of investments in that category as a percentage of net assets.

(a) Represents an Affiliated Issuer.

## Currency Abbreviation:

USD—United States Dollar

## ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION

**FUTURES CONTRACTS** — At June 30, 2021, the Portfolio had the following futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Notional Amount	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Long position contracts:</b>				
MSCI Emerging Markets E-Mini Index	7	09/17/2021	\$ 477,680	\$ (2,429)
Russell 2000 E-Mini Index	2	09/17/2021	230,780	(662)
U.S. Treasury 10 Year Note	16	09/21/2021	2,118,750	10,971
<b>Total Futures Contracts</b>				<b>\$ 7,880</b>



**ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION (continued)**

**PURCHASED OPTIONS CONTRACTS** — At June 30, 2021, the Portfolio had the following purchased options contracts:

**EXCHANGE TRADED INTEREST RATE OPTIONS**

Description	Exercise Price	Expiration Date	Number of Contracts	Notional Amount	Value	Premiums Paid (Received) by the Portfolio	Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation
<b>Purchased options contracts:</b>							
<b>Calls</b>							
3 Month Eurodollar	97.75 USD	03/13/2023	7	\$1,750,000	\$ 28,963	\$ 30,832	\$(1,869)
	97.75 USD	06/19/2023	7	1,750,000	26,950	28,546	(1,596)
	99.00 USD	12/19/2022	39	9,750,000	55,575	55,537	38
<b>Total purchased options contracts</b>			53		\$111,488	\$114,915	\$(3,427)

# Statements of Assets and Liabilities

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Global Trends Allocation Fund	Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments in affiliated Underlying Funds, at value (cost \$193,986,065 and \$25,806,356)	\$193,986,065	\$27,138,167
Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$52,029,504 and \$0)	88,160,817	—
Purchased Options, at value (premiums paid \$0 and \$114,915)	—	111,488
Cash	47,633,401	419,073
Foreign currencies, at value (cost \$9,768,350 and \$0)	9,425,115	—
Receivables:		
Collateral on certain derivative contracts	12,545,395	33,056
Investments sold	429,535	—
Dividends	145,987	37,188
Shares sold	116,048	47,705
Reimbursement from investment adviser	19,983	13,295
Other assets	1,352	360
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>352,463,698</b>	<b>27,800,332</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Variation margin on futures	477,324	400
Payables:		
Management fees	190,032	—
Shares redeemed	116,582	19,834
Distribution and Service fees and Transfer Agency fees	77,832	7,868
Investments purchased	—	22,596
Accrued expenses	130,357	115,645
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>992,127</b>	<b>166,343</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Paid-in capital	284,383,572	26,714,608
Total distributable earnings (loss)	67,087,999	919,381
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$351,471,571</b>	<b>\$27,633,989</b>
Net Assets:		
Institutional	\$ 318,455	\$ 2,833,951
Service	351,153,116	5,102,165
Advisor	—	19,697,873
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$351,471,571</b>	<b>\$27,633,989</b>
Shares outstanding \$0.001 par value (unlimited shares authorized):		
Institutional	22,921	285,437
Service	25,343,009	514,870
Advisor	—	1,995,556
Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share:		
Institutional	\$13.89	\$9.93
Service	13.86	9.91
Advisor	—	9.87

# Statements of Operations

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Global Trends Allocation Fund	Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio
<b>Investment income:</b>		
Dividends — unaffiliated issuers	\$ 553,389	\$ —
Dividends from affiliated Underlying Funds	20,269	163,224
Securities lending income — affiliated issuer	202	—
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>573,860</b>	<b>163,224</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Management fees	1,353,040	18,116
Distribution and Service (12b-1) fees <sup>(a)</sup>	427,798	18,847
Professional fees	53,464	40,145
Transfer Agency fees <sup>(a)</sup>	34,251	2,415
Custody, accounting and administrative services	30,914	32,469
Printing and mailing costs	23,322	29,269
Trustee fees	9,662	9,424
Service fees — Advisor Shares	—	22,809
Other	22,330	2,754
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,954,781</b>	<b>176,248</b>
Less — expense reductions	(363,808)	(107,380)
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>1,590,973</b>	<b>68,868</b>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(1,017,113)</b>	<b>94,356</b>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss):</b>		
Net realized gain (loss) from:		
Investments — unaffiliated issuers	9,773,419	(35,195)
Investments — affiliated Underlying Funds	—	(117,297)
Futures contracts	23,240,561	21,878
Purchased options	—	28,111
Foreign currency transactions	60,563	—
Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on:		
Investments — affiliated Underlying Funds	—	1,186,655
Investments — unaffiliated issuers	4,098,285	31,764
Futures contracts	(2,572,920)	(11,739)
Purchased options	—	(59,756)
Foreign currency translation	(590,150)	1,024
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain</b>	<b>34,009,758</b>	<b>1,045,445</b>
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$32,992,645</b>	<b>\$1,139,801</b>

(a) Class specific Distribution and/or Service, and Transfer Agency fees were as follows:

Fund	Distribution and/or (12b-1) Service Fees		Transfer Agency Fees		
	Service	Advisor	Institutional	Service	Advisor
Global Trends Allocation	\$427,798	\$ —	\$ 30	\$34,221	\$ —
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	5,162	13,685	178	413	1,824

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Global Trends Allocation Fund		Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio	
	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020
<b>From operations:</b>				
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (1,017,113)	\$ (399,657)	\$ 94,356	\$ 492,763
Net realized gain (loss)	33,074,543	4,394,683	(102,503)	501,405
Net change in unrealized gain	935,215	8,569,920	1,147,948	520,781
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>32,992,645</b>	<b>12,564,946</b>	<b>1,139,801</b>	<b>1,514,949</b>
<b>Distributions to shareholders:</b>				
From distributable earnings:				
Institutional Shares	—	(5,497)	—	(30,659)
Service Shares	—	(5,648,001)	—	(63,162)
Advisor Shares	—	—	—	(298,027)
<b>Total distributions to shareholders</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(5,653,498)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(391,848)</b>
<b>From share transactions:</b>				
Proceeds from sales of shares	7,117,197	18,343,800	5,659,356	7,433,283
Reinvestment of distributions	—	5,653,498	—	391,848
Cost of shares redeemed	(24,711,635)	(40,330,893)	(1,854,829)	(5,834,245)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from share transactions</b>	<b>(17,594,438)</b>	<b>(16,333,595)</b>	<b>3,804,527</b>	<b>1,990,886</b>
<b>TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>	<b>15,398,207</b>	<b>(9,422,147)</b>	<b>4,944,328</b>	<b>3,113,987</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>				
Beginning of period	336,073,364	345,495,511	22,689,661	19,575,674
End of period	\$351,471,571	\$336,073,364	\$27,633,989	\$22,689,661

# Financial Highlights

*Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	Goldman Sachs Global Trends Allocation Fund					
	Institutional Shares					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$12.61	\$12.32	\$11.65	\$12.46	\$11.33	\$10.89
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	(0.02)	0.02	0.15	0.14	0.06	(0.03)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.30	0.52	1.28	(0.64)	1.46	0.52
Total from investment operations	1.28	0.54	1.43	(0.50)	1.52	0.49
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	—	(0.07)	(0.22)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.05)
Distributions to shareholders from net realized gains	—	(0.18)	(0.54)	(0.19)	(0.32)	—
Total distributions	—	(0.25)	(0.76)	(0.31)	(0.39)	(0.05)
Net asset value, end of period	\$13.89	\$12.61	\$12.32	\$11.65	\$12.46	\$11.33
Total return <sup>(b)</sup>	10.15%	4.35%	12.29%	(4.08)%	13.36%	4.49%
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$ 318	\$ 289	\$ 277	\$ 247	\$ 30	\$ 27
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	0.68% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.60%	0.59%	0.51%	0.68%	0.74%
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	0.89% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.90%	0.89%	0.86%	0.86%	0.89%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(0.34)% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.13%	1.18%	1.13%	0.46%	(0.25)%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	8%	168%	61%	60%	64%	260%

(a) Calculated based on the average shares outstanding methodology.

(b) Assumes investment at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, a complete redemption of the investment at the net asset value at the end of the period and no sales or redemption charges (if any). Total returns would be reduced if a sales or redemption charge was taken into account. Returns do not reflect the impact of taxes to shareholders relating to Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total returns for periods less than one full year are not annualized.

(c) Annualized.

(d) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated in accordance with regulatory requirements, without regard to transactions involving short term investments and certain derivatives. If such transactions were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate may be higher.

# Financial Highlights (continued)

*Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	Goldman Sachs Global Trends Allocation Fund					
	Service Shares					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 12.59	\$ 12.30	\$ 11.64	\$ 12.45	\$ 11.32	\$ 10.88
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	(0.04)	(0.01)	0.11	0.08	0.03	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.31	0.51	1.28	(0.62)	1.46	0.45
Total from investment operations	1.27	0.50	1.39	(0.54)	1.49	0.47
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	—	(0.03)	(0.19)	(0.08)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Distributions to shareholders from net realized gains	—	(0.18)	(0.54)	(0.19)	(0.32)	—
Total distributions	—	(0.21)	(0.73)	(0.27)	(0.36)	(0.03)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 13.86	\$ 12.59	\$ 12.30	\$ 11.64	\$ 12.45	\$ 11.32
Total return <sup>(b)</sup>	10.09%	4.10%	11.94%	(4.34)%	13.11%	4.33%
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$351,153	\$335,784	\$345,219	\$395,842	\$406,867	\$353,615
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	0.93% <sup>(c)</sup>	0.85%	0.84%	0.81%	0.93%	1.00%
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.14% <sup>(c)</sup>	1.15%	1.14%	1.11%	1.11%	1.13%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	(0.59)% <sup>(c)</sup>	(0.12)%	0.91%	0.63%	0.21%	0.20%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(d)</sup>	8%	168%	61%	60%	64%	260%

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# Financial Highlights (continued)

*Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	Goldman Sachs Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio					
	Institutional Shares					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.51	\$ 9.39	\$ 9.10	\$ 9.15
Net investment income <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	0.06	0.25	0.30	0.24	0.21	0.11
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.41	0.39	0.48	(0.87)	0.30	(0.06)
Total from investment operations	0.47	0.64	0.78	(0.63)	0.51	0.05
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	—	(0.20)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.22)	(0.10)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 9.93	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.51	\$ 9.39	\$ 9.10
Total return <sup>(c)</sup>	4.97%	7.05%	9.11%	(6.74)%	5.60%	0.52%
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$2,834	\$1,520	\$1,309	\$ 745	\$ 453	\$ 309
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	0.22% <sup>(e)</sup>	0.21%	0.25%	0.22%	0.21%	0.24%
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	1.10% <sup>(e)</sup>	1.39%	1.60%	1.57%	1.47%	2.37%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup>	1.15% <sup>(e)</sup>	2.73%	3.30%	2.62%	2.20%	1.17%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	25%	5%	26%	61%	53%	44%

(a) Calculated based on the average shares outstanding methodology.

(b) Recognition of net investment income by the Portfolio is affected by the timing of declaration of dividends by the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolio invests.

(c) Assumes investment at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, a complete redemption of the investment at the net asset value at the end of the period and no sales or redemption charges (if any). Total returns would be reduced if a sales or redemption charge was taken into account. Returns do not reflect the impact of taxes to shareholders relating to Portfolio distributions or the redemption of Portfolio shares. Total returns for periods less than one full year are not annualized.

(d) Expense ratios exclude the expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolio invests.

(e) Annualized.

(f) The portfolio turnover rate is calculated in accordance with regulatory requirements, without regard to transactions involving short term investments and certain derivatives. If such transactions were included, the portfolio turnover rate may be higher.

# Financial Highlights (continued)

*Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	Goldman Sachs Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio					
	Service Shares					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Per Share Data</b>						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.52	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.13	\$ 9.14
Net investment income <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	0.04	0.23	0.32	0.28	0.27	0.08
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.42	0.38	0.43	(0.93)	0.22	(0.05)
Total from investment operations	0.46	0.61	0.75	(0.65)	0.49	0.03
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	—	(0.18)	(0.25)	(0.24)	(0.21)	(0.04)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.52	\$ 9.41	\$ 9.13
Total return <sup>(c)</sup>	4.87%	6.70%	8.82%	(6.93)%	5.37%	0.28%
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$5,102	\$3,472	\$2,857	\$ 811	\$ 105	\$ 34
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	0.47% <sup>(e)</sup>	0.46%	0.51%	0.47%	0.46%	0.46%
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	1.36% <sup>(e)</sup>	1.65%	1.86%	1.95%	1.73%	1.97%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup>	0.88% <sup>(e)</sup>	2.51%	3.54%	3.08%	2.88%	0.92%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	25%	5%	26%	61%	53%	44%

(a) Calculated based on the average shares outstanding methodology.

(b) Recognition of net investment income by the Portfolio is affected by the timing of declaration of dividends by the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolio invests.

(c) Assumes investment at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all distributions, a complete redemption of the investment at the net asset value at the end of the period and no sales or redemption charges (if any). Total returns would be reduced if a sales or redemption charge was taken into account. Returns do not reflect the impact of taxes to shareholders relating to Portfolio distributions or the redemption of Portfolio shares. Total returns for periods less than one full year are not annualized.

(d) Expense ratios exclude the expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolio invests.

(e) Annualized.

(f) The portfolio turnover rate is calculated in accordance with regulatory requirements, without regard to transactions involving short term investments and certain derivatives. If such transactions were included, the portfolio turnover rate may be higher.



# Financial Highlights (continued)

*Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	Goldman Sachs Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio					
	Advisor Shares					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 9.42	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.49	\$ 9.36	\$ 9.08	\$ 9.12
Net investment income <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	0.03	0.20	0.24	0.17	0.17	0.10
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.42	0.39	0.49	(0.83)	0.30	(0.07)
Total from investment operations	0.45	0.59	0.73	(0.66)	0.47	0.03
Distributions to shareholders from net investment income	—	(0.16)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.07)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 9.87	\$ 9.42	\$ 8.99	\$ 8.49	\$ 9.36	\$ 9.08
Total return <sup>(c)</sup>	4.78%	6.56%	8.60%	(7.09)%	5.14%	0.27%
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$19,698	\$17,698	\$15,410	\$13,460	\$15,512	\$10,778
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	0.62% <sup>(e)</sup>	0.61%	0.64%	0.62%	0.61%	0.61%
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets <sup>(d)</sup>	1.52% <sup>(e)</sup>	1.79%	2.01%	1.93%	1.88%	2.58%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup>	0.72% <sup>(e)</sup>	2.28%	2.61%	1.92%	1.78%	1.06%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	25%	5%	26%	61%	53%	44%

(a) Calculated based on the average shares outstanding methodology.

(b) Recognition of net investment income by the Portfolio is affected by the timing of declaration of dividends by the Underlying Funds in which the Portfolio invests.

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# Notes to Financial Statements

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## 1. ORGANIZATION

Goldman Sachs Variable Insurance Trust (the “Trust” or “VIT”) is a Delaware statutory trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as an open-end management investment company. The following table lists those series of the Trust that are included in this report (collectively, the “Funds” or individually a “Fund”), along with their corresponding share classes and respective diversification status under the Act:

Fund	Share Classes Offered	Diversified/ Non-diversified
Global Trends Allocation	Institutional and Service	Diversified
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	Institutional, Service and Advisor	Diversified

Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (“GSAM”), an affiliate of Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“Goldman Sachs”), serves as investment adviser to the Global Trends Allocation Fund and Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio pursuant to management agreements (the “Agreements”) with the Trust.

The Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio invests primarily in a combination of domestic and international equity and fixed income underlying funds (“Underlying Funds”) which are registered under the Act, for which GSAM acts as investment adviser. Additionally, the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio may invest a portion of its assets directly in other securities and instruments, including unaffiliated exchange traded funds (“Unaffiliated Funds”).

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and require management to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions. Each Fund is an investment company under GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

**A. Investment Valuation** — The valuation policy of the Funds and Underlying Funds is to value investments at fair value.

**B. Investment Income and Investments** — Investment income includes interest income, dividend income, and securities lending income, if any. Interest income is accrued daily and adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Dividend income is recognized on ex-dividend date or, for certain foreign securities, as soon as such information is obtained subsequent to the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Investment transactions are reflected on trade date. Realized gains and losses are calculated using identified cost. Investment transactions are recorded on the following business day for daily net asset value (“NAV”) calculations. Investment income is recorded net of any foreign withholding taxes, less any amounts reclaimable. The Fund may file withholding tax reclaims in certain jurisdictions to recover a portion of amounts previously withheld. Any foreign capital gains tax is accrued daily based upon net unrealized gains, and is payable upon sale of such investments. Income distributions are recognized as capital gains or income in the financial statements in accordance with the character that is distributed.

For derivative contracts, realized gains and losses are recorded upon settlement of the contract.

**C. Class Allocations and Expenses** — Investment income, realized and unrealized gain (loss), if any, and non-class specific expenses of each Fund are allocated daily based upon the proportion of net assets of each class. Non-class specific expenses directly incurred by a Fund are charged to that Fund while such expenses incurred by the Trust are allocated across the applicable Funds on a straight-line and/or pro-rata basis depending upon the nature of the expenses. Class specific expenses, where applicable, are borne by the respective share classes and include Distribution and Service and Transfer Agency fees. Expenses included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the expenses of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio and do not include any expenses associated with the Underlying Funds. Because the Underlying Funds have varied expense and fee levels and the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio may own different proportions of the Underlying Funds at different times, the amount of fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio will vary.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

**D. Federal Taxes and Distributions to Shareholders** — It is each Fund’s policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute each year substantially all of its investment company taxable income and capital gains to its shareholders. Accordingly, each Fund is not required to make any provisions for the payment of federal income tax. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gains distributions, if any, are declared and paid at least annually.

Net capital losses, if any, are carried forward to future fiscal years and may be used to the extent allowed by the Code to offset any future capital gains. Losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. Utilization of capital loss carryforwards will reduce the requirement of future capital gains distributions.

The characterization of distributions to shareholders for financial reporting purposes is determined in accordance with federal income tax rules, which may differ from GAAP. The source of each Fund’s distributions may be shown in the accompanying financial statements as either from distributable earnings or capital. Certain components of the Funds’ net assets on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities reflect permanent GAAP/tax differences based on the appropriate tax character.

**E. Foreign Currency Translation** — The accounting records and reporting currency of a Fund are maintained in United States (“U.S.”) dollars. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using the current exchange rates at the close of each business day. The effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments is included within net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Changes in the value of other assets and liabilities as a result of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates are included in the Statements of Operations within net change in unrealized gain (loss) on foreign currency translation. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars on the date the transaction occurred, the effects of which are included within net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions.

## 3. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

U.S. GAAP defines the fair value of a financial instrument as the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., the exit price); the Funds’ policy is to use the market approach. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls shall be determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The levels used for classifying investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in these investments. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 — Quoted prices in markets that are not active or financial instruments for which significant inputs are observable (including, but not limited to, quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, volatility and credit spreads), either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 — Prices or valuations that require significant unobservable inputs (including GSAM’s assumptions in determining fair value measurement).

The Board of Trustees (“Trustees”) has approved Valuation Procedures that govern the valuation of the portfolio investments held by the Funds including investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Trustees have delegated to GSAM day-to-day responsibility for implementing and maintaining internal controls and procedures related to the valuation of the Funds’ investments. To assess the continuing appropriateness of pricing sources and methodologies, GSAM regularly performs price verification procedures and issues challenges as necessary to third party pricing vendors or brokers, and any differences are reviewed in accordance with the Valuation Procedures.

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## 3. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

**A. Level 1 and Level 2 Fair Value Investments** — The valuation techniques and significant inputs used in determining the fair values for investments classified as Level 1 and Level 2 are as follows:

**Equity Securities** — Equity securities traded on a U.S. securities exchange or the NASDAQ system, or those located on certain foreign exchanges, including but not limited to the Americas, are valued daily at their last sale price or official closing price on the principal exchange or system on which they are traded. If there is no sale or official closing price or such price is believed by GSAM to not represent fair value, equity securities will be valued at the valid closing bid price for long positions and at the valid closing ask price for short positions (i.e. where there is sufficient volume, during normal exchange trading hours). If no valid bid/ask price is available, the equity security will be valued pursuant to the Valuation Procedures approved by the Trustees and consistent with applicable regulatory guidance. To the extent these investments are actively traded, they are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy, otherwise they are generally classified as Level 2. Certain equity securities containing unique attributes may be classified as Level 2.

Unlisted equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last sale price on the valuation date, or if no sale occurs, at the last bid price for long positions or the last ask price for short positions, and are generally classified as Level 2. Securities traded on certain foreign securities exchanges are valued daily at fair value determined by an independent fair value service (if available) under Fair Valuation Procedures approved by the Trustees and consistent with applicable regulatory guidance. The independent fair value service takes into account multiple factors including, but not limited to, movements in the securities markets, certain depositary receipts, futures contracts and foreign currency exchange rates that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign securities exchange. These investments are generally classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

**Underlying Funds (Including Money Market Funds)** — Underlying Funds include other investment companies and exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). Investments in the Underlying Funds (except ETFs) are valued at the NAV per share on the day of valuation. Investments in ETFs are valued daily at the last sale price or official closing price on the principal exchange or system on which the investment is traded. Because the Funds invest in Underlying Funds that fluctuate in value, each Fund’s shares will correspondingly fluctuate in value. To the extent ETF investments are actively traded, they are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy, otherwise they are generally classified as Level 2. Other Underlying Fund investments are generally classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. For information regarding an Underlying Fund’s accounting policies and investment holdings, please see the Underlying Fund’s shareholder report.

**Derivative Contracts** — A derivative is an instrument whose value is derived from underlying assets, indices, reference rates or a combination of these factors. A Fund enters into derivative transactions to hedge against changes in interest rates, securities prices, and/or currency exchange rates, to increase total return, or to gain access to certain markets or attain exposure to other underliers. For financial reporting purposes, cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of a Fund and cash collateral received, if any, is reported separately on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities as receivables/payables for collateral on certain derivatives contracts. Non-cash collateral pledged by a Fund if any, is noted in the Schedules of Investments.

Exchange-traded derivatives, including futures and options contracts, are generally valued at the last sale or settlement price on the exchange where they are principally traded. Exchange-traded options without settlement prices are generally valued at the midpoint of the bid and ask prices on the exchange where they are principally traded (or, in the absence of two-way trading, at the last bid price for long positions and the last ask price for short positions). Exchange-traded derivatives typically fall within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Over-the-counter (“OTC”) and centrally cleared derivatives are valued using market transactions and other market evidence, including market-based inputs to models, calibration to market-clearing transactions, broker or dealer quotations, or other alternative pricing sources. Where models are used, the selection of a particular model to value OTC and centrally cleared derivatives depends upon the contractual terms of, and specific risks inherent in, the instrument, as well as the availability of pricing information in the market. Valuation models require a variety of inputs, including contractual terms, market prices, yield curves, credit curves, measures of volatility, voluntary and involuntary prepayment rates, loss severity rates and correlations of such inputs. For OTC and centrally cleared derivatives that trade in liquid markets, model inputs can generally be verified and model selection does not involve significant management judgment. OTC and centrally cleared derivatives are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy when significant inputs are corroborated by market evidence.

**3. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)**

i. **Futures Contracts** — Futures contracts are contracts to buy or sell a standardized quantity of a specified commodity or security. Upon entering into a futures contract, a Fund deposits cash or securities in an account on behalf of the broker in an amount sufficient to meet the initial margin requirement. Subsequent payments are made or received by a Fund equal to the daily change in the contract value and are recorded as variation margin receivable or payable with a corresponding offset to unrealized gains or losses.

ii. **Options** — When the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio writes call or put options, an amount equal to the premium received is recorded as a liability and is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current value of the option written. Swaptions are options on swap contracts.

Upon the purchase of a call option or a put option by the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio, the premium paid is recorded as an investment and subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current value of the option. Certain options may be purchased with premiums to be determined on a future date. The premiums for these options are based upon implied volatility parameters at specified terms.

**B. Level 3 Fair Value Investments** — To the extent that significant inputs to valuation models and other alternative pricing sources are unobservable, or if quotations are not readily available, or if GSAM believes that such quotations do not accurately reflect fair value, the fair value of a Fund's investments may be determined under Valuation Procedures approved by the Trustees. GSAM, consistent with its procedures and applicable regulatory guidance, may make an adjustment to the most recent valuation prices of either domestic or foreign securities in light of significant events to reflect what it believes to be the fair value of the securities at the time of determining a Fund's NAV. To the extent investments are valued using single source broker quotations obtained directly from the broker or passed through from third party pricing vendors, such investments are classified as Level 3 investments.

**C. Fair Value Hierarchy** — The following is a summary of the Funds' investments and derivatives classified in the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2021:

**GLOBAL TRENDS ALLOCATION**

Investment Type	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets</b>			
Exchange Traded Funds	\$ 88,160,817	\$—	\$—
Investment Companies	193,986,065	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,146,882</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$—</b>
<b>Derivative Type</b>			
<b>Assets<sup>(a)</sup></b>			
Futures Contracts	\$ 1,076,877	\$—	\$—
<b>Liabilities<sup>(a)</sup></b>			
Futures Contracts	\$ (1,643,791)	\$—	\$—

(a) Amount shown represents unrealized gain (loss) at period end.

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## 3. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

### MULTI-STRATEGY ALTERNATIVES

Investment Type	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity Underlying Funds	\$10,789,295	\$—	\$—
Fixed Income Underlying Funds	15,710,234	—	—
Investment Company	638,638	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,138,167</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$—</b>
<b>Derivative Type</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Futures Contracts <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 10,971	\$—	\$—
Purchased Options Contracts	111,488	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 122,459</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$—</b>
<b>Liabilities<sup>(a)</sup></b>			
Futures Contracts	\$ (3,091)	\$—	\$—

(a) Amount shown represents unrealized gain (loss) at period end.

For further information regarding security characteristics, see the Schedules of Investments.

## 4. INVESTMENTS IN DERIVATIVES

The following tables set forth, by certain risk types, the gross value of derivative contracts (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) as of June 30, 2021. These instruments were used as part of the Funds' investment strategies and to obtain and/or manage exposure related to the risks below. The values in the table below exclude the effects of cash collateral received or posted pursuant to these derivative contracts, and therefore are not representative of the Funds' net exposure.

### Global Trends Allocation

Risk	Statements of Assets and Liabilities	Assets <sup>(a)</sup>	Statements of Assets and Liabilities	Liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>
Equity	Variation margin on futures contracts	\$ 921,498	Variation margin on futures contracts	\$(1,643,791)
Interest Rate	Variation margin on futures contracts	155,379	—	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,076,877</b>		<b>\$(1,643,791)</b>

### Multi-Strategy Alternatives

Risk	Statements of Assets and Liabilities	Assets <sup>(a)</sup>	Statements of Assets and Liabilities	Liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>
Equity	—	\$ —	Variation margin on futures contracts	\$(3,091)
Interest Rate	Purchased options contracts, at value and variation margin on futures contracts	122,459	—	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$122,459</b>		<b>\$(3,091)</b>

(a) Includes unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts described in the Additional Investment Information section of the Schedules of Investments. Only the variation margin as of June 30, 2021 is reported within the Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

**4. INVESTMENTS IN DERIVATIVES (continued)**

The following tables set forth, by certain risk types, the Funds' gains (losses) related to these derivatives and their indicative volumes for the six months ended June 30, 2021. These gains (losses) should be considered in the context that these derivative contracts may have been executed to create investment opportunities and/or economically hedge certain investments, and accordingly, certain gains (losses) on such derivative contracts may offset certain (losses) gains attributable to investments. These gains (losses) are included in "Net realized gain (loss)" or "Net change in unrealized gain (loss)" on the Statements of Operations.

**Global Trends Allocation**

Risk	Statements of Operations	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Net Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Equity	Net realized gain (loss) from futures contracts/Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts	\$23,565,493	\$(2,606,034)
Interest Rate	Net realized gain (loss) from futures contracts/Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts	(324,932)	33,114
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$23,240,561</b>	<b>\$(2,572,920)</b>

**Multi-Strategy Alternatives**

Risk	Statements of Operations	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Net Change in Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Equity	Net realized gain (loss) from futures contracts/Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts	\$ 71,115	\$(21,882)
Interest Rate	Net realized gain (loss) from futures contracts and purchased options/Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on futures contracts and purchased options	(21,126)	(49,613)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 49,989</b>	<b>\$(71,495)</b>

For the six months ended June 30, 2021, the relevant values for each derivative type were as follows:

Fund	Average Number of Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Futures Contracts	Purchased Options
Global Trends Allocation	1,692	—
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	24	22

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts disclosed represent average number of contracts for futures and purchased options contracts, based on absolute values, which is indicative of volume of this derivative type, for the months that the Funds held such derivatives during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

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## 5. AGREEMENTS AND AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

**A. Management Agreement** — Under the Agreement, GSAM manages the Funds subject to the general supervision of the Trustees.

As compensation for the services rendered pursuant to the Agreement, the assumption of the expenses related thereto and administration of the Global Trends Allocation Fund's business affairs, including providing facilities, GSAM is entitled to a management fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, equal to an annual percentage rate of the Fund's average daily net assets.

For the six months ended June 30, 2021, contractual and effective net management fees with GSAM were at the following rates:

Contractual Management Rate					Effective Rate	Effective Net Management Rate <sup>^</sup>
First \$1 billion	Next \$1 billion	Next \$3 billion	Next \$3 billion	Over \$8 billion		
0.79%	0.71%	0.68%	0.66%	0.65%	0.79%	0.65%*

<sup>^</sup> Effective Net Management Rate includes the impact of management fee waivers of affiliated Underlying Funds, if any.

\* GSAM agreed to waive a portion of its management fee in order to achieve a net management rate, as defined in the Fund's most recent prospectus. This waiver will be effective through at least April 30, 2022, and prior to such date GSAM may not terminate the arrangement without approval of the Trustees. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, GSAM waived \$205,527 of its management fee.

As compensation for the services rendered pursuant to the Agreement, the assumption of the expenses related thereto and administration of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio's business affairs, including providing facilities, GSAM is entitled to a management fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, equal to an annual percentage rate of 0.15% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. GSAM has agreed to waive all of its management fee. The management fee waiver will remain in effect through at least April 30, 2022, and prior to such date, GSAM may not terminate the arrangement without the approval of the Board of Trustees. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, GSAM waived \$18,116 of its management fee.

The Global Trends Allocation Fund and the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio invest in Institutional Shares of the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, which is an affiliated Underlying Fund. GSAM has agreed to waive a portion of its management fee payable by the Funds in an amount equal to the management fee it earns as an investment adviser to the affiliated Underlying Fund in which the Funds invest, except those management fees it earns from the Funds' investments of cash collateral received in connection with securities lending transactions in the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, GSAM waived \$34,798 and \$117 of the Global Trends Allocation Fund's and the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio's management fee, respectively.

**B. Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Plans** — The Trust, on behalf of Service Shares of the Funds has adopted a Distribution and Service Plan subject to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the Distribution and Service Plan, Goldman Sachs, which serves as distributor (the "Distributor"), is entitled to a fee accrued daily and paid monthly, for distribution services and personal and account maintenance services, which may then be paid by Goldman Sachs to authorized dealers, equal to, on an annual basis, 0.25% of the Funds' average daily net assets attributable to Service Shares.

The Trust, on behalf of Advisor Shares of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio, has adopted a Distribution Plan subject to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the Distribution Plan, Goldman Sachs as Distributor is entitled to a fee accrued daily and paid monthly for distribution services, which may then be paid by Goldman Sachs to authorized dealers, equal to, on an annual basis, 0.15% of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to Advisor Shares.

**C. Service Plans** — The Trust, on behalf of Advisor Shares of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio, has adopted a Service Plan to allow Advisor Shares to compensate service organizations (including Goldman Sachs) for providing varying levels of personal and account maintenance and administration services to their customers who are beneficial owners of such shares. The Service Plans each provide for compensation to the service organizations equal to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to Advisor Shares of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio.

**D. Transfer Agency Agreement** — Goldman Sachs also serves as the transfer agent of the Funds for a fee pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement. The fees charged for such transfer agency services are accrued daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.02% of the average daily net assets of Institutional, Service and Advisor Shares.



**5. AGREEMENTS AND AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

**E. Other Expense Agreements and Affiliated Transactions** — GSAM has agreed to reduce or limit certain “Other Expenses” of the Funds (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, transfer agency fees and expenses, service fees and shareholder administration fees (as applicable), taxes, interest, brokerage fees, expenses of shareholder meetings, litigation and indemnification, and extraordinary expenses) to the extent such expenses exceed, on an annual basis, a percentage rate of the average daily net assets of each Fund. Such Other Expense reimbursements, if any, are accrued daily and paid monthly. In addition, the Funds are not obligated to reimburse GSAM for prior fiscal year expense reimbursements, if any. The Other Expense limitations as an annual percentage rate of average daily net assets for the Global Trends Allocation Fund and the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio are 0.004% and 0.204%, respectively. The Other Expense limitations will remain in place through at least April 30, 2022, and prior to such date GSAM may not terminate the arrangements without the approval of the Trustees. In addition, the Funds have entered into certain offset arrangements with the custodian and the transfer agent, which may result in a reduction of the Funds’ expenses and are received irrespective of the application of the “Other Expense” limitations described above.

For the six months ended June 30, 2021, these expense reductions, including any fee waivers and Other Expense reimbursements, were as follows:

Fund	Management Fee Waiver	Other Expense Reimbursement	Total Expense Reductions
Global Trends Allocation	\$240,325	\$123,483	\$363,808
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	18,233	89,147	107,380

**F. Line of Credit Facility** — As of June 30, 2021, the Funds participated in a \$1,000,000,000 committed, unsecured revolving line of credit facility (the “facility”) together with other funds of the Trust and certain registered investment companies having management agreements with GSAM or its affiliates. This facility is to be used for temporary emergency purposes, or to allow for an orderly liquidation of securities to meet redemption requests. The interest rate on borrowings is based on the federal funds rate. The facility also requires a fee to be paid by the Funds based on the amount of the commitment that has not been utilized. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Funds did not have any borrowings under the facility. Prior to April 26, 2021, the facility was \$700,000,000.

**G. Other Transactions with Affiliates** — The following table provides information about the Fund’s investments in the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government, Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Instruments, Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Obligations, and Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Solutions Funds as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

Investment Companies	Beginning Value as of December 31, 2020	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds from Sales	Ending Value as of June 30, 2021	Shares as of June 30, 2021	Dividend Income
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund	\$100,915,798	\$32,290,148	\$(27,429,056)	\$105,776,890	105,776,890	\$15,388
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Instruments Fund	16,674,108	967,564	—	17,641,672	17,641,672	427
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Obligations Fund	33,348,216	2,527,025	(591,082)	35,284,159	35,284,159	3,414
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Treasury Solutions Fund	33,348,216	2,526,210	(591,082)	35,283,344	35,283,344	1,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,286,338</b>	<b>\$38,310,947</b>	<b>\$(28,611,220)</b>	<b>\$193,986,065</b>		<b>\$20,269</b>

As of June 30, 2021, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. was the beneficial owner of approximately 12% of the Institutional Shares of the Global Trends Allocation Fund.

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## 5. AGREEMENTS AND AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio invests primarily in Class R6 Shares of the Underlying Funds. These Underlying Funds are considered to be affiliated with the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio. The tables below show the transactions in and earnings from investments in these Underlying Funds for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

Underlying Funds	Beginning Value as of December 31, 2020	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds from Sales	Net Realized Gain (Loss) from Affiliated Investment Company	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Ending Value as of June 30, 2021	Shares as of June 30, 2021	Dividend Income
Goldman Sachs Absolute Return Tracker Fund	\$ 1,768,751	\$ 400,001	\$ (320,000)	\$ 11,272	\$ 96,147	\$ 1,956,171	185,595	\$ —
Goldman Sachs Alternative Premia Fund	1,059,257	1,600,000	—	—	53,014	2,712,271	385,814	—
Goldman Sachs Dynamic Global Equity Fund	—	2,050,000	—	—	217,698	2,267,698	91,735	—
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Debt Fund	2,194,144	305,021	(130,000)	(6,893)	(69,709)	2,292,563	185,033	39,879
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Insights Fund	1,440,267	235,001	(700,000)	143,256	53	1,118,577	84,485	—
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund (Institutional Shares)	564,202	3,547,321	(3,472,885)	—	—	638,638	638,638	93
Goldman Sachs Global Infrastructure Fund	—	1,868,724	—	—	234,366	2,103,090	162,290	18,725
Goldman Sachs High Yield Floating Rate Fund	1,655,754	143,135	(499,999)	(16,806)	37,988	1,320,072	140,433	23,231
Goldman Sachs High Yield Fund	1,160,971	595,715	—	—	13,250	1,769,936	271,047	35,535
Goldman Sachs Long Short Credit Strategies Fund	2,734,018	297,026	(1,099,999)	(61,552)	72,893	1,942,386	215,821	26,941
Goldman Sachs Managed Futures Strategy Fund	3,113,123	100,000	(589,999)	15,138	100,644	2,738,906	253,368	—
Goldman Sachs Real Estate Securities Fund	818,261	—	(842,327)	(186,397)	210,463	—	—	—
Goldman Sachs Strategic Income Fund	2,179,357	118,823	(1,400,000)	(15,315)	(51,855)	831,010	87,475	18,820
Goldman Sachs Tactical Tilt Overlay Fund	3,375,146	1,800,000	—	—	271,703	5,446,849	526,266	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,063,251</b>	<b>\$13,060,767</b>	<b>\$ (9,055,209)</b>	<b>\$ (117,297)</b>	<b>\$1,186,655</b>	<b>\$27,138,167</b>		<b>\$163,224</b>

## 6. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales and maturities of long-term securities for the six months ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales and Maturities
Global Trends Allocation	\$8,850,565	\$53,771,037
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	9,612,241	5,798,321

## 7. SECURITIES LENDING

The Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio may lend its securities through a securities lending agent, the Bank of New York Mellon (“BNYM”), to certain qualified borrowers. Pursuant to exemptive relief granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and the terms and conditions contained therein, the Global Trends Allocation Fund may lend its securities through a securities lending agent, Goldman Sachs Agency Lending (“GSAL”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, to certain qualified borrowers including Goldman Sachs and affiliates. In accordance with the Funds’ securities lending procedures, the Funds receive cash collateral at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of business of the Funds at their last sale price or official closing price on the principal exchange or system on which they are traded, and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Funds on the next business day. As with other extensions of credit, the Funds may experience delay in the recovery of their securities or incur a loss should the borrower of the securities breach its agreement with the Funds or become insolvent at a time when the collateral is insufficient to cover the cost of repurchasing securities on loan. Dividend income received from securities on loan may not be subject to withholding taxes and therefore withholding taxes paid may differ from the amounts listed in the Statements of Operations. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and as such 1) the remaining contractual maturities of the outstanding securities lending transactions are considered to be overnight and continuous and 2) the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the standard time period for settlement of securities transactions.

The Funds invest the cash collateral received in connection with securities lending transactions in the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund (“Government Money Market Fund”), an affiliated series of the Goldman Sachs Trust. The Government Money Market Fund is registered under the Act as an open end investment company, is subject to Rule 2a-7 under the Act, and is managed by GSAM, for which GSAM may receive a management fee of up to 0.16% on an annualized basis of the average daily net assets of the Government Money Market Fund.

In the event of a default by a borrower with respect to any loan, GSAL will and BNYM may exercise any and all remedies provided under the applicable borrower agreement to make the Funds whole. These remedies include purchasing replacement securities by applying the collateral held from the defaulting broker against the purchase cost of the replacement securities. If GSAL or BNYM are unable to purchase replacement securities, GSAL and/or BNYM will indemnify the Funds by paying the Funds an amount equal to the market value of the securities loaned minus the value of cash collateral received from the borrower for the loan, subject to an exclusion for any shortfalls resulting from a loss of value in such cash collateral due to reinvestment risk. The Funds’ master netting agreements with certain borrowers provide the right, in the event of a default (including bankruptcy or insolvency), for the non-defaulting party to liquidate the collateral and calculate net exposure to the defaulting party or request additional collateral. However, in the event of a default by a borrower, a resolution authority could determine that such rights are not enforceable due to the restrictions or prohibitions against the right of set-off that may be imposed in accordance with a particular jurisdiction’s bankruptcy or insolvency laws. The Funds’ loaned securities were all subject to enforceable Securities Lending Agreements and the value of the collateral was at least equal to the value of the cash received. The amounts of the Funds’ overnight and continuous agreements, which represent the gross amounts of recognized liabilities for securities lending transactions outstanding as of June 30, 2021, are disclosed as “Payable upon return of securities loaned” on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities, where applicable. The Funds did not have securities on loan as of June 30, 2021.

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## 7. SECURITIES LENDING (continued)

The Funds, GSAL and BNYM received compensation relating to the lending of the Funds' securities. The amounts earned, if any, by the Funds for the six months ended June 30, 2021, are reported under Investment Income on the Statements of Operations.

The table below details securities lending activity with affiliates of Goldman Sachs:

For the six months ended June 30, 2021

Earnings of GSAL Relating to Securities Loaned	Amount Received by the Fund from Lending to Goldman Sachs
\$21	\$191

The following table provides information about the Funds' investment in the Government Money Market Fund for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

	Beginning Value as of December 31, 2020	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds from Sales	Ending Value as of June 30, 2021
Global Trends Allocation	\$ —	\$26,525,100	\$(26,525,100)	\$—
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	153,000	174,250	(327,250)	—

## 8. TAX INFORMATION

As of the Funds' most recent fiscal year end, December 31, 2020, the Funds' capital loss carryforwards and certain timing differences, on a tax-basis were as follows:

	Global Trends Allocation	Multi-Strategy Alternatives
Capital loss carryforwards:		
Perpetual Short-term	\$ —	\$(247,553)
Timing differences (Straddle loss deferral and Late year Ordinary loss deferral)	\$(7,053,130)	\$ (1)

As of June 30, 2021, the Funds' aggregate security unrealized gains and losses based on cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	Global Trends Allocation	Multi-Strategy Alternatives
Tax cost	\$249,641,845	\$ 26,258,219
Gross unrealized gain	37,208,190	1,495,879
Gross unrealized loss	(4,703,153)	(615,931)
Net unrealized gain	\$ 32,505,037	\$ 879,948

The difference between GAAP-basis and tax-basis unrealized gains (losses) is attributable primarily to wash sales, net mark to market gains (losses) on regulated futures and options contracts and differences in the tax treatment of partnership investments.

## 8. TAX INFORMATION (continued)

GSAM has reviewed the Funds' tax positions for all open tax years (the current and prior three years, as applicable) and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Funds' financial statements. Such open tax years remain subject to examination and adjustment by tax authorities.

## 9. OTHER RISKS

The Funds' and Underlying Fund's risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Derivatives Risk** — The Funds' use of derivatives may result in loss. Derivative instruments, which may pose risks in addition to and greater than those associated with investing directly in securities, currencies or other instruments, may be illiquid or less liquid, volatile, difficult to price and leveraged so that small changes in the value of the underlying instruments may produce disproportionate losses to the Funds. Derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation. The use of derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with investments in more traditional securities and instruments. Losses from derivatives can also result from a lack of correlation between changes in the value of derivative instruments and the portfolio assets (if any) being hedged.

**Foreign and Emerging Countries Risk** — Investing in foreign markets may involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in the U.S. Foreign securities may be subject to risk of loss because of more or less foreign government regulation, less public information and less economic, political and social stability in the countries in which the Funds or an Underlying Fund invests. The imposition of exchange controls (including repatriation restrictions), confiscation of assets and property, trade restrictions (including tariffs) and other government restrictions by the U.S. or other governments, or problems with registration, settlement or custody, may also result in losses. Foreign risk also involves the risk of negative foreign currency rate fluctuations, which may cause the value of securities denominated in such foreign currency (or other instruments through which the Funds or an Underlying Fund has exposure to foreign currencies) to decline in value. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. To the extent that the Funds or an Underlying Fund also invests in securities of issuers located in emerging markets, these risks may be more pronounced.

**Interest Rate Risk** — When interest rates increase, fixed income securities or instruments held by the Funds will generally decline in value. Long-term fixed income securities or instruments will normally have more price volatility because of this risk than short-term fixed income securities or instruments. The risks associated with changing interest rates may have unpredictable effects on the markets and the Funds' investments. Fluctuations in interest rates may also affect the liquidity of fixed income securities and instruments held by the Funds.

**Investments in the Underlying Funds** — The investments of the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio may be concentrated in one or more Underlying Funds (including ETFs and other registered investment companies) subject to statutory limitations prescribed by the Act or exemptive relief or regulations thereunder. The Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio's investment performance is directly related to the investment performance of the Underlying Funds it holds. The Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio is subject to the risk factors associated with the investments of the Underlying Funds and will be affected by the investment policies and practices of the Underlying Funds in direct proportion to the amount of assets allocated to each. In direct proportion to the amount of assets allocated to each. If the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio has a relative concentration of its portfolio in a single Underlying Fund, it may be more susceptible to adverse developments affecting that Underlying Fund, and may be more susceptible to losses because of these developments. A strategy used by the Underlying Funds may fail to produce the intended results.

**Investments in Other Investment Companies Risk** — As a shareholder of another investment company, including an ETF, the Funds will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any net management fees and other expenses paid by such other investment companies, in addition to the fees and expenses regularly borne by the Funds. ETFs are subject to risks that do not apply to

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## 9. OTHER RISKS (continued)

conventional mutual funds, including but not limited to the following: (i) the market price of the ETF's shares may trade at a premium or a discount to their NAV; and (ii) an active trading market for an ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained.

**Large Shareholder Transactions Risk** — The Funds or an Underlying Fund may experience adverse effects when certain large shareholders, such as other funds, participating insurance companies, accounts and Goldman Sachs affiliates, purchase or redeem large amounts of shares of the Funds or an Underlying Fund. Such large shareholder redemptions, which may occur rapidly or unexpectedly, may cause the Funds or an Underlying Fund to sell portfolio securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Funds' or the Underlying Fund's NAV and liquidity. These transactions may also accelerate the realization of taxable income to shareholders if such sales of investments resulted in gains, and may also increase transaction costs. In addition, a large redemption could result in the Funds' or an Underlying Fund's current expenses being allocated over a smaller asset base, leading to an increase in the Funds' or the Underlying Fund's expense ratio. Similarly, large Funds or Underlying Fund share purchases may adversely affect the Funds' or an Underlying Fund's performance to the extent that the Funds or the Underlying Fund is delayed in investing new cash or otherwise maintains a larger cash position than it ordinarily would.

**Liquidity Risk** — The Funds or an Underlying Fund may make investments that are illiquid or that may become less liquid in response to market developments or adverse investor perceptions. Illiquid investments may be more difficult to value. Liquidity risk may also refer to the risk that the Funds or an Underlying Fund will not be able to pay redemption proceeds within the allowable time period or without significant dilution to remaining investors' interests because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. To meet redemption requests, the Funds or an Underlying Fund may be forced to sell investments at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions. If the Funds or an Underlying Fund is forced to sell securities at an unfavorable time and/or under unfavorable conditions, such sales may adversely affect the Funds' or Underlying Fund's NAV and dilute remaining investors' interests. Liquidity risk may be the result of, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of traditional market participants to make a market in fixed income securities or the lack of an active market. The potential for liquidity risk may be magnified by a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where investor redemptions from fixed income mutual funds may be higher than normal, potentially causing increased supply in the market due to selling activity. These risks may be more pronounced in connection with the Funds' investments in securities of issuers located in emerging market countries. Redemptions by large shareholders may have a negative impact on the Funds' or Underlying Fund's liquidity.

**Market and Credit Risks** — In the normal course of business, the Funds or an Underlying Fund trade financial instruments and enter into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the market (market risk). The value of the securities in which the Funds and/or an Underlying Fund invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies, particular sectors or governments and/or general economic conditions throughout the world due to increasingly interconnected global economies and financial markets. Events such as war, acts of terrorism, social unrest, natural disasters, the spread of infectious illness or other public health threats could also significantly impact the Funds and/or an Underlying Fund and their investments. Additionally, the Funds and/or Underlying Fund may also be exposed to credit risk in the event that an issuer or guarantor fails to perform or that an institution or entity with which the Funds and the Underlying Fund have unsettled or open transactions defaults.

## 10. INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Trust's organizational documents, its Trustees, officers, employees and agents are indemnified, to the extent permitted by the Act and state law, against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Funds. Additionally, in the course of business, the Funds enter into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Funds' maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Funds that have not yet occurred. However, GSAM believes the risk of loss under these arrangements to be remote.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events after the Statements of Assets and Liabilities date have been evaluated, and GSAM has concluded that there is no impact requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

**12. SUMMARY OF SHARE TRANSACTIONS**

Share activity is as follows:

	Global Trends Allocation Fund			
	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)		For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020	
	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars
<b>Institutional Shares</b>				
Reinvestment of distributions	—	\$ —	440	\$ 5,497
	—	—	440	5,497
<b>Service Shares</b>				
Shares sold	536,910	7,117,197	1,538,326	18,343,800
Reinvestment of distributions	—	—	453,290	5,648,001
Shares redeemed	(1,862,530)	(24,711,635)	(3,383,659)	(40,330,893)
	(1,325,620)	(17,594,438)	(1,392,043)	(16,339,092)
<b>NET DECREASE</b>	(1,325,620)	\$(17,594,438)	(1,391,603)	\$(16,333,595)
	Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio			
	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)		For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020	
	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars
<b>Institutional Shares</b>				
Shares sold	140,005	\$1,378,058	44,537	\$ 398,878
Reinvestment of distributions	—	—	3,244	30,659
Shares redeemed	(15,291)	(147,284)	(32,120)	(288,931)
	124,714	1,230,774	15,661	140,606
<b>Service Shares</b>				
Shares sold	238,285	2,320,193	123,578	1,094,287
Reinvestment of distributions	—	—	6,691	63,162
Shares redeemed	(90,786)	(889,963)	(79,590)	(709,770)
	147,499	1,430,230	50,679	447,679
<b>Advisor Shares</b>				
Shares sold	201,860	1,961,105	670,463	5,940,118
Reinvestment of distributions	—	—	31,672	298,027
Shares redeemed	(84,614)	(817,582)	(537,655)	(4,835,544)
	117,246	1,143,523	164,480	1,402,601
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	389,459	\$3,804,527	230,820	\$ 1,990,886

## Liquidity Risk Management Program (Unaudited)

Each Fund has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) in accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act. The Program seeks to assess and manage each Fund’s liquidity risk, *i.e.*, the risk that a Fund is unable to satisfy redemption requests without significantly diluting remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. The Board of Trustees of the Trust has designated GSAM, each Fund’s investment adviser, to administer the Program. Certain aspects of the Program rely on third parties to perform certain functions, including the provision of market data and application of models.

The Program is comprised of various components designed to support the assessment and/or management of liquidity risk, including: (1) the periodic assessment (no less frequently than annually) of certain factors that influence a Fund’s liquidity risk; (2) the periodic classification (no less frequently than monthly) of a Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories that reflect an estimate of their liquidity under current market conditions; (3) a 15% limit on the acquisition of “illiquid investments” (as defined under Rule 22e-4); (4) for a Fund that does not invest primarily in “highly liquid investments” (as defined under Rule 22e-4), the determination of a minimum percentage of the Fund’s assets that will generally be invested in highly liquid investments (a “Highly Liquid Investment Minimum”); and (5) periodic reporting to the Board of Trustees.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 9-10, 2021, GSAM provided a written report to the Board addressing the operation, and the adequacy and effectiveness of the implementation, of the Program, including, as applicable, the operation of any Highly Liquid Investment Minimum and any material changes to the Program, for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the “Reporting Period”). Among other things, the annual report and related materials discussed: (1) the results of stress tests designed to assess liquidity under a hypothetical stressed scenario involving elevated redemptions; (2) an assessment of the methodologies used to classify investments into one of four liquidity categories; and (3) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on liquidity and management of liquidity risk during the Reporting Period, including during stressed market conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The report concluded that the Program continues to be reasonably designed to assess and manage liquidity risk and was adequately and effectively implemented during the Reporting Period.

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



**Fund Expenses — Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)**

As a shareholder of Institutional, Service or Advisor Shares of a Fund you incur ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees (with respect to Service and Advisor Shares) and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in Institutional Shares, Service Shares and Advisor Shares of the Funds 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 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which represents a period of 181 days of a 365 day year.

**Actual Expenses** — The first line under each share class in the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. 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 in the first line under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

**Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes** — The second line under each share class in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Funds’ actual net expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Funds’ actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Funds and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only. As a shareholder of the Funds you do not incur any transaction costs, such as sales charges, redemption fees, or exchange fees, but shareholders of other funds may incur such costs. The second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds whose shareholders may incur transaction costs.

Share Class	Global Trends Allocation Fund			Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio		
	Beginning Account Value 01/01/21	Ending Account Value 06/30/21	Expenses Paid for the 6 Months Ended 06/30/21*	Beginning Account Value 01/01/21	Ending Account Value 06/30/21	Expenses Paid for the 6 Months Ended 06/30/21*
<b><u>Institutional</u></b>						
Actual	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$3.37	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1.09
Hypothetical 5% return	1,000	1,021.42+	3.41	1,000	1,023.70+	1.10
<b><u>Service</u></b>						
Actual	1,000	1,000.00	4.61	1,000	1,000.00	2.33
Hypothetical 5% return	1,000	1,020.18+	4.66	1,000	1,022.46+	2.36
<b><u>Advisor</u></b>						
Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,000	1,000.00	3.07
Hypothetical 5% return	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,000	1,021.72+	3.11

+ Hypothetical expenses are based on each Fund’s actual annualized net expense ratios and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses.

\* Expenses are calculated using each Fund’s annualized net expense ratio for each class, which represents the ongoing expenses as a percentage of net assets for the six months ended June 30, 2021. Expenses are calculated by multiplying the annualized net expense ratio by the average account value for the period; then multiplying the result by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year; and then dividing that result by the number of days in the fiscal year. The annualized net expense ratios for the period were as follows:

Fund	Institutional	Service	Advisor
Global Trends Allocation	0.68%	0.93%	N/A
Multi-Strategy Alternatives	0.22	0.47	0.62

## Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Management Agreement (Unaudited)

### **Background**

The Goldman Sachs Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio and Goldman Sachs Global Trends Allocation Fund (the “Funds”) are investment portfolios of Goldman Sachs Variable Insurance Trust (the “Trust”). The Board of Trustees oversees the management of the Trust and reviews the investment performance and expenses of the Funds at regularly scheduled meetings held throughout the year. In addition, the Board of Trustees determines annually whether to approve the continuance of the Trust’s investment management agreement (the “Management Agreement”) with Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (the “Investment Adviser”) on behalf of the Funds.

The Management Agreement was most recently approved for continuation until June 30, 2022 by the Board of Trustees, including those Trustees who are not parties to the Management Agreement or “interested persons” (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of any party thereto (the “Independent Trustees”), at a meeting held on June 15-16, 2021 (the “Annual Meeting”).

The review process undertaken by the Trustees spans the course of the year and culminates with the Annual Meeting. To assist the Trustees in their deliberations, the Trustees have established a Contract Review Committee (the “Committee”), comprised of the Independent Trustees. The Committee held two meetings over the course of the year since the Management Agreement was last approved. At those Committee meetings, regularly scheduled Board or other committee meetings, and/or the Annual Meeting, matters relevant to the renewal of the Management Agreement were considered by the Board, or the Independent Trustees, as applicable. With respect to each Fund, such matters included:

- (a) the nature and quality of the advisory, administrative, and other services provided to the Fund and the underlying funds in which the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio invests (the “Underlying Funds”) by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates, including information about:
  - (i) the structure, staff, and capabilities of the Investment Adviser and its portfolio management teams;
  - (ii) the groups within the Investment Adviser and its affiliates that support the portfolio management teams or provide other types of necessary services, including fund services groups (*e.g.*, accounting and financial reporting, tax, shareholder services, and operations); controls and risk management groups (*e.g.*, legal, compliance, valuation oversight, credit risk management, internal audit, compliance testing, market risk analysis, finance, and central funding); sales and distribution support groups, and others (*e.g.*, information technology and training);
  - (iii) trends in employee headcount;
  - (iv) the Investment Adviser’s financial resources and ability to hire and retain talented personnel and strengthen its operations; and
  - (v) the parent company’s support of the Investment Adviser and its mutual fund business, as expressed by the firm’s senior management;
- (b) information on the investment performance of the Fund and Underlying Funds, including comparisons to the performance of similar mutual funds, as provided by a third-party mutual fund data provider engaged as part of the contract review process (the “Outside Data Provider”), and a benchmark performance index; and information on general investment outlooks in the markets in which the Fund and Underlying Funds invest;
- (c) information provided by the Investment Adviser indicating the Investment Adviser’s views on whether the Fund’s peer group and/or benchmark index had high, medium, or low relevance given the Fund’s particular investment strategy;
- (d) the terms of the Management Agreement and other agreements with affiliated service providers entered into by the Trust on behalf of the Fund;
- (e) fee and expense information for the Fund, including:
  - (i) the relative management fee and expense levels of the Fund as compared to those of comparable funds managed by other advisers, as provided by the Outside Data Provider;
  - (ii) the Fund’s expense trends over time; and
  - (iii) to the extent the Investment Adviser manages other types of accounts (such as bank collective trusts, private wealth management accounts, institutional separate accounts, sub-advised mutual funds, and non-U.S. funds) having investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Fund, comparative information on the advisory fees charged and services provided to those accounts by the Investment Adviser;
- (f) with respect to the extensive investment performance and expense comparison data provided by the Outside Data Provider, its processes in producing that data for the Fund;
- (g) the undertakings of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates to implement fee waivers and/or expense limitations;
- (h) information relating to the profitability of the Management Agreement and the transfer agency and distribution and service arrangements of the Fund to the Investment Adviser and its affiliates;

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- (i) whether the Fund's existing management fee schedule, together with the management fee schedules of the Underlying Funds, adequately addressed any economies of scale;
- (j) a summary of the "fall-out" benefits derived by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund and/or the Underlying Funds, including the fees received by the Investment Adviser's affiliates from the Fund and/or the Underlying Funds for transfer agency, securities lending, portfolio trading, distribution and other services, as applicable;
- (k) a summary of potential benefits derived by the Fund and/or the Underlying Funds as a result of its relationship with the Investment Adviser;
- (l) information regarding commissions paid by the Fund and/or the Underlying Funds and broker oversight, an update on the Investment Adviser's soft dollars practices, other information regarding portfolio trading, and how the Investment Adviser carries out its duty to seek best execution;
- (m) the manner in which portfolio manager compensation is determined; and the number and types of accounts managed by the portfolio managers;
- (n) the nature and quality of the services provided to the Fund and the Underlying Funds by its unaffiliated service providers, and the Investment Adviser's general oversight and evaluation (including reports on due diligence) of those service providers as part of the administrative services provided under the Management Agreement; and
- (o) the Investment Adviser's processes and policies addressing various types of potential conflicts of interest; its approach to risk management; the annual review of the effectiveness of the Fund's compliance program; and periodic compliance reports.

The Trustees also received an overview of the Funds' distribution arrangements. They received information regarding the Funds' assets, share purchase and redemption activity, and payment of distribution and service fees, as applicable. Information was also provided to the Trustees relating to revenue sharing payments made by and services provided by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates to intermediaries that promote the sale, distribution, and/or servicing of Fund shares. The Independent Trustees also discussed the broad range of other investment choices that are available to Fund investors, including the availability of comparable funds managed by other advisers.

The presentations made at the Board and Committee meetings and at the Annual Meeting encompassed the Funds and other mutual funds for which the Board of Trustees has responsibility. In evaluating the Management Agreement at the Annual Meeting, the Trustees relied upon their knowledge, resulting from their meetings and other interactions throughout the year, of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates, their services, and the Funds. In conjunction with these meetings, the Trustees received written materials and oral presentations on the topics covered, and the Investment Adviser addressed the questions and concerns of the Trustees, including concerns regarding the investment performance of certain of the funds they oversee. The Independent Trustees were advised by their independent legal counsel regarding their responsibilities and other regulatory requirements related to the approval and continuation of mutual fund investment management agreements under applicable law. In addition, the Investment Adviser and its affiliates provided the Independent Trustees with a written response to a formal request for information sent on behalf of the Independent Trustees by their independent legal counsel. During the course of their deliberations, the Independent Trustees met in executive sessions with their independent legal counsel, without representatives of the Investment Adviser or its affiliates present.

**Nature, Extent, and Quality of the Services Provided Under the Management Agreement**

As part of their review, the Trustees considered the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to the Funds and the Underlying Funds by the Investment Adviser. In this regard, the Trustees considered both the investment advisory services and non-advisory services that are provided by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates. The Trustees noted the transition in the leadership and changes in personnel of various of the Investment Adviser's portfolio management teams that had occurred in recent periods, and the ongoing recruitment efforts aimed at bringing high quality investment talent to the Investment Adviser. They also noted the Investment Adviser's commitment to maintaining high quality systems and expending substantial resources to respond to ongoing changes to the market, regulatory and control environment in which the Funds, the Underlying Funds, and their service providers operate, including changes associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the efforts of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates to combat cyber security risks. The Trustees also considered information regarding the Investment Adviser's business continuity planning and remote operations capabilities. The Trustees concluded that the Investment Adviser continued to commit substantial financial and operational resources to the Funds and expressed confidence that the Investment Adviser would continue to do so in the future. The Trustees also recognized that the Investment Adviser had made significant commitments to address regulatory compliance requirements applicable to the Funds, the Underlying Funds, and the Investment Adviser and its affiliates.

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### Investment Performance

The Trustees also considered the investment performance of the Funds the Underlying Funds. In this regard, they compared the investment performance of each Fund to its peers using rankings and ratings compiled by the Outside Data Provider as of December 31, 2020, and updated performance information prepared by the Investment Adviser using the peer group identified by the Outside Data Provider as of March 31, 2021. The information on each Fund's investment performance was provided for the one-, three-, and five-year periods ending on the applicable dates. The Trustees also reviewed each Fund's investment performance relative to its performance benchmark. As part of this review, they considered the investment performance trends of the Funds over time, and reviewed the investment performance of each Fund in light of its investment objective and policies and market conditions.

In addition, the Trustees considered materials prepared and presentations made by the Investment Adviser's senior management and portfolio management personnel in which Fund performance was assessed. The Trustees also considered the Investment Adviser's periodic reports with respect to the Funds' and the Underlying Funds' risk profiles, and how the Investment Adviser's approach to risk monitoring and management influences portfolio management. For the Global Trends Allocation Fund, they noted the efforts of the Fund's portfolio management team to continue to enhance the investment models used in managing the Fund.

The Trustees noted that the Global Trends Allocation Fund's Institutional Shares had placed in the fourth quartile of the Fund's peer group for the one-year period and the third quartile of the Fund's peer group for the three- and five-year periods; had underperformed the Fund's benchmark index for the one-, three-, and five-year periods; and had underperformed the Fund's Competitor Fund Average for the one-, three-, and five-year periods ended March 31, 2021. They considered that the Fund had experienced certain portfolio management changes in 2020. The Trustees observed that the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio's Institutional Shares had placed in the top half of the Fund's peer group for the one- and three-year periods and in the third quartile for the five-year period; had outperformed the Fund's LIBOR-based benchmark index by 16.47%, 2.06%, and 2.07%, respectively, for the one-, three-, and five-year periods; and had underperformed the Fund's Competitor Fund Average for the one-, three-, and five-year periods ending March 31, 2021.

### Costs of Services Provided and Competitive Information

The Trustees considered the contractual terms of the Management Agreement and the fee rates payable by each Fund thereunder. In this regard, the Trustees considered information on the services rendered by the Investment Adviser to the Funds, which included both advisory and administrative services that were directed to the needs and operations of the Funds as registered mutual funds.

In particular, the Trustees reviewed analyses prepared by the Outside Data Provider regarding the expense rankings of the Funds. The analyses provided a comparison of each Fund's management fee and (in the case of the Global Trends Allocation Fund) breakpoints to those of a relevant peer group and category universe; an expense analysis which compared each Fund's overall net and gross expenses to a peer group and a category universe; and data comparing each Fund's net expenses to the peer and category medians. The analyses also compared each Fund's other expenses and fee waivers/reimbursements to those of the peer group and category medians. The Trustees concluded that the comparisons provided by the Outside Data Provider were useful in evaluating the reasonableness of the management fees and total expenses paid by the Funds.

In addition, the Trustees considered the Investment Adviser's undertakings to implement fee waivers and/or expense limitations with respect to the Funds and the Underlying Funds. They also considered, to the extent that the Investment Adviser manages other types of accounts having investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Funds, comparative fee information for services provided by the Investment Adviser to those accounts, and information that indicated that services provided to the Funds differed in various significant respects from the services provided to other types of accounts which, in many cases, operated under less stringent legal and regulatory structures, required fewer services from the Investment Adviser to a smaller number of client contact points, and were less time-intensive.

In addition, the Trustees noted that shareholders are able to redeem their Fund shares at any time if shareholders believe that the Fund fees and expenses are too high or if they are dissatisfied with the performance of the Fund.

### Profitability

The Trustees reviewed each Fund's contribution to the Investment Adviser's revenues and pre-tax profit margins. In this regard the Trustees noted that they had received, among other things, profitability analyses and summaries, revenue and expense schedules by Fund and by function (*i.e.*, investment management, transfer agency and distribution and service), and information on the Investment Adviser's expense allocation methodology. They observed that the profitability and expense figures are substantially

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similar to those used by the Investment Adviser for many internal purposes, including compensation decisions among various business groups, and are thus subject to a vigorous internal debate about how certain revenue and expenses should be allocated. The Trustees also noted that the internal audit group within the Goldman Sachs organization periodically audits the expense allocation methodology and that the internal audit group was satisfied with the reasonableness, consistency, and accuracy of the Investment Adviser's expense allocation methodology. Profitability data for each Fund was provided for 2020 and 2019, and the Trustees considered this information in relation to the Investment Adviser's overall profitability.

### Economies of Scale

The Trustees considered the information that had been provided regarding whether there have been economies of scale with respect to the management of the Funds. For the Global Trends Allocation Fund, the Trustees also considered the breakpoints in the fee rate payable under the Management Agreement for the Fund at the following annual percentage rates of the average daily net assets of the Fund:

First \$1 billion	0.79%
Next \$1 billion	0.71
Next \$3 billion	0.68
Next \$3 billion	0.66
Over \$8 billion	0.65

The Trustees noted that the breakpoints were designed to share potential economies of scale, if any, with the Global Trends Allocation Fund and its shareholders as assets under management reach those asset levels. The Trustees considered the amounts of assets in the Global Trends Allocation Fund; the Fund's recent share purchase and redemption activity; the information provided by the Investment Adviser relating to the costs of the services provided by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates and their realized profits; information comparing fee rates charged by the Investment Adviser with fee rates charged to other funds in the peer group; and the Investment Adviser's undertakings to waive a portion of its management fee and to limit certain expenses of the Funds that exceed specified levels. Upon reviewing these matters at the Annual Meeting, the Trustees concluded that the fee breakpoints represented a means of assuring that benefits of scalability, if any, would be passed along to shareholders at the specified asset levels.

For the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund itself does not have breakpoints in its management fee schedule, any benefits of the breakpoints in the management fee schedules of certain Underlying Funds, when reached, would pass through to the shareholders in the Fund at the specified asset levels. The Trustees considered the amounts of assets in the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio; the Fund's recent purchase and redemption activity; the information provided by the Investment Adviser relating to the costs of the services provided by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates and the profits realized by them; information comparing the fee rates charged by the Investment Adviser with fee rates charged to other funds in the peer groups; and the Investment Adviser's undertaking to limit certain expenses of the Fund and Underlying Funds that exceed specified levels. They also considered the services provided to the Multi-Strategy Alternatives Portfolio under the Management Agreement and the fees and expenses borne by the Underlying Funds, and determined that the management fees payable by the Fund were not duplicative of the management fees paid at the Underlying Fund level.

### Other Benefits to the Investment Adviser and Its Affiliates

The Trustees also considered the other benefits derived by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates from their relationships with the Funds and/or the Underlying Funds as stated above, including: (a) transfer agency fees received by Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ("Goldman Sachs"); (b) brokerage and futures commissions earned by Goldman Sachs for executing securities and futures transactions on behalf of the Funds and certain Underlying Funds; (c) research received by the Investment Adviser from broker-dealers in exchange for executing certain transactions on behalf of certain Underlying Funds; (d) trading efficiencies resulting from aggregation of orders of the Funds or Underlying Funds with those for other funds or accounts managed by the Investment Adviser; (e) fees earned by Goldman Sachs Agency Lending ("GSAL"), an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, as securities lending agent for the Funds and certain Underlying Funds (and fees earned by the Investment Adviser for managing the fund in which the Funds' and those Underlying Funds' securities lending cash collateral is invested); (f) the Investment Adviser's ability to leverage the infrastructure designed to service the Funds on behalf of its other clients; (g) the Investment Adviser's ability to cross-market other products and services to Fund shareholders; (h) Goldman Sachs' retention of certain fees as Fund Distributor; (i) the Investment Adviser's ability to negotiate better pricing with custodians on behalf of its other clients, as a result of the relationship with the Funds and the Underlying Funds; (j) the investment of cash and cash collateral in money market funds managed by the Investment

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Adviser that will result in increased assets under management for those money market funds; and (k) the possibility that the working relationship between the Investment Adviser and the Funds' and the Underlying Funds' third-party service providers may cause those service providers to be more likely to do business with other areas of Goldman Sachs. In the course of considering the foregoing, the Independent Trustees requested and received further information quantifying certain of these fall-out benefits.

### **Other Benefits to the Funds and Their Shareholders**

The Trustees also noted that the Funds and/or the Underlying Funds (as applicable) receive certain other potential benefits as a result of their relationship with the Investment Adviser, including: (a) trading efficiencies resulting from aggregation of orders of the Funds with those of other funds or accounts managed by the Investment Adviser; (b) enhanced servicing from vendors due to the volume of business generated by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates; (c) enhanced servicing from broker-dealers due to the volume of business generated by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates; (d) the Investment Adviser's ability to negotiate favorable terms with derivatives counterparties on behalf of the Funds and the Underlying Funds as a result of the size and reputation of the Goldman Sachs organization; (e) the advantages received from the Investment Adviser's knowledge and experience gained from managing other accounts and products; (f) the Investment Adviser's ability to hire and retain qualified personnel to provide services to the Funds and the Underlying Funds because of the reputation of the Goldman Sachs organization; (g) the Funds' and Underlying Funds' access, through the Investment Adviser, to certain firm-wide resources (e.g., proprietary risk management systems and databases), subject to certain restrictions; (h) the Funds' and Underlying Funds' ability to participate in the securities lending program administered by GSAL, as measured by the revenue received by the Funds in connection with the program; and (i) the Funds' access to certain affiliated distribution channels. In addition, the Trustees noted the competitive nature of the mutual fund marketplace, and considered that many of the Funds' shareholders invested in the Funds in part because of the Funds' relationship with the Investment Adviser and that those shareholders have a general expectation that the relationship will continue.

### **Conclusion**

In connection with their consideration of the Management Agreement, the Trustees gave weight to each of the factors described above, but did not identify any particular factor as controlling their decision. After deliberation and consideration of all of the information provided, including the factors described above, the Trustees concluded, in the exercise of their business judgment, that the management fees paid by each of the Funds were reasonable in light of the services provided to it by the Investment Adviser, the Investment Adviser's costs and each Fund's current and reasonably foreseeable asset levels. The Trustees unanimously concluded that the Investment Adviser's continued management likely would benefit each Fund and its shareholders and that the Management Agreement should be approved and continued with respect to each Fund until June 30, 2022.



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