

THIRD AVENUE VARIABLE SERIES TRUST

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Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

Third Avenue Value Portfolio (the “Portfolio”) has delegated the voting of proxies relating to its voting securities to the Portfolio’s investment adviser pursuant to the adviser’s proxy voting guidelines. A description of these proxy voting guidelines and procedures, as well as information relating to how the Portfolio voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is available by August 31 each year (i) without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 443-1021 and (ii) at the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Schedule of Portfolio Holdings—Form N-Q

The Portfolio files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Portfolio’s Form N-Q is available on the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

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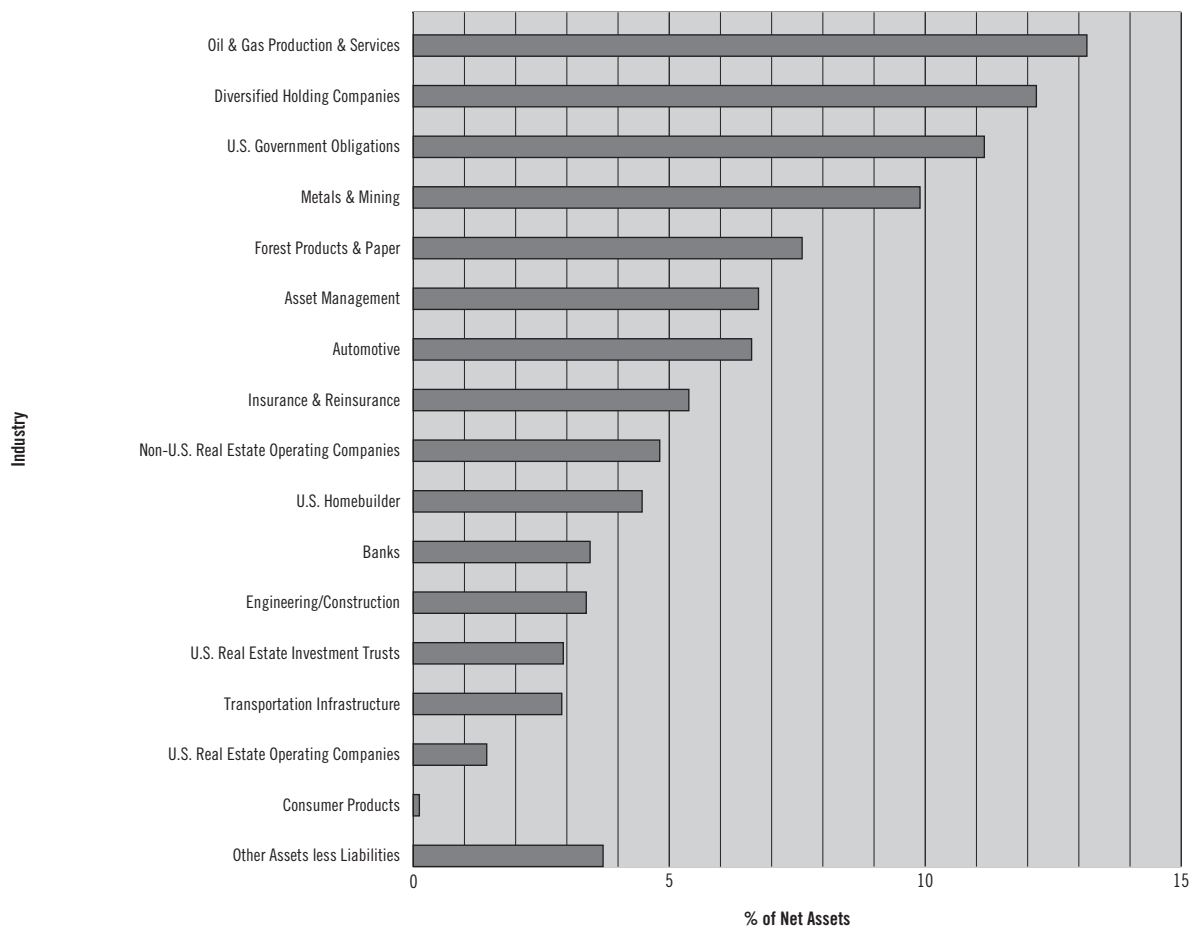
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Industry Diversification

(Unaudited)

The summary of the Portfolio's investments as of June 30, 2018 is as follows:



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Portfolio of Investments

at June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (\$)	Security†	Value (Note 1)	Shares	Security†	Value (Note 1)
Corporate Notes - 0.13%			Oil & Gas Production & Services - 13.17%		
732,078	Consumer Products - 0.13% Home Products International, Inc., 2nd Lien, 6.000%, due 12/20/22 (a)(b)(c).....	\$ 101,686	386,066	Borr Drilling Ltd. (Bermuda) (d)	\$ 1,841,403
	Total Corporate Notes (Cost \$1,612,484)	101,686	54,065	Ocean Rig UDW, Inc., Class A (Cayman Islands) (d)	1,593,836
			343,768	Petroleum Geo-Services ASA (Norway) (d)	1,606,005
			106,369	Tidewater, Inc. (d)	3,077,255
			40,960	Total S.A. (France)	2,487,330
Shares					10,605,829
Common Stocks - 85.00%			Transportation Infrastructure - 2.90%		
	Asset Management - 6.75% Bank of New York Mellon Corp. (The)	2,397,404	26,541	Hawaiian Holdings, Inc.	954,149
44,454	Brookfield Asset Management, Inc., Class A (Canada)	3,038,676	4,963,200	Hutchison Port Holdings Trust (Singapore)	1,385,199
74,955		5,436,080			2,339,348
	Automotive - 6.62% Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (Germany)	2,380,940	41,921	U.S. Homebuilder - 4.47% Lennar Corp., Class A	2,200,853
26,340	Brilliance China Automotive Holdings, Ltd. (Bermuda)	1,189,995	32,883	Lennar Corp., Class B	1,403,775
663,242	Toyota Industries Corp. (Japan)	1,758,031			3,604,628
31,407		5,328,966	103,438	U.S. Real Estate Investment Trusts - 2.93% Forest City Realty Trust, Inc., Class A	2,359,421
			13,563	U.S. Real Estate Operating Companies - 1.44% Five Point Holdings, LLC, Class A (d)	152,584
	Banks - 3.46% Comerica, Inc.	2,789,335	41,422	Tejon Ranch Co. (d)	1,006,554
30,679					1,159,138
	Consumer Products - 0.00%* Home Products International, Inc. (a)(b)(c)(d)	1		Total Common Stocks (Cost \$66,208,799)	68,472,321
33,915					
	Diversified Holding Companies - 12.17% CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	3,785,435		Preferred Stocks - 0.00%* Consumer Products - 0.00%* Home Products International, Inc., Series A, Convertible, 8.000% Cash or Payment-in-kind(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)	1
357,588	Investor AB, Class B (Sweden)	2,507,157	827,257		
61,895	Pargesa Holding S.A. (Switzerland)	1,746,142		Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$0)	1
20,630	Wheelock & Co., Ltd. (Hong Kong)	1,763,423			
253,747		9,802,157			
	Engineering & Construction - 3.38% Boskalis Westminster (Netherlands)	2,726,478		Principal Amount (\$)	
93,824					
	Forest Products & Paper - 7.60% Interfor Corp. (Canada) (d)	2,068,766		Short-Term Investments - 11.16% U.S. Government Obligations - 11.16% U.S. Treasury Bills, 1.782% - 1.813%, due 7/05/18 to 7/19/18(f)	8,993,269
107,711	Weyerhaeuser Co., REIT	4,053,185	9,000,000		8,993,269
111,168		6,121,951		Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$8,993,269)	8,993,269
	Insurance & Reinsurance - 5.39% Alleghany Corp.	2,598,289		Total Investment Portfolio - 96.29% (Cost \$76,814,552)	77,567,277
4,519	White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd. (Bermuda)	1,742,504		Other Assets less Liabilities - 3.71%	2,991,840
1,922		4,340,793		NET ASSETS - 100.00%	\$ 80,559,117
	Metals & Mining - 9.90% Capstone Mining Corp. (Canada) (d)	970,056			
1,262,658	Lundin Mining Corp. (Canada)	2,845,387			
511,722	Warrior Met Coal, Inc.	4,157,501			
150,798		7,972,944			
	Non-U.S. Real Estate Operating Companies - 4.82% CK Asset Holdings, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	2,250,315			
284,263	Henderson Land Development Co., Ltd. (Hong Kong)	1,634,937			
310,042		3,885,252			

Notes:

(a) Fair-valued security.

(b) Security subject to restrictions on resale.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Third Avenue Value Portfolio Portfolio of Investments (continued)

at June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Shares/ Principal Amount(\$)	Issuer	Acquisition Date	Cost	Market Value Per Unit
33,915	Home Products International, Inc.	5/30/07	\$3,749,309	\$ 0.00 ¹
\$732,078	Home Products International, Inc., 2nd Lien, 6.000%, due 12/20/22	3/16/07 - 10/2/17	1,612,484	13.89
827,257	Home Products International, Inc., Series A, Convertible Preferred Stock, 8.000% Cash or Payment-in-kind	3/16/07 - 10/2/17	—	0.00 ¹

¹) Amount less than \$0.01.

At June 30, 2018, these restricted securities had a total market value of \$101,688 or 0.13% of net assets.

(c) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

(d) Non-income producing security.

(e) Payment-in-kind security. Income may be paid as additional securities or cash at the discretion of the issuer.

(f) Annualized yield at date of purchase.

† U.S. issuer unless otherwise noted.

* Amount represents less than 0.01% of net assets.

REIT: Real Estate Investment Trust.

Country Concentration

	% of Net Assets
United States**	44.99%
Canada	11.08
Cayman Islands	9.47
Bermuda	5.93
Hong Kong	4.22
Netherlands	3.38
Sweden	3.11
France	3.09
Germany	2.96
Japan	2.18
Switzerland	2.17
Norway	1.99
Singapore	1.72
Total	<u>96.29%</u>

** Includes cash equivalents, classified as Short-Term Investments on the Portfolio of Investments.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Third Avenue Value Portfolio Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Assets:

Investments at value (cost of \$76,814,552)(Note 1)	\$77,567,277
Cash	2,642,168
Receivable for securities sold	554,642
Dividends and interest receivable	91,784
Receivable for Portfolio shares sold	8,679
Other assets	2,406
Total assets	<u>80,866,956</u>

Liabilities:

Payable for securities purchased	108,679
Accrued expenses	82,441
Payable to Adviser (Note 3)	57,567
Payable for Portfolio shares redeemed	45,856
Payable for shareholder servicing fees (Note 3)	12,242
Payables to Trustees and officers	1,054
Total liabilities	<u>307,839</u>
Net assets	<u>\$80,559,117</u>

Summary of net assets:

Capital stock, unlimited shares authorized, \$0.001 par value, 4,391,989 shares outstanding	\$76,902,456
Accumulated undistributed net investment income	989,387
Accumulated net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	1,916,639
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and translation of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities	750,635
Net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding	<u>\$80,559,117</u>
Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share	<u>\$ 18.34</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Third Avenue Value Portfolio

Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Investment Income:

Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$68,766)	\$ 1,237,303
Interest	72,771
Other income	716
Total investment income	<u>1,310,790</u>

Expenses:

Investment advisory fees (Note 3)	380,357
Shareholder servicing fees (Note 3)	66,874
Auditing and tax fees	34,577
Transfer agent fees	28,834
Accounting fees	25,709
Legal fees	20,602
Administration fees (Note 3)	15,868
Reports to shareholders	14,878
Trustees' and officers' fees and expenses	12,199
Custodian fees	8,069
Insurance	3,209
Miscellaneous	1,886
Total expenses	<u>613,062</u>
Less: Fees waived (Note 3)	(61,473)
Expenses reduced by custodian fee expense offset arrangement (Note 3)	(2,186)
Net expenses	<u>549,403</u>
Net investment income	<u>761,387</u>

Realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions:

Net realized gain on investments	6,524,841
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions	(5,716)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments	(7,808,032)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency	(1,091)
Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	<u>(1,289,998)</u>

Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations \$ (528,611)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Third Avenue Variable Series Trust**Third Avenue Value Portfolio
Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
Operations:		
Net investment income.....	\$ 761,387	\$ 337,245
Net realized gain/(loss)	6,519,125	(3,349,000)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)	(7,809,123)	14,253,948
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations.....	<u>(528,611)</u>	<u>11,242,193</u>
Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders from:		
Net investment income.....	—	(725,143)
Decrease in net assets from dividends and distributions	<u>—</u>	<u>(725,143)</u>
Capital Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares.....	636,859	2,534,800
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of dividends and distributions.....	—	725,143
Cost of shares redeemed	<u>(6,578,336)</u>	<u>(15,418,000)</u>
Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions	<u>(5,941,477)</u>	<u>(12,158,057)</u>
Net decrease in net assets	(6,470,088)	(1,641,007)
Net assets at beginning of period	87,029,205	88,670,212
Net assets at end of period*	<u>\$80,559,117</u>	<u>\$ 87,029,205</u>
* Including accumulated undistributed net investment income of:	<u>\$ 989,387</u>	<u>\$ 228,000</u>

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Financial Highlights

Selected data (for a share outstanding throughout each period) and ratios are as follows:

	For The Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	Years Ended December 31,				
		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 18.48	\$ 16.41	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.56	\$ 14.41
Income/(loss) from investment operations:						
Net investment income [@]	0.17	0.07*	0.15 ⁺	0.08	0.41 [±]	0.11
Net gain/(loss) on investment transactions (both realized and unrealized)	(0.31)	2.15	1.65	(1.58)	0.34	2.58
Total from investment operations	(0.14)	2.22	1.80	(1.50)	0.75	2.69
Less dividends and distributions to shareholders:						
Dividends from net investment income	—	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.56)	(0.51)	(0.54)
Total dividends and distributions	—	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.56)	(0.51)	(0.54)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 18.34	\$ 18.48	\$ 16.41	\$ 14.74	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.56
Total return ¹	(0.76%) ²	13.59%	12.22%	(8.89%)	4.38%	18.97%
Ratios/Supplemental Data:						
Net assets, end of year (in thousands)	\$ 80,559	\$87,029	\$88,670	\$95,309	\$138,432	\$147,003
Ratio of expenses to average net assets Before fee waivers/expense offset						
arrangement	1.45% ³	1.42%	1.41%	1.23%	1.19%	1.20%
After fee waivers/expense offset						
arrangement ⁴	1.30% ^{3,#}	1.30% [#]	1.30% [#]	1.22%	1.18%	1.19%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.80% ³	0.38%*	0.99% ⁺	0.49%	2.45% [±]	0.69%
Portfolio turnover rate	35% ²	28%	24%	22%	39%	23%

1 Performance figures may reflect fee waivers and/or expense offset arrangement. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. In the absence of fee waivers and/or expense offset arrangement, the total return would have been lower. Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period and redemption on the last day of the period and is not annualized. Total return does not reflect charges pursuant to the terms of insurance contracts funded by separate accounts that invest in the Portfolio's shares.

2 Not annualized.

3 Annualized.

4 As a result of an expense limitation, the ratio of expenses (exclusive of taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary items) to average net assets will not exceed 1.30%.

@ Calculated based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.

* Investment income per share reflects a special dividend received during the period which amounted to \$0.04 per share. Excluding the special dividend, the ratio of net investment income to average net assets would have been 0.12%.

+ Investment income per share reflects a special dividend received during the period which amounted to \$0.06 per share. Excluding the special dividend, the ratio of net investment income to average net assets would have been 0.58%.

± Investment income per share reflects special dividends received during the period which amounted to \$0.11 per share. Excluding the special dividends, the ratio of net investment income to average net assets would have been 1.79%.

The Adviser waived a portion of its fees.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Third Avenue Value Portfolio Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

1. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization:

Third Avenue Variable Series Trust (the “Trust”) is an open-end, management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust pursuant to a Trust Instrument dated June 16, 1999. The Trust currently consists of one diversified (within the meaning of Section 5(b)(2) of the Investment Company Act) investment series, Third Avenue Value Portfolio (the “Portfolio”). Third Avenue Management LLC (the “Adviser”) provides investment advisory services to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio seeks to achieve its long-term capital appreciation objective mainly by acquiring common stocks of well-financed companies (meaning companies with high quality assets and conservative levels of liabilities) at a discount to what the Adviser believes is their intrinsic value. The Portfolio may invest in companies of any market capitalization and across all industries. The Portfolio may also acquire senior securities, such as convertible securities, preferred stocks and debt instruments (including high-yield and distressed securities that may be in default and may have any or no credit rating), that the Adviser believes are undervalued. The Portfolio invests in both domestic and foreign securities.

The shares of the Portfolio may be purchased only by the separate accounts of insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. At June 30, 2018, the Trust was offered as an investment option by six insurance companies and, accordingly, a decision by any insurance company to withdraw its participation may have a material negative impact on the Trust. As of June 30, 2018, separate accounts of American Express Life Insurance Co. and Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Co. held approximately 60% and 31% of the Portfolio’s shares, respectively.

Accounting policies:

The policies described below are followed consistently by the Portfolio in the preparation of its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The Trust is an investment company and, accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (“FASB ASC”) Topic 946-Investment Companies, which is part of U.S. GAAP.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Security valuation:

Generally, the Portfolio’s investments are valued at market value. Securities traded on a principal stock exchange, including The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (“NASDAQ”), are valued at the last quoted sales price, the NASDAQ official closing price, or, in the absence of closing sales prices on that day, securities are valued at the mean between the closing bid and ask price. In accordance with procedures approved by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”), the Portfolio has retained a third party provider that applies a statistical model to provide fair value pricing for foreign equity securities with principal markets that are no longer open when the Portfolio calculates its net asset value (“NAV”). Debt instruments with maturities greater than 60 days are valued on the basis of prices obtained from a pricing service approved by the Board or otherwise pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Board. Investments in derivative instruments are valued independently by service providers or by broker quotes based on pricing models. Short-term cash investments are valued at cost, plus accrued interest, which approximates market value. Short-term debt securities with 60 days or less to maturity may be valued at amortized cost.

The Adviser has established a Valuation Committee (the “Committee”) which is responsible for overseeing the pricing and valuation of all securities held in the Portfolio. The Committee operates under pricing and valuation policies and procedures established by the Adviser and approved by the Board, including pricing policies which set forth the mechanisms and processes to be employed on a daily basis to implement these policies and procedures. In particular, the pricing policies describe how to determine market quotations for securities and other instruments. The Committee’s responsibilities include: 1) fair value determinations (and oversight of third parties used in valuation determinations), and 2) regular monitoring of the Adviser’s pricing and valuation policies and procedures and modification or enhancement of these policies and procedures (or recommendation of the modification of these policies and procedures) as the Committee believes appropriate.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at “fair value,” as determined in good faith by the Committee as authorized by the Board, under policies and procedures approved by the Board. At June 30, 2018, such securities had a total fair value of \$101,688, or 0.13% of net assets. Among the factors that may be considered by the Committee in determining fair value are: prior trades in the security in question, trades in similar securities of the same or other issuers, the type of security, trading in marketable securities of the same issuer, the financial condition of the issuer, comparable multiples of similar issuers, the operating results of the issuer and the liquidation value of the issuer. See Fair Value Measurements below for additional detail on fair value measurements for financial reporting purposes. The fair values determined in accordance with these policies and procedures may differ significantly from the amounts which would be realized upon disposition of the securities.

Fair value measurements:

In accordance with FASB ASC 820-10, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, the Portfolio discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that the Portfolio would receive upon selling an investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment under current market conditions. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 — Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Portfolio has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 — Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active; and
- Level 3 — Significant unobservable inputs (including the Portfolio's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by the Portfolio. The Portfolio considers observable data to be market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments.

The Portfolio uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

The following are certain inputs and techniques that the Portfolio generally uses to evaluate how to classify each major category of assets and liabilities for Level 2 and Level 3, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Equity Securities (Common Stocks and Preferred Stocks)—Equity securities traded in inactive markets and certain foreign equity securities are valued using inputs which include broker-dealer quotes, recently executed transactions adjusted for changes in the benchmark index, or evaluated prices received from independent pricing services or brokers that take into account the integrity of the market sector and issuer, the individual characteristics of the security, and information received from broker-dealers and other market sources pertaining to the issuer or security. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of equity securities are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

U.S. Government Obligations — U.S. Government obligations are valued by independent pricing services based on pricing models that evaluate the mean between the closing bid and ask price. The models also take into consideration data received from active market makers and broker-dealers, yield curves, and the spread over comparable U.S. Government issues. The spreads change daily in response to market conditions and are generally obtained from the new issue market and broker-dealer sources. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of U.S. Government obligations are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

Corporate Bonds— Corporate bonds are generally comprised of two main categories: investment grade bonds and high yield bonds. Investment grade bonds are valued by independent pricing services or brokers using various inputs and techniques, which include broker-dealer quotations, live trading levels, recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, and option adjusted spread models that include base curve and spread curve inputs. Adjustments to individual bonds can be applied to recognize trading differences compared to other bonds issued by the same issuer. High yield bonds are valued by independent pricing services or brokers based primarily on broker-dealer quotations from relevant market makers and recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. The broker-dealer quotations received are supported by credit analysis of the issuer that takes into consideration credit quality assessments, daily trading activity, and the activity of the underlying equities, listed bonds and sector specific trends. To the extent that these inputs are observable, the values of corporate bonds are categorized as Level 2. To the extent that these inputs are unobservable, the values are categorized as Level 3.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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The following is a summary by level of inputs used to value the Portfolio's investments as of June 30, 2018:

Level 1: Quoted Prices†

Investments in Securities:

Common Stocks:

Oil & Gas Production & Services	\$ 4,671,091
Transportation Infrastructure	954,149
Other*	33,784,290

Total for Level 1 Securities 39,409,530

Level 2: Other Significant Observable Inputs†

Investments in Securities:

Common Stocks:

Automotive	5,328,966
Diversified Holding Companies	9,802,157
Engineering & Construction	2,726,478
Non-U.S. Real Estate Operating Companies	3,885,252
Oil & Gas Production & Services	5,934,738
Transportation Infrastructure	1,385,199

Short-Term Investments:

U.S. Government Obligations	8,993,269
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Total for Level 2 Securities 38,056,059

Level 3: Significant Unobservable Inputs

Investments in Securities:

Common Stocks:

Consumer Products	1
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Preferred Stocks:

Consumer Products	1
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Corporate Notes:

Consumer Products	101,686
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Total for Level 3 Securities

101,688

Total Value of Investments

\$77,567,277

† There were no securities that were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 or from Level 2 to Level 1.

* Please refer to the Portfolio of Investments for industry specifics of the portfolio holdings.

Transfers from Level 1 to Level 2, or from Level 2 to Level 1, would utilize values as of the beginning of the period.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

	Balance as of 12/31/17 (Fair Value)	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)	Balance as of 6/30/18 (Fair Value)	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation) Attributable to Securities Still Held at Period End
Common Stocks -				
Consumer Products	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —
Preferred Stocks -				
Consumer Products	1	—	1	—
Corporate Notes -				
Consumer Products	492,908	(391,222)	101,686	(391,222)
Total	<u>\$492,910</u>	<u>\$(391,222)</u>	<u>\$101,688</u>	<u>\$(391,222)</u>

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Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

(amounts in thousands)

	Fair Value at 6/30/18	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range
Corporate Notes	\$102	Liquidation Value	Liquidation Rate	20%-85%
Other (a)	—*			
	\$102			

(a) Includes securities less than 0.50% of net assets of the Portfolio.

* Amount less than \$1,000.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Portfolio's investments are listed above. Generally, a change in the assumptions used in any input in isolation may be accompanied by a change in another input. Significant changes in any of the unobservable inputs may significantly impact the fair value measurement. The impact is based on the relationship between each unobservable input and the fair value measurement. Significant increases (decreases) in liquidation rate may increase (decrease) the fair value measurement.

Security transactions and investment income:

Security transactions for financial statement purposes are accounted for on a trade date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or, for certain foreign dividends, as soon as the Portfolio becomes aware of the dividends. Interest income is determined on the basis of coupon interest accrued using the effective interest method which adjusts for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Dividend income on the Statement of Operations is shown net of any foreign taxes withheld on income from foreign securities. Payments received from certain investments held by the Portfolio may be comprised of dividends, capital gains and return of capital. The Portfolio originally estimates the expected classification of such payments. These amounts may subsequently be reclassified upon receipt of information from the issuer. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis.

Foreign currency translation and foreign investments:

The books and records of the Portfolio are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars as follows:

- Investments and assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies: At the prevailing rates of exchange on the valuation date.
- Investment transactions and investment income: At the prevailing rates of exchange on the date of such transactions.

The net assets of the Portfolio are presented at market values using the foreign exchange rates at the close of the period. The Portfolio does not generally isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities held. Similarly, the Portfolio does not isolate the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities sold during the period. Accordingly, realized and unrealized foreign currency gains/(losses) are included in the reported net realized gain/(loss) and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investment transactions and balances.

Net realized gains/(losses) on foreign currency transactions represent net foreign exchange gains/(losses) from disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amount of investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Portfolio's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized currency gains/(losses) from valuing foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at period end exchange rates are reflected as a component of net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The change in net unrealized currency gains/(losses) for the period is reflected on the Statement of Operations.

Pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations, gains and losses from certain foreign currency transactions and the foreign currency portion of gains and losses realized on sales and maturities of foreign denominated debt securities are generally treated as ordinary income.

Payment-in-kind securities ("PIKs"):

The Portfolio may invest in PIKs. PIKs may make a payment at each payment date in either cash or additional securities. Those additional securities usually have the same terms, including maturity dates and interest rates, and associated risks as the original securities. The daily market quotations of the original securities may include the accrued income (referred to as a "dirty" price) and require a pro-rata adjustment from the unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments to Dividends and interest receivable on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Portfolio did not receive any in-kind payments with respect to PIK securities.

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Dividends and distributions to shareholders:

The amount of dividends and distributions paid to shareholders from net investment income and net realized capital gains on disposition of securities, respectively is determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax law and regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP. Such dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Any distributions from the Portfolio will be automatically reinvested into additional shares of the Portfolio.

Income tax information:

The Portfolio has complied and intends to continue to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and intends to distribute all of its taxable net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders. Therefore, no provision for U.S. federal income taxes is included on the accompanying financial statements.

Income, including capital gains, from investments in foreign securities received by the Portfolio may be subject to income withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries.

Management has analyzed the tax positions taken on the Portfolio's U.S. federal income tax returns for all open tax years, and has concluded that no provision for U.S. federal income tax is required in the Portfolio's financial statements. This conclusion may be subject to future review and adjustment at a later date based upon factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Portfolio is subject to possible examination by the relevant taxing authorities for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired. The Portfolio's federal income tax returns are generally subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three fiscal years after they are filed.

Expense allocation:

Expenses attributable to the Portfolio are charged to the Portfolio. Certain expenses are shared with Third Avenue Trust, an affiliated fund group. Such costs are allocated using the ratio of the Portfolio's average net assets relative to the total average net assets of the Portfolio and Third Avenue Trust.

Trustees' and officers' fees:

The Trust does not pay any fees to its officers for their services as such, except for the Chief Compliance Officer and the compliance personnel who report directly to the Chief Compliance Officer, to whom the Portfolio paid \$5,902 for the six months ended June 30, 2018. The Trust does pay, together with Third Avenue Trust, Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the Trust ("Independent Trustee") a fee of \$5,000 for each meeting of the Board that each Independent Trustee attends, in addition to reimbursing all Independent Trustees for travel and incidental expenses incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings. If a special meeting is required, Trustees will each receive \$2,500. The Trust, together with Third Avenue Trust, also pays each Independent Trustee an annual retainer of \$55,000 (the Chairman receives an additional retainer of \$20,000). The Trustees on the Audit Committee each receive \$2,000 for each Audit Committee meeting, and the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual retainer of \$6,000. Prior to his resignation in March 2018, an Advisory Trustee received an annual retainer of \$27,500 and a fee of \$ 2,500 for each Board meeting he attended.

2. INVESTMENTS

Purchases and sales:

The aggregate cost of purchases and aggregate proceeds from sales, excluding short-term investments, for the six months ended June 30, 2018 were as follows:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>
	\$24,707,235	\$24,057,703

Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation):

The following information is based upon the book basis of investment securities as of June 30, 2018:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 8,610,082
Gross unrealized depreciation	(7,857,357)
Net unrealized appreciation	<u>\$ 752,725</u>
Book cost	<u>\$76,814,552</u>

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3. INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE FEE AGREEMENTS AND EXPENSE OFFSET ARRANGEMENT

The Portfolio has an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Adviser for investment advisory functions. The terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement provide that the Portfolio pay the Adviser an investment advisory fee at an annual rate of 0.90% of the Portfolio's total average daily net assets. This fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. Additionally, the Adviser pays certain expenses on behalf of the Portfolio, which are partially reimbursed by the Portfolio, including shareholder servicing fees due to third parties, the compensation expense for the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance personnel who report directly to the Chief Compliance Officer and other miscellaneous expenses.

The following were amounts payable to the Adviser at June 30, 2018:

Advisory fees	\$43,068
Administration fees	2,667
Reimbursement for shareholder servicing fees	10,852
Reimbursement for Trustees' and officers' fees and expenses	980
Total	<u>\$57,567</u>

Until April 30, 2019 (subject to renewal), whenever the Portfolio's normal operating expenses, including the investment advisory fee and most other operating expenses, but excluding taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary items, exceed 1.30% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets, the Adviser has agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fees and/or reimburse the Portfolio in an amount equal to that excess. The waived fees and reimbursed expenses may be paid to the Adviser during the following three-year period after the end of the fiscal year in which a fee is waived or expense reimbursed by the Adviser, to the extent that the payment of such fees and expenses would not cause the Portfolio to exceed the expense limitation. As of June 30, 2018, there were contingent liabilities to the Adviser in effect for the Portfolio in the amount of \$256,457 for fees waived through the year ended December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$95,108, through the year ended December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$99,876 and through the six months ended June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$61,473 which are subject to repayment until December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

The Trust has entered into an Administration Agreement with the Adviser pursuant to which the Adviser, as administrator, is responsible for providing various administrative services to the Trust. The Adviser has in turn entered into a Sub-Administration Agreement with BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc. ("BNY Mellon"), pursuant to which BNY Mellon provides certain of these administrative services on behalf of the Adviser. The Adviser earns an annual fee of \$32,000. The Adviser pays BNY Mellon an annual sub-administration fee for sub-administration services provided to the Trust equal to \$12,732.

Both the Trust and the Adviser have entered into Shareholder Servicing Agreements with the insurance companies that offer the Portfolio whereby a fee is paid to the insurance companies who administer omnibus accounts for the policyholders electing to invest in the Portfolio. Pursuant to provisions adopted by the Board, the Adviser has agreed to pay these fees directly. The Portfolio has agreed to reimburse the Adviser for the estimated amount the Portfolio would have been charged by its transfer agent for administering the accounts on an individual basis. The amount, reimbursed to the Adviser, is reflected as "Shareholder servicing fees" in the Statement of Operations. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, such fees amounted to \$66,874.

The Portfolio has an expense offset arrangement in connection with its custodian contract. Credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Portfolio's custodian expenses. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the reduction of expense due to this arrangement was \$2,186 and is reflected as "Expenses reduced by custodian fee expense offset arrangement" in the Statement of Operations.

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A former employee of the Adviser serves as a member of the board of directors of a company in which the Portfolio has an investment. As a result of such service, for the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Portfolio received \$709 in board member fees from the company that the board member agreed to have paid directly to the benefit of the Portfolio while employed by the Adviser. These fees are included in "Other income" on the accompanying Statement of Operations.

5. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

The Portfolio is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with \$0.001 par value.

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Transactions in capital stock were as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
Shares outstanding at beginning of period	4,708,338	5,403,159
Shares sold	33,894	143,992
Shares issued upon reinvestment of dividends and distributions	—	42,013
Shares redeemed	(350,243)	(880,826)
Net decrease in Portfolio shares	(316,349)	(694,821)
Shares outstanding at end of period	<u>4,391,989</u>	<u>4,708,338</u>

6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Portfolio enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Portfolio's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Portfolio that have not yet occurred.

7. RISKS RELATING TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS

Foreign securities and emerging markets risk:

Foreign securities from a particular country or region may be subject to currency fluctuations and controls, or adverse political, social, economic or other developments that are unique to that particular country or region. Therefore, the prices of foreign securities in particular countries or regions may, at times, move in a different direction from those of U.S. securities. From time to time, foreign capital markets may exhibit more volatility than those in the U.S., and the securities markets of emerging market countries can be extremely volatile. Emerging market countries can generally have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries, and, as a result, the securities markets of emerging market countries can be more volatile than more developed markets may be.

High yield and distressed risk:

The Portfolio's investments in high-yield debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") and distressed securities may expose the Portfolio to greater risks than if the Portfolio only owned higher-grade securities. The value of high-yield, lower quality securities is affected by the creditworthiness of the issuers of the securities and by general economic and specific industry conditions. The prices of high yield securities can fall in response to negative news about the issuer or its industry, or the economy in general to a greater extent than those of higher rated securities. Issuers of high-yield securities are not as strong financially as those with higher credit ratings, so the securities are usually considered speculative investments. These issuers are more vulnerable to financial setbacks and recession than are more creditworthy issuers, which may impair their ability to make interest and principal payments. The Portfolio may also invest in distressed securities, which the Adviser considers to be issued by companies that are, or might be, involved in reorganizations or financial restructurings, either out of court or in bankruptcy. The Portfolio's investments in distressed securities typically may involve the purchase of high-yield bonds, bank debt or other indebtedness of such companies.

Debt securities risk:

The market value of a debt security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The debt securities market can be susceptible to increases in volatility and decreases in liquidity. Increases in volatility and decreases in liquidity may be caused by a rise in interest rates (or the expectation of a rise in interest rates), which are at or near historic lows in the United States and in other countries. During periods of reduced market liquidity, the Portfolio may not be able to readily sell debt securities at prices at or near their perceived value. If the Portfolio needed to sell large blocks of debt securities to meet shareholder redemption requests or to raise cash, those sales could further reduce the prices of such securities.

Prices of bonds and other debt securities tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect debt securities and, accordingly, will cause the value of the Portfolio's investments in these securities to decline. When interest rates fall, the values of already-issued securities generally rise, although investments in new securities may be at lower yields. The prices of high-yield debt securities, unlike investment grade securities, may fluctuate unpredictably and not necessarily inversely with changes in interest rates.

The rates on floating debt instruments adjust periodically with changes in market interest rates. Although these instruments are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than fixed rate instruments, the value of floating rate loans and other floating rate securities may decline if their interest rates

do not rise as quickly, or as much, as general interest rates. An unexpected increase in Portfolio redemption requests, including requests from shareholders who may own a significant percentage of the Portfolio's shares, which may be triggered by market turmoil or an increase in interest rates, could cause the Portfolio to sell its holdings at a loss or at undesirable prices and adversely affect the Portfolio's share price and increase the Portfolio's liquidity risk, Portfolio expenses and/or taxable distributions. Economic and other developments can adversely affect debt securities markets.

Market risk:

Prices of securities have historically fluctuated. The market value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not related to the particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. A security's market value also may decline because of factors that affect the particular company, such as management performance, financial leverage, and reduced demand for the company's products or services, or factors that affect the company's industry, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. The value of the Portfolio will similarly fluctuate and you could lose money.

Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to sell. The Portfolio may not be able to sell these investments at the best prices or at the value the Portfolio places on them. In such a market, the value of such investments and the Portfolio's share price may fall dramatically, even during periods of declining interest rates. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. The market for high-yield debt securities may be less liquid and therefore these securities may be harder to value or sell at an acceptable price, especially during times of market volatility or decline. Investments in foreign securities tend to have greater exposure to liquidity risk than U.S. securities. Liquidity can decline unpredictably in response to overall economic conditions or credit tightening. Investments in private debt instruments, restricted securities, and securities having substantial market and/or credit risk may involve greater liquidity risk.

Counterparty risk:

The Portfolio is exposed to counterparty risk, or the risk that an institution or other entity with which the Portfolio has unsettled or open transactions will default. The potential loss to the Portfolio could exceed the value of the financial assets recorded in the Portfolio's financial statements. Financial assets, which potentially expose the Portfolio to counterparty risk, consist principally of cash due from counterparties and investments. The Adviser seeks to minimize the Portfolio's counterparty risk by performing reviews of each counterparty and by minimizing concentration of counterparty risk by undertaking transactions with multiple customers and counterparties on recognized and reputable exchanges. Delivery of securities sold is only made once the Portfolio has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been delivered by the counterparty. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Portfolio is party to International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreements ("ISDA Master Agreements") with select counterparties that govern transactions, over-the-counter derivatives and foreign exchange contracts entered into by the Portfolio and those counterparties. The ISDA Master Agreements contain provisions for general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral and events of default or termination. Events of termination include conditions that may entitle counterparties to elect to terminate early and cause settlement of all outstanding transactions under the applicable ISDA Master Agreement. Any election to terminate early could be material to the financial statements of the Portfolio.

The considerations and factors surrounding the settlement of certain purchases and sales made on a delayed-delivery basis are governed by Master Securities Forward Transaction Agreements ("Master Forward Agreements") between the Portfolio and select counterparties. The Master Forward Agreements maintain provisions for, among other things, initiation and confirmation, payment and transfer, events of default, termination, and maintenance of collateral.

The counterparty risk associated with certain contracts may be reduced by master netting arrangements to the extent that if an event of default occurs, all amounts with the counterparty are terminated and settled on a net basis. The Portfolio's overall exposure to counterparty risk with respect to transactions subject to master netting arrangements can change substantially within a short period, as it is affected by each transaction subject to the arrangement.

Collateral requirements:

For derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement and/or Master Forward Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the mark-to-market amount for each transaction under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any collateral currently pledged by the Portfolio and the counterparty.

Cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Portfolio and cash collateral received from the counterparty, if any, is reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as cash pledged as collateral and cash received as collateral, respectively. Non-cash collateral pledged by the Portfolio, if any, is noted in the Portfolio of Investments. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a party has to exceed a minimum transfer

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amount threshold (e.g. \$500,000) before a transfer is required, which is determined at the close of business of the Portfolio and any additional required collateral is delivered to/pledged by the Portfolio on the next business day. Typically, a Portfolio and its counterparties are not permitted to sell, re-pledge or use the collateral they receive. To the extent amounts due to the Portfolio from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Portfolio bears the risk of loss from counterparty non-performance. The Portfolio attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by entering into agreements only with counterparties that it believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

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

Cash concentration:

The Portfolio's cash balance is held at a major regional U.S. bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. The Portfolio's cash balance, which typically exceeds Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance coverage, subjects the Portfolio to a concentration of credit risk. The Portfolio regularly monitors the credit ratings of this financial institution in order to mitigate the credit risk that exists with the balances in excess of insured amounts.

Focused investing:

The Portfolio holds a relatively concentrated portfolio that may contain fewer securities or industries than the portfolios of other mutual funds. Holding a relatively concentrated portfolio may increase the risk that the value of the Portfolio could decrease because of the poor performance of one or a few investments. Concentrated positions may be difficult to liquidate.

8. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The amount of dividends and distributions paid by the Portfolio from net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax laws and regulation, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. Such dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. In order to present accumulated net investment income (loss), accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions and capital stock on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities that more closely represent their tax character, certain adjustments have been made. "Book/tax" differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their tax-basis treatment. Temporary differences do not require reclassification. Permanent differences are primarily due to reclassification of certain transactions involving foreign securities and currencies, capital loss carryforward expiration and other book/tax adjustments. Net investment income, net realized capital gain (loss) and net assets were not affected by this change.

The book and tax unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) calculation differs. The difference is primarily attributable to mark-to-market treatment of passive foreign investment companies, wash sales, differences in the treatment of amortization of discount on certain debt instruments, and other timing differences. Other cost basis adjustments are primarily attributable to net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Portfolio through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there were no events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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Annual Renewal of Investment Advisory Agreement

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) held on June 13 and 14, 2018, the Trustees, none of whom are “interested persons” (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of the Trust (the “Independent Trustees”), approved the renewal of the Portfolio’s Investment Advisory Agreement (the “Agreement”). Prior to voting on the Agreement, the Independent Trustees met separately with their independent legal counsel for a discussion of the Adviser’s presentation and materials referred to below.

In advance of the meeting, the Trustees, through their independent legal counsel, requested extensive materials, and the Adviser provided them, to assist the Board in considering the renewal of the Agreement. The Trustees also constituted an ad hoc committee to work with representatives of the Adviser to evaluate the adequacy and extent of the information to be provided for their consideration. This committee communicated frequently with the Adviser’s representatives and independent legal counsel. At its meeting held on June 13 and 14, 2018, the Board engaged in a detailed discussion of the materials with the Adviser and its affiliates. In considering the Agreement, the Trustees did not identify any single overriding factor and instead considered all factors collectively. As a part of their decision making process, the Trustees considered information derived from their service on the Trust’s Board and their familiarity with the Adviser and its investment process. Among other things, they noted that the Adviser has managed the Portfolio since its inception, and expressed their belief that a long-term relationship with a capable, conscientious adviser is in the best interest of the Portfolio. The following is a summary of the discussions and conclusions regarding the material factors that formed the basis for the Board’s approval.

Factors Considered

A. Financial Condition of the Adviser; Advisory Fees; Profitability

The Trustees received a presentation from representatives of the Adviser, including a report prepared by Morningstar, Inc. (“Morningstar”), and reviewed, among other things:

1. the financial condition of the Adviser to determine that the Adviser is solvent and currently is sufficiently well-capitalized to perform its ongoing responsibilities to the Portfolio, recognizing the need for continued scrutiny, at least in the short-term, on the ongoing potential for a continued decrease in assets under management;
2. the information sources and methodology used in the selection of funds included in the comparison universe and the competitive fund group used in comparative analyses of the Portfolio’s advisory fees and expense ratio and in analyzing the Portfolio’s performance;
3. the Portfolio’s advisory fee and total expenses versus those of the comparison universe and competitive fund group, focusing on the total expense ratio of the Portfolio and the funds in its comparison universe and competitive fund group;
4. performance analyses of the Portfolio and funds in its comparison universe and competitive fund group;
5. a comparison of fees paid to the Adviser versus fees paid by similar funds advised and sub-advised by the Adviser, as well as any similar separate advisory accounts;
6. information presented in respect of economies of scale, noting that the Portfolio’s assets had declined significantly over the last five years; that the Adviser has agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses to maintain an expense limitation for the Portfolio; and the resources that the Adviser continues to dedicate to its business even while Portfolio assets generally have declined in recent years;
7. the profitability to the Adviser resulting from the Agreement (including the fall-out benefits noted below), reviewing the dollar amount of expenses allocated and revenue received by the Adviser and the method used to determine such expenses and corresponding profit; and
8. fallout benefits, including (i) fees for providing administrative services and (ii) research services received by the Adviser in connection with executing the Portfolio’s transactions.

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B. Description of Personnel and Services Provided by the Adviser

The Trustees reviewed with representatives of the Adviser, and considered:

1. the nature, extent and quality of services rendered to the Portfolio, including by the Adviser's investment, senior management and operational personnel, noting the recent portfolio management change for the Portfolio, and the oversight of day-to-day operations of the Portfolio provided by the Adviser;
2. the Adviser's research and portfolio management capabilities, particularly the intensive research undertaken in connection with the Adviser's deep value philosophy (noting the appointment of a Head of Research during the year);
3. the value added over time through the Adviser's active management style that includes participation in corporate restructurings and other activist investments; and
4. the Adviser's experience operating funds registered under the Investment Company Act and its dedication to providing high quality services to the Portfolio in the long term.

C. Investment Performance of the Portfolio and Adviser

The Trustees reviewed total return information for the Portfolio versus the comparison universe and competitive fund group for various periods. The Trustees also reviewed information pertaining to the Portfolio's risk adjusted performance and risk measures.

Conclusions

The Trustees concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser currently are adequate and appropriate. The Trustees considered and evaluated the Portfolio's performance over various time periods in light of market conditions, the Adviser's investing style and circumstances particular to the Portfolio. While the Trustees expressed concern about the Portfolio's long-term performance, the Trustees considered the recent changes in personnel and approach instituted in the Portfolio. They also considered the advisory fee and expense ratio of the Portfolio and evaluated the comparisons to those of funds in the comparison universe and competitive fund group and the performance analysis, as discussed in the Adviser's presentation.

The Trustees discussed the Adviser's profitability, and it was noted that, among other things, the profitability percentage for the Portfolio was below the maximum profitability levels found in the relevant court cases upholding board approval of particular advisory agreements. The Trustees also considered the advisory fees charged other clients of the Adviser, and reviewed the nature of the services provided and differences, from the Adviser's perspective, in managing the Portfolio as compared to advisory services provided to other clients. The Trustees recognized that differences in fees paid were consistent with the differences in services provided by the Adviser.

The Trustees considered whether material economies of scale are present and, if present, are shared with the Portfolio and considered the Portfolio's fee structure and the resources that the Adviser dedicates to its investment advisory process to the benefit of the Portfolio. The Trustees concluded that, because of declining overall assets, material economies of scale were not present to be shared with the Portfolio.

The Trustees concluded, in light of considerations noted above, to approve the Agreement.

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Third Avenue Value Portfolio Schedule of Shareholder Expenses

(Unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Portfolio, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees, shareholder servicing fees, and other Portfolio expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period, January 1, 2018 and held for the six months ended June 30, 2018.

Actual Expenses

The first line of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During the Period” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

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

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher. Please further note that you also bear fees and charges imposed by insurance companies at the separate account level, which are described in the separate prospectuses of the separate account. Such charges will have the effect of reducing account value. The example also assumes all dividends and distributions have been reinvested.

	Beginning Account Value January 1, 2018	Ending Account Value June 30, 2018	Expenses Paid During the Period* January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018	Annualized Expense Ratio
Actual	\$1,000	\$ 992.40	\$6.42	1.30%
Hypothetical	\$1,000	\$1,018.35	\$6.51	1.30%

* Expenses (net of fee waivers and expense offset arrangement) are equal to the Portfolio’s annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half-year (181) divided by 365.

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