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June 30, 2021

COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS

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# COLUMBIA VARIABLE PORTFOLIO – SELIGMAN GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY FUND

Please remember that you may not buy (nor will you own) shares of the Fund directly. The Fund is available through variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies as well as qualified pension and retirement plans. Please contact your financial advisor or insurance representative for more information.

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## Proxy voting policies and procedures

The policy of the Board of Trustees is to vote the proxies of the companies in which Columbia Variable Portfolio – Seligman Global Technology Fund (the Fund) holds investments consistent with the procedures as stated in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI). You may obtain a copy of the SAI without charge by calling 800.345.6611; contacting your financial intermediary or searching the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at sec.gov. Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is filed with the SEC by August 31st for the most recent 12-month period ending June 30th of that year, and is available without charge by visiting columbiathreadneedleus.com/investor/, or searching the website of the SEC at sec.gov.

## Quarterly schedule of investments

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT is available on the SEC's website at sec.gov. The Fund's complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as filed on Form N-PORT, can also be obtained without charge, upon request, by calling 800.345.6611.

## Additional Fund information

### Fund investment manager

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager)
290 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210

### Fund distributor

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### Fund transfer agent

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Kansas City, MO 64121-9104

# FUND AT A GLANCE

(Unaudited)

## Investment objective

The Fund seeks to provide shareholders with long-term capital appreciation.

## Portfolio management

**Paul Wick**
Lead Portfolio Manager
Managed Fund since 2006

**Shekhar Pramanick**
Technology Team Member
Managed Fund since 2014

**Sanjay Devgan**
Technology Team Member
Managed Fund since 2014

**Christopher Boova**
Technology Team Member
Managed Fund since 2016

**Vimal Patel**
Technology Team Member
Managed Fund since 2018

**Sanjiv Wadhwani**
Technology Team Member
Managed Fund since March 2021

**Average annual total returns (%) (for the period ended June 30, 2021)**

| | Inception | 6 Months cumulative | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Class 1 | 05/01/96 | 22.22 | 67.82 | 32.25 | 21.52 |
| Class 2 | 05/01/00 | 22.12 | 67.42 | 31.92 | 21.22 |
| MSCI World Information Technology Index (Net) | | 13.06 | 42.73 | 29.61 | 19.95 |

**Performance data quoted represents past performance and current performance may be lower or higher. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. For current month-end performance information, please contact your financial advisor or insurance representative.**

**Performance results reflect the effect of any fee waivers or reimbursements of fund expenses by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC and/or any of its affiliates. Absent these fee waivers or expense reimbursement arrangements, performance results would have been lower.**

**Investment earnings, if any, are tax-deferred until distributed to shareholders, at which time taxes may become due. Total return performance includes changes in share price and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any. Performance results reflect the effect of all fund expenses, but do not include any fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or variable life insurance policy or qualified pension or retirement plan. If performance results included the effect of these additional charges, they would be lower.**

The MSCI World Information Technology Index (Net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure information technology stock performance in the global developed equity market.

Indices are not available for investment, are not professionally managed and do not reflect sales charges, fees, brokerage commissions, taxes (except the MSCI World Information Technology Index (Net), which reflects reinvested dividends net of withholding taxes) or other expenses of investing. Securities in the Fund may not match those in an index.

**Fund performance may be significantly negatively impacted by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted economies and capital markets around the world in ways that will likely continue and may change in unforeseen ways for an indeterminate period. The COVID-19 pandemic may exacerbate pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries and globally.**

# FUND AT A GLANCE (continued)

(Unaudited)

| Equity sector breakdown (%) (at June 30, 2021) | |
|---|---|
| Communication Services | 9.3 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 2.7 |
| Health Care | 0.5 |
| Industrials | 2.2 |
| Information Technology | 85.3 |
| **Total** | **100.0** |

Percentages indicated are based upon total equity investments. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change.

| Equity sub-industry breakdown (%) (at June 30, 2021) | |
|---|---|
| **Information Technology** | |
| Application Software | 9.4 |
| Communications Equipment | 5.7 |
| Data Processing & Outsourced Services | 5.3 |
| Electronic Equipment & Instruments | 1.5 |
| Internet Services & Infrastructure | 1.6 |
| IT Consulting & Other Services | 0.4 |
| Semiconductor Equipment | 15.9 |
| Semiconductors | 20.3 |
| Systems Software | 12.7 |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals | 12.5 |
| **Total** | **85.3** |

Percentages indicated are based upon total equity investments. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change.

| Country breakdown (%) (at June 30, 2021) | |
|---|---|
| Brazil | 0.9 |
| Canada | 0.7 |
| Germany | 0.4 |
| Israel | 0.4 |
| Japan | 1.0 |
| Netherlands | 1.4 |
| Sweden | 0.7 |
| United States[(a)] | 94.5 |
| **Total** | **100.0** |

(a) Includes investments in Money Market Funds.

Country breakdown is based primarily on issuer's place of organization/incorporation. Percentages indicated are based upon total investments excluding investments in derivatives, if any. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change.

The Fund may use place of organization/incorporation or other factors in determining whether an issuer is domestic (U.S.) or foreign for purposes of its investment policies. At June 30, 2021, the Fund invested at least 40% of its net assets in foreign companies in accordance with its principal investment strategy.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES

(Unaudited)

As an investor, you incur ongoing costs, which generally include management fees, distribution and/or service fees, and other fund expenses. The following information is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to help you compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The information below does not reflect fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or variable life insurance policy (collectively, Contracts) or qualified pension and retirement plan (Qualified Plan), if any. The total fees and expenses you bear may therefore be higher than those shown below.

## Analyzing your Fund's expenses

To illustrate these ongoing costs, we have provided examples and calculated the expenses paid by investors in each share class of the Fund during the period. The actual and hypothetical information in the table is based on an initial investment of $1,000 at the beginning of the period indicated and held for the entire period. Expense information is calculated two ways and each method provides you with different information. The amount listed in the "Actual" column is calculated using the Fund's actual operating expenses and total return for the period. You may use the Actual information, together with the amount 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 results by the expenses paid during the period under the "Actual" column. The amount listed in the "Hypothetical" column assumes a 5% annual rate of return before expenses (which is not the Fund's actual return) and then applies the Fund's actual expense ratio for the period to the hypothetical return. You should not use the hypothetical account values and expenses to estimate either your actual account balance at the end of the period or the expenses you paid during the period. See "Compare with other funds" below for details on how to use the hypothetical data.

## Compare with other funds

Since all mutual funds are required to include the same hypothetical calculations about expenses in shareholder reports, you can use this information to compare the ongoing cost of investing in the Fund with other funds. To do so, compare the hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds. As you compare hypothetical examples of other funds, it is important to note that hypothetical examples are meant to highlight the ongoing costs of investing in a fund only and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as redemption or exchange fees, or expenses that apply to the subaccount or the Contract. Therefore, the hypothetical calculations are useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. If the fees and expenses imposed under your Contract or Qualified Plan, if any, were included, your costs would be higher.

| January 1, 2021 — June 30, 2021 | Account value at the beginning of the period ($) | | Account value at the end of the period ($) | | Expenses paid during the period ($) | | Fund's annualized expense ratio (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Hypothetical | Actual | Hypothetical | Actual | Hypothetical | Actual |
| Class 1 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,222.20 | 1,019.89 | 5.45 | 4.96 | 0.99 |
| Class 2 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,221.20 | 1,018.65 | 6.83 | 6.21 | 1.24 |

Expenses paid during the period are equal to the annualized expense ratio for each class as indicated above, multiplied by the average account value over the period and then multiplied by the number of days in the Fund's most recent fiscal half year and divided by 365.

Expenses do not include fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund from its investment in underlying funds, including affiliated and non-affiliated pooled investment vehicles, such as mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.

Had Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC and/or certain of its affiliates not waived/reimbursed certain fees and expenses, account value at the end of the period would have been reduced.

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

(Percentages represent value of investments compared to net assets)

## Investments in securities

| Common Stocks 99.3% | | |
|---|---|---|
| Issuer | Shares | Value ($) |
| **Brazil 0.9%** | | |
| Pagseguro Digital Ltd., Class A[a] | 25,487 | 1,425,233 |
| **Canada 0.7%** | | |
| Shaw Communications Inc | 35,900 | 1,039,988 |
| **Germany 0.4%** | | |
| Vantage Towers AG[a] | 18,460 | 594,504 |
| **Israel 0.4%** | | |
| Cognyte Software Ltd.[a] | 9,043 | 221,553 |
| CyberArk Software Ltd.[a] | 3,300 | 429,891 |
| Total | | 651,444 |
| **Japan 0.9%** | | |
| Renesas Electronics Corp.[a] | 136,400 | 1,472,078 |
| **Netherlands 1.4%** | | |
| NXP Semiconductors NV | 10,500 | 2,160,060 |
| **Sweden 0.7%** | | |
| Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, ADR | 87,400 | 1,099,492 |
| **United States 93.9%** | | |
| Activision Blizzard, Inc. | 17,687 | 1,688,047 |
| Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. | 21,084 | 2,376,378 |
| Alphabet, Inc., Class A[a] | 2,750 | 6,714,922 |
| Alphabet, Inc., Class C[a] | 1,327 | 3,325,887 |
| Analog Devices, Inc. | 10,334 | 1,779,101 |
| Apple, Inc. | 56,000 | 7,669,760 |
| Applied Materials, Inc. | 42,046 | 5,987,350 |
| Arista Networks, Inc.[a] | 3,724 | 1,349,242 |
| Bloom Energy Corp., Class A[a] | 119,419 | 3,208,789 |
| Broadcom, Inc. | 12,187 | 5,811,249 |
| Cerence, Inc.[a] | 21,134 | 2,255,209 |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | 10,300 | 545,900 |
| Comcast Corp., Class A | 6,300 | 359,226 |
| Confluent, Inc., Class A[a] | 915 | 43,463 |
| Cornerstone OnDemand, Inc.[a] | 13,550 | 698,909 |
| Dell Technologies, Inc.[a] | 21,608 | 2,153,669 |
| Doximity, Inc., Class A[a] | 2,054 | 119,543 |
| Dropbox, Inc., Class A[a] | 119,282 | 3,615,437 |
| DXC Technology Co.[a] | 15,600 | 607,464 |

| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Issuer | Shares | Value ($) |
| eBay, Inc. | 58,245 | 4,089,381 |
| Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.[a] | 68,900 | 587,028 |
| F5 Networks, Inc.[a] | 10,100 | 1,885,266 |
| Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. | 9,300 | 1,317,531 |
| First Advantage Corp.[a] | 11,217 | 223,330 |
| Fiserv, Inc.[a] | 11,794 | 1,260,661 |
| Fortinet, Inc.[a] | 11,478 | 2,733,945 |
| GoDaddy, Inc., Class A[a] | 26,208 | 2,279,048 |
| HP, Inc. | 72,952 | 2,202,421 |
| Intapp, Inc.[a] | 13,201 | 369,628 |
| Intel Corp. | 20,822 | 1,168,947 |
| Lam Research Corp. | 17,620 | 11,465,334 |
| Legalzoom.com, Inc.[a] | 2,811 | 106,396 |
| Lumentum Holdings, Inc.[a] | 17,075 | 1,400,662 |
| Marqeta, Inc., Class A[a] | 11,796 | 331,114 |
| Marvell Technology, Inc. | 79,921 | 4,661,792 |
| Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. | 18,110 | 1,908,070 |
| McAfee Corp., Class A | 39,819 | 1,115,728 |
| Micron Technology, Inc.[a] | 40,263 | 3,421,550 |
| Microsoft Corp. | 19,300 | 5,228,370 |
| NetApp, Inc. | 43,200 | 3,534,624 |
| NortonLifeLock, Inc. | 94,445 | 2,570,793 |
| Oracle Corp. | 21,000 | 1,634,640 |
| Palo Alto Networks, Inc.[a] | 6,565 | 2,435,943 |
| Plantronics, Inc.[a] | 57,105 | 2,382,992 |
| Qorvo, Inc.[a] | 5,375 | 1,051,619 |
| Rambus, Inc.[a] | 29,200 | 692,332 |
| SailPoint Technologies Holdings, Inc.[a] | 9,224 | 471,070 |
| Salesforce.com, Inc.[a] | 5,805 | 1,417,987 |
| Sciplay Corp., Class A[a] | 24,678 | 418,292 |
| SentinelOne, Inc., Class A[a] | 10,025 | 426,063 |
| SMART Global Holdings, Inc.[a] | 20,485 | 976,725 |
| Synaptics, Inc.[a] | 37,949 | 5,904,105 |
| Synopsys, Inc.[a] | 17,934 | 4,946,018 |
| TaskUS, Inc., Class A[a] | 4,242 | 145,246 |
| Tenable Holdings, Inc.[a] | 4,145 | 171,396 |
| Teradyne, Inc. | 51,843 | 6,944,888 |

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# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

| Common Stocks (continued) | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Issuer** | **Shares** | **Value ($)** |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc.[(a)] | 1,200 | 173,796 |
| Verint Systems, Inc.[(a)] | 9,643 | 434,610 |
| Visa, Inc., Class A | 15,675 | 3,665,128 |
| Western Digital Corp.[(a)] | 50,228 | 3,574,727 |
| Xperi Holding Corp. | 97,715 | 2,173,182 |
| Zendesk, Inc.[(a)] | 2,800 | 404,152 |
| **Total** | | **144,616,075** |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost $85,981,583) | | **153,058,874** |

| Money Market Funds 1.2% | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Shares** | **Value ($)** |
| Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, 0.051%[(b),(c)] | 1,850,001 | 1,849,816 |
| Total Money Market Funds (Cost $1,849,816) | | **1,849,816** |
| **Total Investments in Securities (Cost $87,831,399)** | | **154,908,690** |
| **Other Assets & Liabilities, Net** | | **(837,278)** |
| **Net Assets** | | **$154,071,412** |

## Notes to Portfolio of Investments

(a) Non-income producing investment.

(b) The rate shown is the seven-day current annualized yield at June 30, 2021.

(c) As defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, an affiliated company is one in which the Fund owns 5% or more of the company's outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Fund. The value of the holdings and transactions in these affiliated companies during the period ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

| Affiliated issuers | Beginning of period($) | Purchases($) | Sales($) | Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)($) | End of period($) | Realized gain (loss)($) | Dividends($) | End of period shares |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, 0.051% | 1,029,028 | 16,793,513 | (15,972,725) | – | 1,849,816 | – | 505 | 1,850,001 |

## Abbreviation Legend

ADR American Depositary Receipt

## Fair value measurements

The Fund categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by prioritizing that the most observable input be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing an investment based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Fund's assumptions about the information market participants would use in pricing an investment. An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is deemed significant to the asset's or liability's fair value measurement. The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments at that level. For example, certain U.S. government securities are generally high quality and liquid, however, they are reflected as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

Fair value inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices for investments in active markets that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 investments.
- Level 2 – Valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.).
- Level 3 – Valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions and judgment in determining the fair value of investments).

Inputs that are used in determining fair value of an investment may include price information, credit data, volatility statistics, and other factors. These inputs can be either observable or unobservable. The availability of observable inputs can vary between investments, and is affected by various factors such as the type of investment, and the volume and level of activity for that investment or similar investments in the marketplace. The inputs will be considered by the Investment Manager, along with any other relevant factors in the calculation of an investment's fair value. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocations. During these periods, the availability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many investments. This condition could cause an investment to be reclassified between the various levels within the hierarchy.

Foreign equity securities actively traded in markets where there is a significant delay in the local close relative to the New York Stock Exchange are classified as Level 2. The values of these securities may include an adjustment to reflect the impact of market movements following the close of local trading, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements – Security valuation.

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# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

## Fair value measurements (continued)

Investments falling into the Level 3 category are primarily supported by quoted prices from brokers and dealers participating in the market for those investments. However, these may be classified as Level 3 investments due to lack of market transparency and corroboration to support these quoted prices. Additionally, valuation models may be used as the pricing source for any remaining investments classified as Level 3. These models may rely on one or more significant unobservable inputs and/or significant assumptions by the Investment Manager. Inputs used in valuations may include, but are not limited to, financial statement analysis, capital account balances, discount rates and estimated cash flows, and comparable company data.

Under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Investment Manager's Valuation Committee (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing the valuation procedures approved by the Board. The Committee consists of voting and non-voting members from various groups within the Investment Manager's organization, including operations and accounting, trading and investments, compliance, risk management and legal.

The Committee meets at least monthly to review and approve valuation matters, which may include a description of specific valuation determinations, data regarding pricing information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers and the results of Board-approved valuation control policies and procedures (the Policies). The Policies address, among other things, instances when market quotations are or are not readily available, including recommendations of third party pricing vendors and a determination of appropriate pricing methodologies; events that require specific valuation determinations and assessment of fair value techniques; securities with a potential for stale pricing, including those that are illiquid, restricted, or in default; and the effectiveness of third party pricing vendors, including periodic reviews of vendors. The Committee meets more frequently, as needed, to discuss additional valuation matters, which may include the need to review back-testing results, review time-sensitive information or approve related valuation actions. The Committee reports to the Board, with members of the Committee meeting with the Board at each of its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss valuation matters and actions during the period, similar to those described earlier.

The following table is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at June 30, 2021:

| | Level 1 ($) | Level 2 ($) | Level 3 ($) | Total ($) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Investments in Securities** | | | | |
| Common Stocks | | | | |
| Brazil | 1,425,233 | – | – | 1,425,233 |
| Canada | 1,039,988 | – | – | 1,039,988 |
| Germany | – | 594,504 | – | 594,504 |
| Israel | 651,444 | – | – | 651,444 |
| Japan | – | 1,472,078 | – | 1,472,078 |
| Netherlands | 2,160,060 | – | – | 2,160,060 |
| Sweden | 1,099,492 | – | – | 1,099,492 |
| United States | 144,616,075 | – | – | 144,616,075 |
| Total Common Stocks | 150,992,292 | 2,066,582 | – | 153,058,874 |
| Money Market Funds | 1,849,816 | – | – | 1,849,816 |
| Total Investments in Securities | 152,842,108 | 2,066,582 | – | 154,908,690 |

See the Portfolio of Investments for all investment classifications not indicated in the table.

The Fund's assets assigned to the Level 2 input category are generally valued using the market approach, in which a security's value is determined through reference to prices and information from market transactions for similar or identical assets. These assets include certain foreign securities for which a third party statistical pricing service may be employed for purposes of fair market valuation. The model utilized by such third party statistical pricing service takes into account a security's correlation to available market data including, but not limited to, intraday index, ADR, and exchange-traded fund movements.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assets** | |
| Investments in securities, at value | |
| Unaffiliated issuers (cost $85,981,583) | $153,058,874 |
| Affiliated issuers (cost $1,849,816) | 1,849,816 |
| Receivable for: | |
| Investments sold | 90,996 |
| Capital shares sold | 57,447 |
| Dividends | 46,493 |
| Foreign tax reclaims | 2,678 |
| Expense reimbursement due from Investment Manager | 734 |
| Prepaid expenses | 9,688 |
| Total assets | 155,116,726 |
| **Liabilities** | |
| Payable for: | |
| Investments purchased | 870,377 |
| Capital shares purchased | 27,620 |
| Management services fees | 3,875 |
| Distribution and/or service fees | 630 |
| Service fees | 67,104 |
| Compensation of board members | 45,900 |
| Compensation of chief compliance officer | 12 |
| Other expenses | 29,796 |
| Total liabilities | 1,045,314 |
| **Net assets applicable to outstanding capital stock** | **$154,071,412** |
| **Represented by** | |
| Paid in capital | 57,103,336 |
| Total distributable earnings (loss) | 96,968,076 |
| **Total - representing net assets applicable to outstanding capital stock** | **$154,071,412** |
| **Class 1** | |
| Net assets | $62,385,392 |
| Shares outstanding | 1,617,698 |
| Net asset value per share | $38.56 |
| **Class 2** | |
| Net assets | $91,686,020 |
| Shares outstanding | 2,657,116 |
| Net asset value per share | $34.51 |

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# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Net investment income** | |
| Income: | |
| Dividends — unaffiliated issuers | $786,001 |
| Dividends — affiliated issuers | 505 |
| Foreign taxes withheld | (5,312) |
| Total income | 781,194 |
| Expenses: | |
| Management services fees | 669,250 |
| Distribution and/or service fees | |
| Class 2 | 105,308 |
| Service fees | 132,858 |
| Compensation of board members | 14,716 |
| Custodian fees | 8,323 |
| Printing and postage fees | 5,957 |
| Audit fees | 15,008 |
| Legal fees | 6,486 |
| Interest on interfund lending | 96 |
| Compensation of chief compliance officer | 14 |
| Other | 7,595 |
| Total expenses | 965,611 |
| Fees waived or expenses reimbursed by Investment Manager and its affiliates | (133,246) |
| Total net expenses | 832,365 |
| **Net investment loss** | (51,171) |
| **Realized and unrealized gain (loss) — net** | |
| Net realized gain (loss) on: | |
| Investments — unaffiliated issuers | 13,327,000 |
| Foreign currency translations | 5,468 |
| Options purchased | 39,471 |
| Options contracts written | 34,994 |
| Net realized gain | 13,406,933 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: | |
| Investments — unaffiliated issuers | 15,518,437 |
| Foreign currency translations | 27 |
| Options purchased | (2,897) |
| Options contracts written | (41,912) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 15,473,655 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain | 28,880,588 |
| **Net increase in net assets resulting from operations** | **$28,829,417** |

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) | Year Ended December 31, 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| **Operations** | | |
| Net investment income (loss) | $(51,171) | $498,646 |
| Net realized gain | 13,406,933 | 16,357,859 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 15,473,655 | 25,161,155 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 28,829,417 | 42,017,660 |
| **Distributions to shareholders** | | |
| Net investment income and net realized gains | | |
| Class 1 | – | (3,579,293) |
| Class 2 | – | (4,986,844) |
| Total distributions to shareholders | – | (8,566,137) |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from capital stock activity | (10,535,782) | 738,269 |
| Total increase in net assets | 18,293,635 | 34,189,792 |
| Net assets at beginning of period | 135,777,777 | 101,587,985 |
| **Net assets at end of period** | **$154,071,412** | **$135,777,777** |

| | Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (Unaudited) | | Year Ended December 31, 2020 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Shares | Dollars ($) | Shares | Dollars ($) |
| **Capital stock activity** | | | | |
| Class 1 | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 470 | 16,404 | 14,117 | 319,910 |
| Distributions reinvested | – | – | 148,396 | 3,579,292 |
| Redemptions | (240,738) | (8,405,274) | (212,068) | (4,942,112) |
| Net decrease | (240,268) | (8,388,870) | (49,555) | (1,042,910) |
| Class 2 | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 363,889 | 11,532,964 | 824,508 | 17,942,880 |
| Distributions reinvested | – | – | 230,552 | 4,986,844 |
| Redemptions | (437,273) | (13,679,876) | (1,024,118) | (21,148,545) |
| Net increase (decrease) | (73,384) | (2,146,912) | 30,942 | 1,781,179 |
| **Total net increase (decrease)** | **(313,652)** | **(10,535,782)** | **(18,613)** | **738,269** |

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance. Certain information reflects financial results for a single share of a class held for the periods shown. Per share net investment income (loss) amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the period. Total return assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions, if any. Total return does not reflect any fees and expenses imposed under your Contract and/or Qualified Plan, as applicable; such fees and expenses would reduce the total returns for all periods shown. Total return and portfolio turnover are not annualized for periods of less than one year. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to purchase and sales transactions of short-term instruments and certain derivatives, if any. If such transactions were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate may be higher.

| | Net asset value, beginning of period | Net investment income (loss) | Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | Total from investment operations | Distributions from net realized gains | Total distributions to shareholders |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Class 1** | | | | | | |
| Six Months Ended 6/30/2021 (Unaudited) | $31.55 | 0.01 | 7.00 | 7.01 | – | – |
| Year Ended 12/31/2020 | $23.36 | 0.15 | 10.03 | 10.18 | (1.99) | (1.99) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2019 | $17.78 | 0.02 | 9.00 | 9.02 | (3.44) | (3.44) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2018 | $21.56 | 0.01 | (1.47) | (1.46) | (2.32) | (2.32) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2017 | $21.67 | (0.03) | 6.79 | 6.76 | (6.87) | (6.87) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2016 | $27.97 | (0.04) | 3.55 | 3.51 | (9.81) | (9.81) |
| **Class 2** | | | | | | |
| Six Months Ended 6/30/2021 (Unaudited) | $28.26 | (0.03) | 6.28 | 6.25 | – | – |
| Year Ended 12/31/2020 | $21.12 | 0.08 | 9.00 | 9.08 | (1.94) | (1.94) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2019 | $16.33 | (0.03) | 8.20 | 8.17 | (3.38) | (3.38) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2018 | $19.99 | (0.04) | (1.35) | (1.39) | (2.27) | (2.27) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2017 | $20.50 | (0.08) | 6.38 | 6.30 | (6.81) | (6.81) |
| Year Ended 12/31/2016 | $26.98 | (0.12) | 3.38 | 3.26 | (9.74) | (9.74) |

**Notes to Financial Highlights**

(a) In addition to the fees and expenses that the Fund bears directly, the Fund indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of any other funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the Fund's reported expense ratios.

(b) Total net expenses include the impact of certain fee waivers/expense reimbursements made by the Investment Manager and certain of its affiliates, if applicable.

(c) Annualized.

(d) Ratios include interfund lending expense which is less than 0.01%.

(e) Ratios include line of credit interest expense which is less than 0.01%.

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

| | Net asset value, end of period | Total return | Total gross expense ratio to average net assets[a] | Total net expense ratio to average net assets[a],[b] | Net investment income (loss) ratio to average net assets | Portfolio turnover | Net assets, end of period (000's) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Class 1** | | | | | | | |
| Six Months Ended 6/30/2021 (Unaudited) | $38.56 | 22.22% | 1.17%[c],[d] | 0.99%[c],[d] | 0.05%[c] | 16% | $62,385 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2020 | $31.55 | 46.18% | 1.19%[d],[e] | 0.98%[d],[e] | 0.62% | 46% | $58,611 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2019 | $23.36 | 55.31% | 1.18%[d] | 0.97%[d] | 0.09% | 56% | $44,565 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2018 | $17.78 | (8.15%) | 1.09%[d],[e] | 1.03%[d],[e] | 0.05% | 44% | $32,129 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2017 | $21.56 | 35.21% | 1.15%[e] | 1.02%[e] | (0.16%) | 60% | $38,879 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2016 | $21.67 | 19.35% | 1.26% | 0.98% | (0.17%) | 62% | $31,083 |
| **Class 2** | | | | | | | |
| Six Months Ended 6/30/2021 (Unaudited) | $34.51 | 22.12% | 1.42%[c],[d] | 1.24%[c],[d] | (0.16%)[c] | 16% | $91,686 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2020 | $28.26 | 45.80% | 1.44%[d],[e] | 1.23%[d],[e] | 0.37% | 46% | $77,167 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2019 | $21.12 | 54.97% | 1.43%[d] | 1.21%[d] | (0.15%) | 56% | $57,023 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2018 | $16.33 | (8.45%) | 1.33%[d],[e] | 1.28%[d],[e] | (0.22%) | 44% | $33,975 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2017 | $19.99 | 34.92% | 1.40%[e] | 1.27%[e] | (0.39%) | 60% | $46,688 |
| Year Ended 12/31/2016 | $20.50 | 19.01% | 1.47% | 1.23% | (0.49%) | 62% | $27,838 |

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

## Note 1. Organization

Columbia Variable Portfolio – Seligman Global Technology Fund (the Fund), a series of Columbia Funds Variable Series Trust II (the Trust), is a non-diversified fund. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust.

### Fund shares

The Trust may issue an unlimited number of shares (without par value). The Fund offers Class 1 and Class 2 shares to separate accounts funding variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies (collectively, Contracts) issued by affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies (Participating Insurance Companies) as well as qualified pension and retirement plans (Qualified Plans) and other qualified institutional investors (Qualified Investors) authorized by Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (the Distributor). You may not buy (nor will you own) shares of the Fund directly. You may invest by participating in a Qualified Plan or by buying a Contract and making allocations to the Fund. Although all share classes generally have identical voting, dividend and liquidation rights, each share class votes separately when required by the Trust's organizational documents or by law. Different share classes pay different net investment income distribution amounts to the extent the expenses of such share classes differ, and distributions in liquidation will be proportional to the net asset value of each share class. Each share class has its own cost structure and other features.

## Note 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The Fund is an investment company that applies the accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services - Investment Companies* (ASC 946). The financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

### Security valuation

Equity securities listed on an exchange are valued at the closing price or last trade on their primary exchange at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange. Securities with a closing price not readily available or not listed on any exchange are valued at the mean between the closing bid and asked prices. Listed preferred stocks convertible into common stocks are valued using an evaluated price from a pricing service.

Foreign equity securities are valued based on the closing price or last trade on their primary exchange at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange. If any foreign equity security closing prices are not readily available, the securities are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices on such exchanges or markets. Foreign currency exchange rates are determined at the scheduled closing time of the New York Stock Exchange. Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange; therefore, the closing prices for securities in such markets or on such exchanges may not fully reflect events that occur after such close but before the close of the New York Stock Exchange. In those situations, foreign securities will be fair valued pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Trustees. Under the policy, the Fund may utilize a third-party pricing service to determine these fair values. The third-party pricing service takes into account multiple factors, including, but not limited to, movements in the U.S. securities markets, certain depositary receipts, futures contracts and foreign exchange rates that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign exchange or market, to determine a good faith estimate that reasonably reflects the current market conditions as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange. The fair value of a security is likely to be different from the quoted or published price, if available.

Investments in open-end investment companies (other than exchange-traded funds (ETFs)), are valued at the latest net asset value reported by those companies as of the valuation time.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available, or that have quotations which management believes are not reflective of market value or reliable, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures approved by and under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees. If a security or class of securities (such as foreign securities) is valued at fair value, such value is likely to be different from the quoted or published price for the security, if available.

The determination of fair value often requires significant judgment. To determine fair value, management may use assumptions including but not limited to future cash flows and estimated risk premiums. Multiple inputs from various sources may be used to determine fair value.

GAAP requires disclosure regarding the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value and any changes in valuation inputs or techniques. In addition, investments shall be disclosed by major category. This information is disclosed following the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### Foreign currency transactions and translations

The values of all assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are generally translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates determined at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on foreign currency transactions and translations include gains (losses) arising from the fluctuation in exchange rates between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, gains (losses) arising from the disposition of foreign currency and currency gains (losses) between the accrual and payment dates on dividends, interest income and foreign withholding taxes.

For financial statement purposes, the Fund does not distinguish that portion of gains (losses) on investments which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in market prices of the investments. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments in the Statement of Operations.

### Derivative instruments

The Fund invests in certain derivative instruments, as detailed below, in seeking to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives are instruments whose values depend on, or are derived from, in whole or in part, the value of one or more securities, currencies, commodities, indices, or other assets or instruments. Derivatives may be used to increase investment flexibility (including to maintain cash reserves while maintaining desired exposure to certain assets), for risk management (hedging) purposes, to facilitate trading, to reduce transaction costs and to pursue higher investment returns. The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate certain investment risks, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. Derivatives may involve various risks, including the potential inability of the counterparty to fulfill its obligations under the terms of the contract, the potential for an illiquid secondary market (making it difficult for the Fund to sell or terminate, including at favorable prices) and the potential for market movements which may expose the Fund to gains or losses in excess of the amount shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The notional amounts of derivative instruments, if applicable, are not recorded in the financial statements.

A derivative instrument may suffer a marked-to-market loss if the value of the contract decreases due to an unfavorable change in the market rates or values of the underlying instrument. Losses can also occur if the counterparty does not perform its obligations under the contract. The Fund's risk of loss from counterparty credit risk on over-the-counter derivatives is generally limited to the aggregate unrealized gain netted against any collateral held by the Fund and the amount of any variation margin held by the counterparty, plus any replacement costs or related amounts. With exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives, there is reduced counterparty credit risk to the Fund since the clearinghouse or central counterparty (CCP) provides some protection in the case of clearing member default. The clearinghouse or CCP stands between the buyer and the seller of the contract; therefore, additional counterparty credit risk is failure of the clearinghouse or CCP. However, credit risk still exists in exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives with respect to initial and variation margin that is held in a broker's customer account. While clearing brokers are required to segregate customer margin from their own assets, in the event that a clearing broker becomes insolvent or goes into bankruptcy and at that time there is a shortfall in the aggregate amount of margin held by the clearing broker for all its clients and such shortfall is remedied by the CCP or otherwise, U.S. bankruptcy laws will typically allocate that shortfall on a pro-rata basis across all the clearing broker's customers (including the Fund), potentially resulting in losses to the Fund.

In order to better define its contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Fund mitigate its counterparty risk, the Fund may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement (ISDA Master Agreement) or similar agreement with its derivatives counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs over-the-counter derivatives and foreign exchange forward contracts and contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative instruments' payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default (close-out netting), including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Note, however, that bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against the right of offset or netting in bankruptcy, insolvency or other events.

Collateral (margin) requirements differ by type of derivative. Margin requirements are established by the clearinghouse or CCP for exchange-traded and centrally cleared derivatives. Brokers can ask for margin in excess of the minimum in certain circumstances. Collateral terms for most over-the-counter derivatives are subject to regulatory requirements to exchange variation margin with trading counterparties and may have contract specific margin terms as well. For over-the-counter derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the marked-to-market amount for each transaction under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any variation margin currently pledged by the Fund and/or the counterparty. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a party has to exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold (e.g., $250,000) before a transfer has to be made. To the extent amounts due to the Fund from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Fund may also pay interest expense on cash collateral received from the broker. Any interest expense paid by the Fund is shown on the Statement of Operations. The Fund attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that it believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

Certain ISDA Master Agreements allow counterparties of over-the-counter derivatives transactions to terminate derivatives contracts prior to maturity in the event the Fund's net asset value declines by a stated percentage over a specified time period or if the Fund fails to meet certain terms of the ISDA Master Agreement, which would cause the Fund to accelerate payment of any net liability owed to the counterparty. The Fund also has termination rights if the counterparty fails to meet certain terms of the ISDA Master Agreement. In determining whether to exercise such termination rights, the Fund would consider, in addition to counterparty credit risk, whether termination would result in a net liability owed from the counterparty.

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

### Options contracts

Options are contracts which entitle the holder to purchase or sell securities or other identified assets at a specified price, or in the case of index option contracts, to receive or pay the difference between the index value and the strike price of the index option contract. Option contracts can be either exchange-traded or over-the-counter. The Fund purchased and wrote option contracts to decrease the Fund's exposure to equity market risk, to increase return on investments, to protect gains, to facilitate buying and selling of securities for investments. These instruments may be used for other purposes in future periods. Completion of transactions for option contracts traded in the over-the-counter market depends upon the performance of the other party. Collateral may be collected or posted by the Fund to secure over-the-counter option contract trades. Collateral held or posted by the Fund for such option contract trades must be returned to the broker or the Fund upon closure, exercise or expiration of the contract.

Options contracts purchased are recorded as investments. When the Fund writes an options contract, the premium received is recorded as an asset and an amount equivalent to the premium is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and is subsequently adjusted to reflect the current fair value of the option written. Changes in the fair value of the written option are recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation until the contract is exercised or has expired. The Fund realizes a gain or loss when the option contract is closed or expires. When option contracts are exercised, the proceeds on sales for a written call or purchased put option contract, or the purchase cost for a written put or purchased call option contract, is adjusted by the amount of premium received or paid.

For over-the-counter options purchased, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount of the premiums paid plus the positive change in market values net of any collateral held by the Fund should the counterparty fail to perform under the contracts. Option contracts written by the Fund do not typically give rise to significant counterparty credit risk, as options written generally obligate the Fund and not the counterparty to perform. The risk in writing a call option contract is that the Fund gives up the opportunity for profit if the market price of the security increases above the strike price and the option contract is exercised. The risk in writing a put option contract is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the security decreases below the strike price and the option contract is exercised. Exercise of a written option could result in the Fund purchasing or selling a security or foreign currency when it otherwise would not, or at a price different from the current market value. In purchasing and writing options, the Fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the value of the underlying instrument or the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction due to an illiquid market.

## Effects of derivative transactions in the financial statements

The following tables are intended to provide additional information about the effect of derivatives on the financial statements of the Fund, including: the fair value of derivatives by risk category and the location of those fair values in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and the impact of derivative transactions over the period in the Statement of Operations, including realized and unrealized gains (losses). The derivative instrument schedules following the Portfolio of Investments present additional information regarding derivative instruments outstanding at the end of the period, if any.

The following table indicates the effect of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) in the Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

| Amount of realized gain (loss) on derivatives recognized in income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Risk exposure category | Options contracts written ($) | Options contracts purchased ($) | Total ($) |
| Equity risk | 34,994 | 39,471 | 74,465 |

| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in income | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Risk exposure category | Options contracts written ($) | Options contracts purchased ($) | Total ($) |
| Equity risk | (41,912) | (2,897) | (44,809) |

The following table is a summary of the average outstanding volume by derivative instrument for the six months ended June 30, 2021:

| Derivative instrument | Average value ($) |
|---|---|
| Options contracts — purchased | 3,824* |
| Options contracts — written | (3,167)** |

* Based on the ending daily outstanding amounts for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

** Based on the ending quarterly outstanding amounts for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

## Security transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Cost is determined and gains (losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

## Income recognition

Corporate actions and dividend income are generally recorded net of any non-reclaimable tax withholdings, on the ex-dividend date or upon receipt of an ex-dividend notification in the case of certain foreign securities.

The Fund may receive distributions from holdings in equity securities, business development companies (BDCs), exchange-traded funds (ETFs), limited partnerships (LPs), other regulated investment companies (RICs), and real estate investment trusts (REITs), which report information as to the tax character of their distributions annually. These distributions are allocated to dividend income, capital gain and return of capital based on actual information reported. Return of capital is recorded as a reduction of the cost basis of securities held. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities, return of capital is recorded as a realized gain. With respect to REITs, to the extent actual information has not yet been reported, estimates for return of capital are made by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial). The Investment Manager's estimates are subsequently adjusted when the actual character of the distributions is disclosed by the REITs, which could result in a proportionate change in return of capital to shareholders.

Awards from class action litigation are recorded as a reduction of cost basis if the Fund still owns the applicable securities on the payment date. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities on the payment date, the proceeds are recorded as realized gains.

### Expenses

General expenses of the Trust are allocated to the Fund and other funds of the Trust based upon relative net assets or other expense allocation methodologies determined by the nature of the expense. Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Expenses directly attributable to a specific class of shares are charged to that share class.

### Determination of class net asset value

All income, expenses (other than class-specific expenses, which are charged to that share class, as shown in the Statement of Operations) and realized and unrealized gains (losses) are allocated to each class of the Fund on a daily basis, based on the relative net assets of each class, for purposes of determining the net asset value of each class.

### Federal income tax status

The Fund intends to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and will distribute substantially all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gain, if any, for its tax year, and as such will not be subject to federal income taxes. In addition, because the Fund meets the exception under Internal Revenue Code Section 4982(f), the Fund expects not to be subject to federal excise tax. Therefore, no federal income or excise tax provision is recorded.

### Foreign taxes

The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries, as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

Realized gains in certain countries may be subject to foreign taxes at the Fund level, based on statutory rates. The Fund accrues for such foreign taxes on realized and unrealized gains at the appropriate rate for each jurisdiction, as applicable. The amount, if any, is disclosed as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

### Distributions to subaccounts

Distributions to the subaccounts of Contracts, Qualified Plans and Qualified Investors are recorded at the close of business on the record date and are payable on the first business day following the record date. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and distributed annually. Capital gain distributions, when available, will be made annually. However, an additional capital gain distribution may be made during the fiscal year in order to comply with the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable to registered investment companies. Income distributions and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. All dividends and distributions are reinvested in additional shares of the applicable share class of the Fund at the net asset value as of the ex-dividend date of the distribution.

### Guarantees and indemnifications

Under the Trust's organizational documents and, in some cases, by contract, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust or its funds. In addition, certain of the Fund's contracts with its service providers contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown since the amount of any future claims that may be made against the Fund cannot be determined, and the Fund has no historical basis for predicting the likelihood of any such claims.

## Note 3. Fees and other transactions with affiliates

### Management services fees

The Fund has entered into a Management Agreement with Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial). Under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager provides the Fund with investment research and advice, as well as administrative and accounting services. The management services fee is an annual fee that is equal to a percentage of the Fund's daily net assets that declines from 0.915% to 0.755% as the Fund's net assets increase. The annualized effective management services fee rate for the six months ended June 30, 2021 was 0.915% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

### Compensation of board members

Members of the Board of Trustees who are not officers or employees of the Investment Manager or Ameriprise Financial are compensated for their services to the Fund as disclosed in the Statement of Operations. Under a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Deferred Plan), these members of the Board of Trustees may elect to defer payment of up to 100% of their compensation. Deferred amounts are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in shares of certain funds managed by the Investment Manager. The Fund's liability for these amounts is adjusted for market value changes and remains in the Fund until distributed in accordance with the Deferred Plan. All amounts payable under the Deferred Plan constitute a general unsecured obligation of the Fund. The expense for the Deferred Plan, which includes Trustees' fees deferred during the current period as well as any gains or losses on the Trustees' deferred compensation balances as a result of market fluctuations, is included in "Compensation of board members" on the Statement of Operations.

### Compensation of Chief Compliance Officer

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer for the Fund in accordance with federal securities regulations. As disclosed in the Statement of Operations, a portion of the Chief Compliance Officer's total compensation is allocated to the Fund, along with other allocations to affiliated registered investment companies managed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates, based on relative net assets.

### Service fees

The Fund has entered into a Shareholder Services Agreement with Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. (the Transfer Agent), an affiliate of the Investment Manager and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial. Under this agreement, the Fund pays a service fee equal to the payments made by the Transfer Agent to Participating Insurance Companies and other financial intermediaries (together, Participating Organizations) for services each such Participating Organization provides to its clients, customers and participants that are invested directly or indirectly in the Fund, up to a cap approved by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The annualized effective service fee rate for the six months ended June 30, 2021, was 0.18% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Transfer Agent may retain as compensation for its services revenues from fees for wire, telephone and redemption orders, account transcripts due the Transfer Agent from Fund shareholders and interest (net of bank charges) earned with respect to balances in accounts the Transfer Agent maintains in connection with its services to the Fund.

### Distribution and/or service fees

The Fund has an agreement with the Distributor, an affiliate of the Investment Manager and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, for distribution services. Under a Plan and Agreement of Distribution, the Fund pays a fee at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Class 2 shares. The Fund pays no distribution and service fees for Class 1 shares.

### Expenses waived/reimbursed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates

The Investment Manager and certain of its affiliates have contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses (excluding certain fees and expenses described below) for the period(s) disclosed below, unless sooner terminated at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, so that the Fund's net operating expenses, after giving effect to fees waived/expenses reimbursed and any balance credits and/or overdraft charges from the Fund's custodian, do not exceed the following annual rate(s) as a percentage of the class' average daily net assets:

| | Fee rate(s) contractual through April 30, 2022 |
|---|---|
| Class 1 | 0.99% |
| Class 2 | 1.24 |

Under the agreement governing these fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement arrangements, the following fees and expenses are excluded from the waiver/reimbursement commitment, and therefore will be paid by the Fund, if applicable: taxes (including foreign transaction taxes), expenses associated with investments in affiliated and non-affiliated pooled investment vehicles (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds), transaction costs and brokerage commissions, costs related to any securities lending program, dividend expenses associated with securities sold short, inverse floater program fees and expenses, transaction charges and interest on borrowed money, interest, infrequent and/or unusual expenses and any other expenses the exclusion of which is specifically approved by the Board of Trustees. This agreement may be modified or amended only with approval from the Investment Manager, certain of its affiliates and the Fund. Any fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed under the expense reimbursement arrangements described above are not recoverable by the Investment Manager or its affiliates in future periods.

## Note 4. Federal tax information

The timing and character of income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP because of temporary or permanent book to tax differences.

At June 30, 2021, the approximate cost of all investments for federal income tax purposes and the aggregate gross approximate unrealized appreciation and depreciation based on that cost was:

| Federal tax cost ($) | Gross unrealized appreciation ($) | Gross unrealized (depreciation) ($) | Net unrealized appreciation ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87,831,000 | 67,432,000 | (354,000) | 67,078,000 |

Tax cost of investments and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) may also include timing differences that do not constitute adjustments to tax basis.

Management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions in the Fund that would require recognition in the financial statements. However, management's conclusion may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations, and administrative interpretations (including relevant court decisions). Generally, the Fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

## Note 5. Portfolio information

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term investments and derivatives, if any, aggregated to $22,638,726 and $33,033,217, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The amount of purchase and sale activity impacts the portfolio turnover rate reported in the Financial Highlights.

## Note 6. Affiliated money market fund

The Fund invests in Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, an affiliated money market fund established for the exclusive use by the Fund and other affiliated funds (the Affiliated MMF). The income earned by the Fund from such investments is included as Dividends - affiliated issuers in the Statement of Operations. As an investing fund, the Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the Affiliated MMF. The Affiliated MMF prices its shares with a floating net asset value. In addition, the Board of Trustees of the Affiliated MMF may impose a fee on redemptions (sometimes referred to as a liquidity fee) or temporarily suspend redemptions (sometimes referred to as imposing a redemption gate) in the event its liquidity falls below regulatory limits.

## Note 7. Interfund lending

Pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund participates in a program (the Interfund Program) allowing each participating Columbia Fund (each, a Participating Fund) to lend money directly to and, except for closed-end funds and money market funds, borrow money directly from other Participating Funds for temporary purposes. The amounts eligible for borrowing and lending under the Interfund Program are subject to certain restrictions.

Interfund loans are subject to the risk that the borrowing fund could be unable to repay the loan when due, and a delay in repayment to the lending fund could result in lost opportunities and/or additional lending costs. The exemptive order is subject to conditions intended to mitigate conflicts of interest arising from the Investment Manager's relationship with each Participating Fund.

The Fund's activity in the Interfund Program during the six months ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

| Borrower or lender | Average loan balance ($) | Weighted average interest rate (%) | Number of days with outstanding loans |
|---|---|---|---|
| Borrower | 1,700,000 | 0.68 | 3 |

Interest expense incurred by the Fund is recorded as Interfund lending in the Statement of Operations. The Fund had no outstanding interfund loans at June 30, 2021.

## Note 8. Line of credit

The Fund has access to a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks led by Citibank, N.A., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. whereby the Fund may borrow for the temporary funding of shareholder redemptions or for other temporary or emergency purposes. Pursuant to a December 1, 2020 amendment, the credit facility, which is a collective agreement between the Fund and certain other funds managed by the Investment Manager or an affiliated investment manager, severally and not jointly, permits collective borrowings up to $950 million. Interest is currently charged to each participating fund based on its borrowings at a rate equal to the higher of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) rate and (iii) the overnight bank funding rate, plus in each case, 1.25%. Each borrowing under the credit facility matures no later than 60 days after the date of borrowing. Most LIBOR settings will no longer be published after December 31, 2021, and a majority of U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will cease publication after June 30, 2023. The Fund also pays a commitment fee equal to its pro rata share of the unused amount of the credit facility at a rate of 0.15% per annum. The commitment fee is included in other expenses in the Statement of Operations. This agreement expires annually in December unless extended or renewed. Prior to the December 1, 2020 amendment, the Fund had access to a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks led by Citibank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. which permitted collective borrowings up to $1 billion. Interest was charged to each participating fund based on its borrowings at a rate equal to the higher of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the one-month LIBOR rate and (iii) the overnight bank funding rate, plus in each case, 1.00%.

The Fund had no borrowings during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

## Note 9. Significant risks

### Information technology sector risk

The Fund is more susceptible to the particular risks that may affect companies in the information technology sector than if it were invested in a wider variety of companies in unrelated sectors. Companies in the information technology sectors are subject to certain risks, including the risk that new services, equipment or technologies will not be accepted by consumers and businesses or will become rapidly obsolete. Performance of such companies may be affected by factors including obtaining and protecting patents (or the failure to do so) and significant competitive pressures, including aggressive pricing of their products or services, new market entrants, competition for market share and short product cycles due to an accelerated rate of technological developments. Such competitive pressures may lead to limited earnings and/or falling profit margins. As a result, the value of their securities may fall or fail to rise. In addition, many information technology sector companies have limited operating histories and prices of these companies' securities historically have been more volatile than other securities, especially over the short term. Some companies in the information technology sector are facing increased government and regulatory scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or regulatory action, which could negatively impact the value of their securities.

### Market and environment risk

The Fund may incur losses due to declines in the value of one or more securities in which it invests. These declines may be due to factors affecting a particular issuer, or the result of, among other things, political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments affecting the relevant market(s) more generally. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Fund, including causing difficulty in assigning prices to hard-to-value assets in thinly traded and closed markets, significant redemptions and operational challenges. Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies worldwide. As a result, local, regional or global events such as terrorism, war, natural disasters, disease/virus outbreaks and epidemics or other public health issues, recessions, depressions or other events – or the potential for such events – could have a significant negative impact on global economic and market conditions.

The Fund's performance may also be significantly negatively impacted by the economic impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in, and may continue to result in, significant global economic and societal disruption and market volatility due to disruptions in market access, resource availability, facilities operations, imposition of tariffs, export controls and supply chain disruption, among others. Such disruptions may be caused, or exacerbated by, quarantines and travel restrictions, workforce displacement and loss in human and other resources. The uncertainty surrounding the magnitude, duration, reach, costs and effects of the global pandemic, as well as actions that have been or could be taken by governmental authorities or other third parties, present unknowns that are yet to unfold. The impacts, as well as the uncertainty over impacts to come, of COVID-19 – and any other infectious illness outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future – could negatively affect global economies and markets in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen. In addition, the impact of infectious illness outbreaks and epidemics in emerging market countries may be greater due to generally less established healthcare systems, governments and financial markets. Public health crises caused by the COVID-19 outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks in certain countries or globally. The disruptions caused by COVID-19 could prevent the Fund from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives. Any such event(s) could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund.

### Non-diversification risk

A non-diversified fund is permitted to invest a greater percentage of its total assets in fewer issuers than a diversified fund. This increases the risk that a change in the value of any one investment held by the Fund could affect the overall value of the Fund more than it would affect that of a diversified fund holding a greater number of investments. Accordingly, the Fund's value will likely be more volatile than the value of a more diversified fund.

### Shareholder concentration risk

At June 30, 2021, two unaffiliated shareholders of record owned 77.6% of the outstanding shares of the Fund in one or more accounts. The Fund has no knowledge about whether any portion of those shares was owned beneficially. Subscription and redemption activity by concentrated accounts may have a significant effect on the operations of the Fund. In the case of a large redemption, the Fund may be forced to sell investments at inopportune times, including its liquid positions, which may result in Fund losses and the Fund holding a higher percentage of less liquid positions. Large redemptions could result in decreased economies of scale and increased operating expenses for non-redeeming Fund shareholders.

## Note 10. Subsequent events

Management has evaluated the events and transactions that have occurred through the date the financial statements were issued and noted no items requiring adjustment of the financial statements or additional disclosure.

## Note 11. Information regarding pending and settled legal proceedings

Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that the Fund is not currently the subject of, and that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Fund or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Fund. Ameriprise Financial is required to make quarterly (10-Q), annual (10-K) and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

There can be no assurance that these matters, or the adverse publicity associated with them, will not result in increased Fund redemptions, reduced sale of Fund shares or other adverse consequences to the Fund. Further, although we believe proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Fund or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Fund, these proceedings are subject to uncertainties and, as such, we are unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may result. An adverse outcome in one or more of these proceedings could result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other relief that could have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations of Ameriprise Financial or one or more of its affiliates that provides services to the Fund.

# LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, the Fund has adopted a liquidity risk management program (Program). The Program's principal objectives include assessing, managing and periodically reviewing the Fund's liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund could not meet redemption requests without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund.

The Board has appointed the Investment Manager as the program administrator for the Fund's Program. The Investment Manager has delegated oversight of the Program to its Liquidity Risk Management Committee (the Committee). At a board meeting during the fiscal period, the Committee provided the Board with a report addressing the operations of the program and assessing its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, including:

- the Fund had sufficient liquidity to both meet redemptions and operate effectively on behalf of shareholders;
- there were no material changes to the Program during the period;
- the implementation of the Program was effective to manage the Fund's liquidity risk; and
- the Program operated adequately during the period.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for more information regarding the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

# APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager, and together with its domestic and global affiliates, Columbia Threadneedle Investments), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial), serves as the investment manager to Columbia Variable Portfolio - Seligman Global Technology Fund (the Fund). Under a management agreement (the Management Agreement), the Investment Manager provides investment advice and other services to the Fund and other funds distributed by Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (collectively, the Funds).

On an annual basis, the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), including the independent Board members (the Independent Trustees), considers renewal of the Management Agreement. The Investment Manager prepared detailed reports for the Board and its Contracts Committee in November and December 2020 and March, April and June 2021, including reports providing the results of analyses performed by an independent third-party data provider, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (Broadridge), and a comprehensive response to requests for information by independent legal counsels to the Independent Trustees (Independent Legal Counsel) in a letter to the Investment Manager, to assist the Board in making this determination. In addition, throughout the year, the Board (or its committees) regularly meets with portfolio management teams and senior management personnel and reviews information prepared by the Investment Manager addressing the services the Investment Manager provides and Fund performance. The Board also accords appropriate weight to the work, deliberations and conclusions of the various committees, such as the Contracts Committee, the Investment Oversight Committee, the Audit Committee and the Compliance Committee in determining whether to continue the Management Agreement.

The Board, at its June 15, 2021 Board meeting (the June Meeting), considered the renewal of the Management Agreement for an additional one-year term. At the June Meeting, Independent Legal Counsel reviewed with the Independent Trustees various factors relevant to the Board's consideration of advisory agreements and the Board's legal responsibilities related to such consideration. The Independent Trustees considered all information that they, their legal counsel or the Investment Manager believed reasonably necessary to evaluate and to approve the continuation of the Management Agreement. Among other things, the information and factors considered included the following:

- Information on the investment performance of the Fund relative to the performance of a group of mutual funds determined to be comparable to the Fund by Broadridge, as well as performance relative to benchmarks;

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- Information on the Fund's management fees and total expenses, including information comparing the Fund's expenses to those of a group of comparable mutual funds, as determined by Broadridge;
- The Investment Manager's agreement to contractually limit or cap total operating expenses for the Fund so that total operating expenses (excluding certain fees and expenses, such as transaction costs and certain other investment related expenses, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, and infrequent and/or unusual expenses) would not exceed a specified annual rate, as a percentage of the Fund's net assets;
- Terms of the Management Agreement;
- Descriptions of other agreements and arrangements with affiliates of the Investment Manager relating to the operations of the Fund, including agreements with respect to the provision of transfer agency and shareholder services to the Fund;
- Descriptions of various services performed by the Investment Manager under the Management Agreement, including portfolio management and portfolio trading practices;
- Information regarding any recently negotiated management fees of similarly-managed portfolios of other institutional clients of the Investment Manager;
- Information regarding the resources of the Investment Manager, including information regarding senior management, portfolio managers and other personnel;
- Information regarding the capabilities of the Investment Manager with respect to compliance monitoring services;
- The profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund; and
- Report provided by the Board's independent fee consultant, JDL Consultants, LLC (JDL).

Following an analysis and discussion of the foregoing, and the factors identified below, the Board, including all of the Independent Trustees, approved the renewal of the Management Agreement.

## Nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Investment Manager

The Board analyzed various reports and presentations it had received detailing the services performed by the Investment Manager, as well as its history, expertise, resources and relative capabilities, and the qualifications of its personnel.

The Board specifically considered the many developments during recent years concerning the services provided by the Investment Manager. Among other things, the Board noted the organization and depth of the equity and credit research departments. The Board further observed the enhancements to the investment risk management department's processes, systems and oversight, over the past several years, as well as planned 2021 initiatives in this regard. The Board also took into account the broad scope of services provided by the Investment Manager to the Fund, including, among other services, investment, risk and compliance oversight. The Board also took into account the information it received concerning the Investment Manager's ability to attract and retain key portfolio management personnel and that it has sufficient resources to provide competitive and adequate compensation to investment personnel. The Board also observed that the Investment Manager has been able to effectively manage, operate and distribute the Funds through the COVID-19 pandemic period with no disruptions in services provided.

In connection with the Board's evaluation of the overall package of services provided by the Investment Manager, the Board also considered the nature, quality and range of administrative services provided to the Fund by the Investment Manager, as well as the achievements in 2020 in the performance of administrative services, and noted the various enhancements anticipated for 2021. In evaluating the quality of services provided under the Management Agreement, the Board also took into account the organization and strength of the Fund's and its service providers' compliance programs. The Board also reviewed the financial condition of the Investment Manager and its affiliates and each entity's ability to carry out its responsibilities under the Management Agreement and the Fund's other service agreements.

In addition, the Board discussed the acceptability of the terms of the Management Agreement, noting that no changes are proposed from the form of agreement previously approved. The Board also noted the wide array of legal and compliance services provided to the Funds under the Fund Management Agreements.

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After reviewing these and related factors (including investment performance as discussed below), the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Investment performance

In this connection, the Board carefully reviewed the investment performance of the Fund, including detailed reports providing the results of analyses performed by each of the Investment Manager, Broadridge and JDL collectively showing, for various periods (including since manager inception): (i) the performance of the Fund, (ii) the performance of a benchmark index, (iii) the percentage ranking of the Fund among its comparison group, (iv) the Fund's performance relative to peers and benchmarks and (v) the net assets of the Fund. The Board observed that Fund performance was well within the range of that of peers.

The Board also reviewed a description of the third-party data provider's methodology for identifying the Fund's peer groups for purposes of performance and expense comparisons.

The Board also considered the Investment Manager's performance and reputation generally. After reviewing these and related factors, the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the performance of the Fund and the Investment Manager, in light of other considerations, supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Comparative fees, costs of services provided and the profits realized by the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund

The Board reviewed comparative fees and the costs of services provided under the Management Agreement. The Board members considered detailed comparative information set forth in an annual report on fees and expenses, including, among other things, data (based on analyses conducted by Broadridge and JDL) showing a comparison of the Fund's expenses with median expenses paid by funds in its comparative peer universe, as well as data showing the Fund's contribution to the Investment Manager's profitability. The Board reviewed the fees charged to comparable institutional or other accounts/ vehicles managed by the Investment Manager, including accounts subadvised by the Investment Manager, and discussed differences in how the products are managed and operated, thus explaining many of the differences in fees.

The Board considered the reports of JDL, which assisted in the Board's analysis of the Funds' performance and expenses and the reasonableness of the Funds' fee rates. The Board accorded particular weight to the notion that a primary objective of the level of fees is to achieve a rational pricing model applied consistently across the various product lines in the Fund family, while assuring that the overall fees for each Fund (with certain exceptions) are generally in line with the current "pricing philosophy" such that Fund total expense ratios, in general, approximate or are lower than the median expense ratios of funds in the same Lipper comparison universe. The Board took into account that the Fund's total expense ratio (after considering proposed expense caps/waivers) was somewhat higher than the median ratio.

After reviewing these and related factors, the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the levels of management fees and expenses of the Fund, in light of other considerations, supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

The Board also considered the profitability of the Investment Manager and its affiliates in connection with the Investment Manager providing management services to the Fund. With respect to the profitability of the Investment Manager and its affiliates, the Independent Trustees referred to information discussing the profitability to the Investment Manager and Ameriprise Financial from managing, operating and distributing the Funds. The Board considered that in 2020 the Board had considered 2019 profitability and that the 2021 information showed that the profitability generated by the Investment Manager in 2020 increased slightly from 2019 levels. It also took into account the indirect economic benefits flowing to the Investment Manager or its affiliates in connection with managing or distributing the Funds, such as the enhanced ability to offer various other financial products to Ameriprise Financial customers, soft dollar benefits and overall reputational advantages. The Board noted that the fees paid by the Fund should permit the Investment Manager to offer competitive compensation to its personnel, make necessary investments in its business and earn an appropriate profit. After reviewing

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these and related factors, the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the costs of services provided and the profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Economies of scale

The Board considered the potential existence of economies of scale in the provision by the Investment Manager of services to the Fund, to groups of related funds, and to the Investment Manager as a whole, and whether those economies of scale were shared with the Fund through breakpoints in investment management fees or other means, such as expense limitation arrangements and additional investments by the Investment Manager in investment, trading, compliance and other resources. The Board considered the economies of scale that might be realized as the Fund's net asset level grows and took note of the extent to which Fund shareholders might also benefit from such growth. In this regard, the Board took into account that management fees decline as Fund assets exceed various breakpoints, all of which have not been surpassed. The Board observed that the Management Agreement provided for breakpoints in the management fee rate schedule that allow opportunities for shareholders to realize lower fees as Fund assets grow and that there are additional opportunities through other means for sharing economies of scale with shareholders.

## Conclusion

The Board reviewed all of the above considerations in reaching its decision to approve the continuation of the Management Agreement. In reaching its conclusions, no single factor was determinative.

On June 15, 2021, the Board, including all of the Independent Trustees, determined that fees payable under the Management Agreement were fair and reasonable in light of the extent and quality of services provided and approved the renewal of the Management Agreement.

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