

Variable Funds Trust

Fixed-Income

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# Guggenheim Variable Funds Trust Summary Prospectus

**Series Name****Series E (Total Return Bond Series)**

Before you invest, you may wish to review the Series' Prospectus, which contains more information about the Series and its risks. You may obtain the Prospectus and other information about the Series, including the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting [www.guggenheiminvestments.com/variable-insurance-funds](http://www.guggenheiminvestments.com/variable-insurance-funds), calling 800.820.0888 or e-mailing [services@guggenheiminvestments.com](mailto:services@guggenheiminvestments.com).

The Series' Prospectus and SAI, each dated May 1, 2021, as supplemented from time to time, and the Series' most recent shareholder reports, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

## Series E (Total Return Bond Series)

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Series E seeks to provide total return, comprised of current income and capital appreciation.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE SERIES

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Series. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below. The table below does not take into account any of the fees, expenses or charges associated with variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies offered by participating insurance companies. If such fees, expenses or charges were reflected, the overall expenses would be higher. For more information on these fees, expenses and charges, please refer to your contract or policy prospectus.

### ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES *(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)*

Management Fees	0.39%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.24%
Interest and Other Related Expenses	0.01%
Remaining Other Expenses	0.23%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.04%
Total Annual Operating Expenses*	0.92%
Fee Waiver (and/or expense reimbursement)**,**	-0.10%
Total Annual Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver (and/or expense reimbursement)	0.82%

\* The Total Annual Operating Expenses in this table may not correlate to the expense ratios in the Series' financial highlights and financial statements because the financial highlights and financial statements reflect only the operating expenses of the Series and do not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses incurred by the Series through its investments in underlying investment companies.

\*\* Security Investors, LLC, also known as Guggenheim Investments (the "Investment Manager"), has contractually agreed through May 1, 2022 to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to limit the ordinary operating expenses (including distribution (12b-1) fees, but exclusive of brokerage costs, dividends on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, litigation, indemnification, and extraordinary expenses) ("Operating Expenses") of the Series to the annual percentage of average daily net assets for the Series to 0.81%. The Investment Manager is entitled to reimbursement by the Series of fees waived or expenses reimbursed during any of the previous 36 months beginning on the date of the expense limitation agreement, provided that the Operating Expenses do not exceed the then-applicable expense cap. The agreement will expire when it reaches its termination or when the Investment Manager ceases to serve as such and it can be terminated by the Series' Board of Trustees, with certain waived fees and reimbursed expenses subject to the recoupment rights of the Investment Manager.

\*\*\* The Investment Manager has contractually agreed through May 1, 2022 to waive the amount of the Series' management fee to the extent necessary to offset the proportionate share of certain expenses incurred by the Series through its investment in an underlying fund for which the Investment Manager or any of its affiliates also serves as investment manager. The agreement will expire when it reaches its termination or when the Investment Manager ceases to serve as such and it can be terminated by the Series' Board of Trustees.

### EXAMPLE

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Series with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. It does not reflect fees, expenses or charges of any variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy, which, if reflected, would increase expenses.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Series for the time periods indicated and reflects expenses whether or not you redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Series' operating expenses remain the same. Although the actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$84	\$283	\$500	\$1,122

The above Example reflects applicable contractual fee waiver/expense reimbursement arrangements for the current duration of the arrangements only.

## **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The Series pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual operating expenses or in the example, affect the Series’ performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Series’ portfolio turnover rate was 123% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

The Series intends to pursue its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its assets (net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in debt securities. Such debt securities may include, corporate bonds and other corporate debt securities, securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities (including those not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government), sovereign debt securities, Eurodollar bonds and obligations, agency and non-agency residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities (including collateralized mortgage obligations), loans, participations in and assignments of bank and bridge loans, zero-coupon bonds, municipal bonds, payment-in-kind securities (such as payment-in-kind bonds), convertible fixed-income securities, non-registered or restricted securities (including those issued in reliance on Rule 144A and Regulation S securities), certain preferred securities and step-up securities (such as step-up bonds). These securities may pay fixed or variable rates of interest and may include adjustable rate securities. While the Series will principally invest in debt securities listed, traded or dealt in developed markets countries globally, it may also invest without limitation in securities listed, traded or dealt in other countries, including emerging markets countries. Such securities may be denominated in foreign currencies. Security Investors, LLC, also known as Guggenheim Investments (the “Investment Manager”), may attempt to reduce foreign currency exchange rate risk by entering into contracts with banks, brokers or dealers to purchase or sell securities or foreign currencies at a future date. The Series may also invest in collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”) (which include collateralized bond obligations, collateralized loan obligations and other similarly structured instruments), preferred stock and convertible securities. The Series may seek to obtain exposure to the securities in which it primarily invests through a variety of investment vehicles, principally closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) and other mutual funds.

The Series may hold fixed-income instruments of any quality, rated or unrated, including, those that are rated below investment grade, or if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality (also known as “high yield securities” or “junk bonds”). If nationally recognized statistical rating organizations assign different ratings to the same security, the Series will use the higher rating for purposes of determining the security’s credit quality. However, the Series may not invest more than 33 1/3% of its total assets in fixed-income securities that are below investment grade. The Series may hold securities of any duration or maturity.

With respect to bank loans, the Series may purchase participations in, or assignments of, floating rate bank loans that meet certain liquidity standards and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days and which may be secured by real estate or other assets. Participations may be interests in, or assignments of, the loan and may be acquired from banks or brokers that have made the loan or members of the lending syndicate. The Series may also participate in lending syndicates and other direct lending opportunities.

The Series also may seek exposures through derivative transactions, principally: foreign exchange forward contracts; futures on securities, indices, currencies and other investments; Eurodollar futures; options; interest rate swaps; cross-currency swaps; total return swaps; credit default swaps; and other foreign currency contracts and foreign currency-related transactions, which may also create economic leverage in the Series. The Series may engage in derivative and foreign currency-related transactions for speculative purposes to enhance total return, to seek to hedge against fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or currency rates, to change the effective duration of its portfolio, to manage certain investment risks, as a substitute for the purchase or sale of securities or currencies and/or to obtain or replicate market exposure. The Series may seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it primarily invests by entering into a series of purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as “To Be Announced” (“TBA”) transactions and/or dollar rolls). The Series may use leverage to the extent permitted by applicable law by entering into reverse repurchase agreements and transactions equivalent to a borrowing for investment purposes. The Series also may engage, without limitation, in repurchase agreements.

The Investment Manager selects securities and other investments for purchase and sale based on intensive credit research involving extensive due diligence on each issuer, region and sector. The Investment Manager also considers macroeconomic outlook and geopolitical issues. The Investment Manager may employ a tactical asset or sector allocation strategy to seek to capitalize on total return potential created by changing market and economic conditions.

The Investment Manager may determine to sell a security for several reasons, including but not limited to the following: (1) to adjust the portfolio's average maturity or duration, or to shift assets into or out of higher-yielding securities; (2) if a security's credit rating has been changed, the Investment Manager's credit outlook has changed, or for other similar reasons; (3) to meet redemption requests; (4) to take gains; or (5) due to relative value. The Series does not intend to principally invest in defaulted securities, but if a security defaults subsequent to purchase by the Series, the Investment Manager will determine in its discretion whether to hold or dispose of such security. Under adverse or unstable market conditions or abnormal circumstances (for example, in the event of credit events, where it is deemed opportune to preserve gains, or to preserve the relative value of investments or in the case of large cash inflows or anticipated large redemptions), the Series can make temporary investments and may not be able to pursue or achieve its investment objective.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS

The value of an investment in the Series will fluctuate and is subject to investment risks, which means investors could lose money. **An investment in the Series is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any governmental agency. There is no assurance that the Series will achieve its investment objective.** The principal risks of investing in the Series are summarized below.

**Asset-Backed Securities Risk**—Investors in asset-backed securities, including residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and other structured finance investments, generally receive payments that are part interest and part return of principal. These payments may vary based on the rate at which the underlying borrowers pay off their loans. Some asset-backed securities, including mortgage-backed securities, may have structures that make their performance based on changes in interest rates and other factors difficult to predict, causing their prices to be volatile. In particular, during periods of falling interest rates, asset-backed securities are more likely to be called or prepaid, which can result in the Series having to reinvest proceeds in other investments at a lower interest rate or less advantageous terms, which would adversely affect the Series. These instruments are particularly subject to interest rate, credit and liquidity and valuation risks. The terms of many structured finance investments and other instruments are tied to interbank reference rates (referred to collectively as the "London Interbank Offered Rate" or "LIBOR"), which function as a reference rate or benchmark for many underlying collateral investments, securities and transactions. It is anticipated that LIBOR ultimately will be discontinued, which may cause increased volatility and illiquidity in the markets for instruments with terms tied to LIBOR or other adverse consequences, such as decreased yields and reduction in value, for these instruments. These events may adversely affect the Series and its investments in such instruments.

**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities**—Investments in commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") are backed by commercial mortgage loans that may be secured by office properties, retail properties, hotels, mixed use properties or multi-family apartment buildings and are particularly subject to the credit risk of the borrower and the tenants of the properties securing the commercial mortgage loans. CMBS are subject to the risks of asset-backed securities generally and particularly subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, and liquidity and valuation risk. Economic downturns and other events that limit the activities of and demand for commercial retail and office spaces (such as the current economic and public health crisis) adversely impact the value of such securities.

**Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities**—Residential mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates given that rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of fixed-rate mortgage-backed securities. As a result, a rising interest rate environment can cause the prices of mortgage-backed securities to be increasingly volatile, which may adversely affect the Series' holdings of mortgage-backed securities. In light of the current interest rate environment, the Series' investments in these securities may be subject to heightened interest rate risk. Investments in non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities are subject to increased interest rate risk and other risks, such as credit and liquidity and valuation risks.

**Collateralized Loan Obligations and Collateralized Debt Obligations Risk**—Collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”) bear many of the same risks as other forms of asset-backed securities, including interest rate risk, credit risk and default risk. As they are backed by pools of loans, CLOs also bear similar risks to investing in loans directly. CLOs issue classes or “tranches” that vary in risk and yield. CLOs may experience substantial losses attributable to loan defaults. Losses caused by defaults on underlying assets are borne first by the holders of subordinate tranches. The Series’ investment in CLOs may decrease in market value when the CLO experiences loan defaults or credit impairment, the disappearance of a subordinate tranche, or market anticipation of defaults and investor aversion to CLO securities as a class.

Collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”) are structured similarly to CLOs and bear the same risks as CLOs including interest rate risk, credit risk and default risk. CDOs are subject to additional risks because they are backed by pools of assets other than loans including securities (such as other asset-backed securities), synthetic instruments or bonds and may be highly leveraged. Like CLOs, losses incurred by a CDO are borne first by holders of subordinate tranches. Accordingly, the risks of CDOs depend largely on the type of underlying collateral and the tranche of CDOs in which the Series invests. For example, CDOs that obtain their exposure through synthetic investments entail the risks associated with derivative instruments. The terms of many structured finance investments, including CLOs and CDOs, are tied to LIBOR, which functions as a reference rate or benchmark for many underlying collateral investments, securities and transactions. It is anticipated that LIBOR will be discontinued, which may cause increased volatility and illiquidity in the markets for instruments with terms tied to LIBOR or other adverse consequences, such as decreased yields and reduction in value, for these instruments. These events may adversely affect the Series and its investments in such instruments.

**Convertible Securities Risk**—Convertible securities may be subordinate to other securities. The total return for a convertible security depends, in part, upon the performance of the underlying security into which it can be converted. The value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality.

**Counterparty Credit Risk**—The Series makes investments in financial instruments and over-the-counter (“OTC”)-traded derivatives involving counterparties to gain exposure to a particular group of securities, index, asset class or other reference asset without actually purchasing those securities or investments, to hedge a position or for other investment purposes. Through these investments and related arrangements (e.g., prime brokerage or securities lending arrangements or derivatives transactions), the Series is exposed to credit risks that the counterparty may be unwilling or unable to make timely payments or otherwise to meet its contractual obligations. If the counterparty becomes bankrupt or defaults on (or otherwise becomes unable or unwilling to perform) its payment or other obligations to the Series, the Series may not receive the full amount that it is entitled to receive or may experience delays in recovering the collateral or other assets held by, or on behalf of, the counterparty. If this occurs, the value of your shares in the Series will decrease.

**Credit Risk**—The Series could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income or other debt instrument or a counterparty to a derivatives transaction or other transaction is unable or unwilling, or perceived to be unable or unwilling, to pay interest or repay principal on time, defaults or otherwise fails to meet its obligations. Actual or perceived changes in economic, social, public health, financial or political conditions in general or that affect a particular type of instrument, issuer, guarantor or counterparty can reduce the ability of the party to meet its obligations, which can affect the credit quality, liquidity and/or value of an instrument. The value of an instrument also may decline for reasons that relate directly to the issuer, guarantor or counterparty, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for goods and services. The issuer, guarantor or counterparty could also suffer a rapid decline in credit rating, which would adversely affect the volatility of the value and liquidity of the instrument. Credit ratings may not be an accurate assessment of liquidity or credit risk.

**Currency Risk**—Indirect and direct exposure to foreign currencies subjects the Series to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. Dollar, which would cause a decline in the U.S. value of the holdings of the Series. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates and the imposition of currency controls or other political, economic and tax developments in the U.S. or abroad. When the Series seeks exposure to foreign currencies through foreign currency contracts and related transactions, the Series becomes particularly susceptible to foreign currency value fluctuations, which may be sudden and significant, and investment decisions tied to currency markets. In addition, these investments are subject to the risks associated with derivatives and hedging and the impact on the Series of fluctuations in the value of currencies may be magnified.



**Derivatives Risk**—Derivatives may pose risks in addition to and greater than those associated with investing directly in securities, currencies or other investments, including risks relating to leverage, imperfect correlations with underlying investments or the Series' other portfolio holdings, high price volatility, lack of availability, counterparty credit, liquidity, valuation and legal restrictions. Their use is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Investment Manager is incorrect about its expectations of market conditions, the use of derivatives could also result in a loss, which in some cases may be unlimited. Some of the derivatives in which the Series invests may be traded (and privately negotiated) in the OTC market. OTC derivatives are subject to heightened counterparty, credit, liquidity and valuation risks. Certain risks also are specific to the derivatives in which the Series invests.

**Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts Risk**—A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an OTC obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. Foreign currency transactions can be affected unpredictably by intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments. Such events may prevent or restrict the Series' ability to enter into foreign currency transactions, force the Series to exit a foreign currency transaction at a disadvantageous time or price or result in penalties for the Series, any of which may result in a loss to the Series. A contract to sell a foreign currency would limit any potential gain that might be realized if the value of the currency increases. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances. Engaging in forward foreign currency exchange contracts will subject the Series to counterparty credit risk and any failure to perform by a counterparty could result in a loss to the Series.

**Futures Contracts Risk**—Futures contracts are exchange-traded contracts that call for the future delivery of an asset at a certain price and date, or cash settlement of the terms of the contract. Risks of futures contracts may be caused by an imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the instruments and the price of the underlying assets. In addition, there is a risk that the Series may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid market. Exchanges can limit the number of positions that can be held or controlled by the Series or the Investment Manager, thus limiting the ability to implement the Series' strategies. Futures markets are highly volatile and the use of futures may increase the volatility of the Series' net asset value ("NAV"). Futures are also subject to leverage and liquidity risks.

**Options Risk**—Options and options on futures contracts give the holder of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy (or to sell) a position in a security or in a contract to the writer of the option, at a certain price. Options are subject to correlation risk because there may be an imperfect correlation between the options and the markets for underlying instruments that could cause a given transaction to fail to achieve its objectives. The successful use of options depends on the Investment Manager's ability to predict correctly future price fluctuations and the degree of correlation between the markets for options and the underlying instruments. Exchanges can limit the number of positions that can be held or controlled by the Series or the Investment Manager, thus limiting the ability to implement the Series' strategies. Options are also particularly subject to leverage risk and can be subject to liquidity risk.

**Swap Agreements Risk**—Swap agreements are contracts among the Series and a counterparty to exchange the return of the pre-determined underlying investment (such as the rate of return of the underlying index). Swap agreements may be negotiated bilaterally and traded OTC between two parties or, for certain standardized swaps, must be exchange-traded through a futures commission merchant and/or cleared through a clearinghouse that serves as a central counterparty. Risks associated with the use of swap agreements are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions, due in part to the fact they could be considered illiquid and many swaps trade on the OTC market. Swaps are particularly subject to counterparty credit, correlation, valuation, liquidity and leveraging risks. While exchange trading and central clearing are intended to reduce counterparty credit risk and increase liquidity, they do not make swap transactions risk-free. Additionally, applicable regulators have adopted rules imposing certain margin requirements, including minimums, on OTC swaps, which may result in the Series and its counterparties posting higher margin amounts for OTC swaps, which could increase the cost of swap transactions to the Series and impose added operational complexity.

**Dollar Roll Transaction Risk**—The Series may enter into dollar roll transactions, in which the Series sells a mortgage-backed or other security for settlement on one date and buys back a substantially similar security for settlement at a later date. Dollar rolls involve a risk of loss if the market value of the securities that the Series is committed to buy declines below the price of the securities the Series has sold.

**Emerging Markets Risk**—Investments in or exposure to emerging markets are generally subject to a greater level of those risks associated with investing in or being exposed to developed foreign markets, as emerging markets are considered to be less developed than developing countries. Furthermore, investments in or exposure to emerging markets are generally subject to additional risks, including the risks associated with trading in smaller markets, lower volumes of trading, and being subject to lower levels of government regulation and less extensive and transparent accounting, auditing, recordkeeping, financial reporting and other requirements.

**Extension Risk**—Certain debt instruments, including mortgage- and other asset-backed securities, are subject to the risk that payments on principal may occur at a slower rate or later than expected. In this event, the expected maturity could lengthen and the Series' investment may sharply decrease in value and the Series' income from the investment may quickly decline. These types of instruments are particularly subject to extension risk, and offer less potential for gains, during periods of rising interest rates. In addition, the Series may be delayed in its ability to reinvest income or proceeds from these instruments in potentially higher yielding investments, which would adversely affect the Series.

**Foreign Securities and Currency Risk**—Foreign securities carry unique or additional risks when compared to U.S. securities, including currency fluctuations, adverse political and economic developments, unreliable or untimely information, less liquidity and more volatility, limited legal recourse and higher transactional costs.

**Hedging Risk**—The Series may, but is not required to, engage in various investments or transactions that are designed to hedge a position that the Series holds. There can be no assurance that the Series' hedging investments or transactions will be effective. Hedging investments or transactions involve costs and may reduce gains or result in losses, which may adversely affect the Series.

**High Yield and Unrated Securities Risk**—High yield, below investment grade and unrated high risk debt securities (which also may be known as "junk bonds") may present additional risks because these securities may be less liquid, and therefore more difficult to value accurately and sell at an advantageous price or time, and present more credit risk than investment grade bonds. The price of high yield securities tends to be subject to greater volatility due to issuer-specific factors, such as, operating results and outlook and to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions. This exposure may be obtained through investments in other investment companies. Based on its investment strategies, a significant portion of the Series' investments can be comprised of high yield and unrated securities and thus particularly prone to the foregoing risks, which may result in losses to the Series.

**Interest Rate Risk**—Fixed-income and other debt instruments are subject to the possibility that interest rates could change. Changes in interest rates may adversely affect the Series' investments in these instruments, such as the value or liquidity of, and income generated by, the investments. Interest rates may change as a result of a variety of factors, and the change may be sudden and significant, with unpredictable impacts on the financial markets and the Series' investments. Fixed-income and other debt instruments with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and, thus, subject to more volatility than similar instruments with shorter durations. Generally, when interest rates increase, the values of fixed-income and other debt instruments decline and when interest rates decrease, the values of fixed-income and other debt instruments rise. During periods of rising interest rates, because changes in interest rates on adjustable rate securities may lag behind changes in market rates, the value of such securities may decline until their interest rates reset to market rates. During periods of declining interest rates, because the interest rates on adjustable rate securities generally reset downward, their market value is unlikely to rise to the same extent as the value of comparable fixed rate securities. During periods when interest rates are low or negative, the Series' yield and performance may be adversely affected and the Series may be unable to maintain positive returns or minimize the volatility of the Series' net asset value per share. The risks associated with rising interest rates are heightened given the current low interest rate environment.

**Investment in Investment Vehicles Risk**—Investing in other investment vehicles, including ETFs, closed-end funds and other mutual funds, subjects the Series to those risks affecting the investment vehicle, including the possibility that the value of the underlying securities held by the investment vehicle could decrease or the portfolio becomes illiquid. Moreover, the Series and its shareholders will incur its pro rata share of the underlying vehicles' expenses, which will reduce the Series' performance. In addition, investments in an ETF are subject to, among other risks, the risk that the ETF's shares may trade at a discount or premium relative to the net asset value of the shares and the listing exchange may halt trading of the ETF's shares.

**Investment in Loans Risk**—The Series may invest in loans directly or indirectly through assignments or participations. Investments in loans, including loan syndicates and other direct lending opportunities, involve special types of risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, counterparty risk, prepayment risk and extension risk. Loans may offer a fixed or floating interest rate. Loans are often below investment grade and may be unrated. The Series' investments in loans can also be difficult to value accurately and may be more susceptible to liquidity risk than fixed-income instruments of similar credit quality and/or maturity. The Series is also subject to the risk that the value of any collateral for the loan may be insufficient or unavailable to cover the borrower's obligations should the borrower fail to make payments, become insolvent or otherwise default. Transactions in loans are often subject to long settlement periods and often require consent from borrowers and/or an agent acting for the lenders, thus potentially limiting the ability of the Series to invest sale proceeds in other investments and to use proceeds to meet its current redemption obligations. The Series thus is subject to the risk of selling other investments at disadvantageous times or prices or taking other actions necessary to raise cash to meet its redemption obligations. Participations in loans may subject the Series to the credit risk of both the borrower and the seller of the participation and may make enforcement of loan covenants, if any, more difficult for the Series as legal action may have to go through the seller of the participation (or an agent acting on its behalf). Covenants contained in loan documentation are intended to protect lenders and investors by imposing certain restrictions and other limitations on a borrower's operations or assets and by providing certain information and consent rights to lenders. In addition to operational covenants, loans and other debt obligations often contain financial covenants which require a borrower to satisfy certain financial tests at periodic intervals or to maintain compliance with certain financial metrics. The Series may invest in or have exposure to loans and other similar debt obligations that are sometimes referred to as "covenant-lite" loans or obligations, which generally are loans or other similar debt obligations that lack financial maintenance covenants or possess fewer or contingent financial maintenance covenants and other financial protections for lenders and investors. These "covenant-lite" loans or obligations typically are particularly subject to the risks associated with investments in loans as described above.

**Leverage Risk**—The Series' use of leverage, through borrowings or instruments such as derivatives and reverse repurchase agreements, may cause the Series to be more volatile and riskier than if it had not been leveraged.

**Liquidity and Valuation Risk**—It may be difficult for the Series to purchase and sell particular investments within a reasonable time at a fair price, or the price at which it has been valued by the Investment Manager for purposes of the Series' net asset value, causing the Series to be less liquid and unable to realize what the Investment Manager believes should be the price of the investment. Valuation of portfolio investments may be difficult, such as during periods of market turmoil or reduced liquidity, and for investments that may, for example, trade infrequently or irregularly. In these and other circumstances, an investment may be valued using fair value methodologies, which are inherently subjective, reflect good faith judgments based on available information and may not accurately estimate the price at which the Series could sell the investment at that time. These risks are heightened for fixed-income and other debt instruments because of the current low interest rate environment. Based on its investment strategies, a significant portion of the Series' investments can be difficult to value and potentially less liquid and thus particularly prone to the foregoing risks.

**Management Risk**—The Series is actively managed, which means that investment decisions are made based on investment views. There is no guarantee that the investment views will produce the desired results or expected returns, causing the Series to fail to meet its investment objective or underperform its benchmark index or funds with similar investment objectives and strategies. Furthermore, active and frequent trading that can accompany active management, also called "high turnover," may have a negative impact on performance. Active and frequent trading may result in higher brokerage costs or mark-up charges, which are ultimately passed on to shareholders of the Series.

**Market Risk**—The value of, or income generated by, the investments held by the Series may fluctuate rapidly and unpredictably and the Series may incur losses as a result of factors affecting individual companies or issuers or particular industries. In addition, developments related to economic, political, social, public health, market or other conditions may cause volatility in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or debt markets, which could adversely impact the Series and its investments. Under such conditions, the Series may experience significant redemption activity by shareholders and could be forced to sell portfolio securities or other assets at unfavorable prices in an effort to generate sufficient cash to pay redeeming shareholders. The Series' investments may perform poorly or underperform the general securities markets or other types of securities. Governmental authorities and regulators have enacted and continue to enact significant fiscal and monetary policy changes designed to support financial markets, which present heightened risks to markets and Series investments and are resulting in low interest



rates and in some cases, negative yields, and such risks could be even further heightened if these actions are discontinued, disrupted, or reversed or are ineffective in achieving their desired outcomes. It is unknown how long current circumstances will persist, whether they will reoccur in the future and whether efforts to support the economy and financial markets will be successful.

**Municipal Securities Risk**—Municipal securities are subject to a variety of risks, including credit, interest, prepayment, liquidity, and valuation risks. In addition, municipal securities can be adversely affected by (i) unfavorable legislative, political, or other developments or events, including natural disasters and public health conditions, and (ii) changes in the economic and fiscal conditions of issuers of municipal securities or the federal government (in cases where it provides financial support to such issuers). Municipal securities may be fully or partially backed by the taxing authority or revenue of a local government, the credit of a private issuer, or the current or anticipated revenues from a specific project, which may be adversely affected as a result of economic and public health conditions. To the extent the Series invests a substantial portion of its assets in municipal securities issued by issuers in a particular state, municipality or project, the Series will be particularly sensitive to developments and events adversely affecting such state or municipality or with respect to a particular project. Certain sectors of the municipal bond market have special risks that can affect them more significantly than the market as a whole. Because many municipal instruments are issued to finance similar projects (such as education, health care, transportation and utilities), conditions in these industries can significantly affect the overall municipal market. Municipal securities that are insured may be adversely affected by developments relevant to that particular insurer, or more general developments relevant to the market as a whole. Municipal securities can be difficult to value and be less liquid than other investments, which may affect performance or the ability to meet redemption requests.

**Preferred Securities Risk**—A company's preferred stock generally pays dividends only after the company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt. For this reason, the value of preferred stock will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

**Prepayment Risk**—Certain debt instruments, including loans and mortgage- and other asset-backed securities, are subject to the risk that payments on principal may occur more quickly or earlier than expected. If this event occurs, the Series might be forced to forego future interest income on the principal repaid early and to reinvest income or proceeds at generally lower interest rates, thus reducing the Series' yield. These types of instruments are particularly subject to prepayment risk, and offer less potential for gains, during periods of declining interest rates.

**Real Estate Investments Risk**—The Series may invest in securities of real estate companies and companies related to the real estate industry, including real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), which are subject to the same risks as direct investments in real estate. The real estate industry is particularly sensitive to economic downturns.

**Regulatory and Legal Risk**—U.S. and non-U.S. governmental agencies and other regulators regularly implement additional regulations and legislators pass new laws that affect the investments held by the Series, the strategies used by the Series or the level of regulation applying to the Series (such as regulations related to investments in derivatives and other transactions). These regulations and laws impact the investment strategies, performance, costs and operations of the Series.

**Repurchase Agreements and Reverse Repurchase Agreements Risk**—In the event of the insolvency of the counterparty to a repurchase agreement or reverse repurchase agreement, recovery of the repurchase price owed to the Series or, in the case of a reverse repurchase agreement, the securities or other assets sold by the Series, may be delayed. Because reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be the practical equivalent of borrowing funds, they constitute a form of leverage. If the Series reinvests the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement at a rate lower than the cost of the agreement, entering into the agreement will lower the Series' yield.

**Restricted Securities Risk**—Restricted securities generally cannot be sold to the public and may involve a high degree of business, financial and liquidity risk, which may result in substantial losses to the Series.

**Sovereign Debt Risk**—The debt securities issued by sovereign entities may decline as a result of default or other adverse credit event resulting from a sovereign debtor's unwillingness or inability to repay principal and pay interest in a timely manner, which may be affected by a variety of factors, including its cash flow situation, the extent of its

reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and the political constraints to which a sovereign debtor may be subject. Sovereign debt risk is increased for emerging market issuers.

**To-Be-Announced (“TBA”) Transactions Risk**—The Series may enter into “To-Be-Announced” (“TBA”) transactions to purchase or sell mortgage-backed securities for a fixed price at a future date. In a TBA transaction, a seller agrees to deliver a mortgage-backed security to the Series at a future date, but the seller does not specify the particular security to be delivered. Instead, the Series agrees to accept or sell any security that meets specified terms. TBA purchase commitments involve a risk of loss if the value of the securities to be purchased declines prior to settlement date or if the counterparty may not deliver the securities as promised. Selling a TBA involves a risk of loss if the value of the securities to be sold goes up prior to settlement date. Recently finalized FINRA rules include mandatory margin requirements that will require the Series to post collateral in connection with its TBA transactions, which could increase the cost of TBA transactions to the Series and impose added operational complexity.

**U.S. Government Securities Risk**—U.S. government securities may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. U.S. government securities are subject to the risks associated with fixed-income and debt securities, particularly interest rate risk and credit risk.

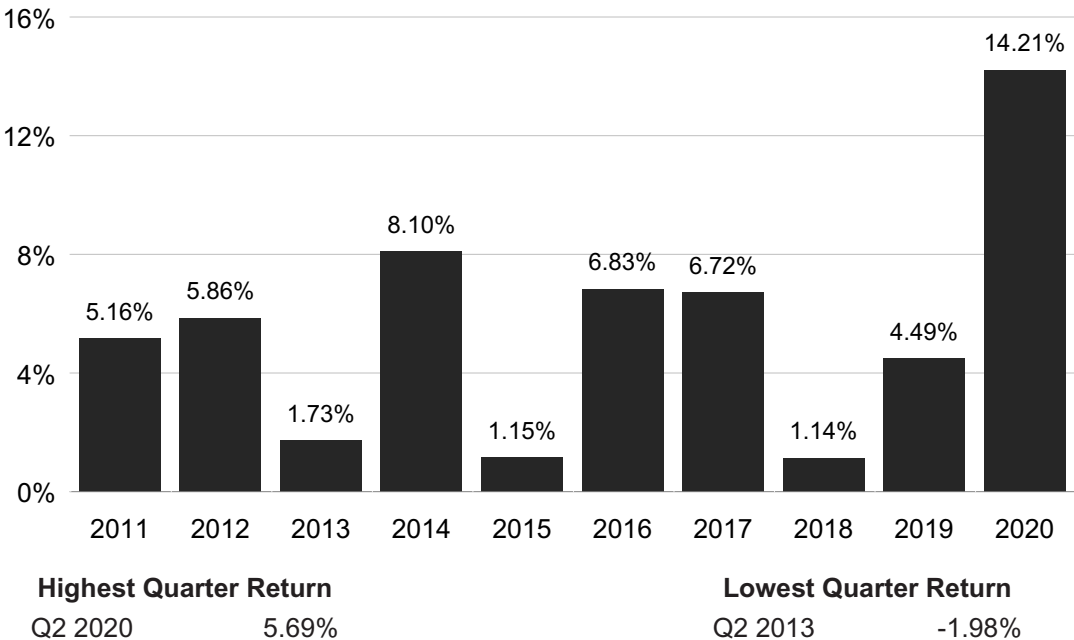
**Zero Coupon and Payment-In-Kind Securities Risk**—Zero coupon and payment-in-kind securities pay no cash interest income and usually are sold at substantial discounts from their value at maturity. Zero coupon and payment-in-kind securities are subject to greater market value fluctuations from changing interest rates than debt obligations of comparable maturities that make current cash-pay interest payments.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Series by showing the Series’ calendar year performance from year to year and average annual returns for the one, five and ten year periods compared to those of a broad measure of market performance. As with all mutual funds, past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Series will perform in the future.

The performance figures in the following chart and table do not reflect fees, expenses or charges associated with variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies that offer the Series as an underlying investment option, and, if such fees, expenses or charges were reflected, the performance figures would be lower.

Effective January 28, 2013, certain changes were made to the Series’ investment objective and principal investment strategies. Performance information prior to that date reflects the Series’ prior principal investment strategies.



## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(For the periods ended December 31, 2020)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Series E	14.21%	6.59%	5.47%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	7.51%	4.44%	3.84%

## MANAGEMENT OF THE SERIES

Security Investors, LLC, also known as Guggenheim Investments, serves as the investment manager of the Series. Guggenheim Investments utilizes a team-based approach that follows a disciplined investment process. The portfolio managers for the Series are:

Name*	Experience with the Series	Primary Title with Investment Manager
B. Scott Miner	Since 2012	Chairman, Global Chief Investment Officer, Managing Partner and Portfolio Manager
Anne B. Walsh	Since 2012	Chief Investment Officer, Fixed Income, Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager
Steven H. Brown	Since 2016	Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager
Adam J. Bloch	Since 2016	Managing Director and Portfolio Manager

\* Each portfolio manager is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Series.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF SERIES SHARES

Shares of the Series are purchased primarily by insurance companies for their separate accounts to fund variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. Investors do not deal directly with the Series to purchase and redeem shares. Please refer to the prospectus for the applicable variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy for information on the allocation of premiums and transfers of accumulated value.

## TAX INFORMATION

Shares of the Series are owned by the insurance companies offering the variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies for which the Series is an investment option. Please see the applicable prospectus for the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of the annuity contract or insurance policy.

## PAYMENTS TO INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

