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# Guggenheim Variable Insurance Funds Summary Prospectus

**Guggenheim Alternative Fund**

Long Short Equity Fund

Before you invest, you may wish to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You may obtain the Prospectus and other information about the Fund, including the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting [guggenheiminvestments.com/variable-insurance-funds](http://guggenheiminvestments.com/variable-insurance-funds), calling 800.820.0888 or e-mailing [services@guggenheiminvestments.com](mailto:services@guggenheiminvestments.com). The Fund's Prospectus and SAI, both dated May 1, 2017, as revised from time to time, and the Fund's most recent shareholder reports, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus. This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with a variable contract as defined in Section 817(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not intended for use by other investors.

## LONG SHORT EQUITY FUND

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### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Long Short Equity Fund (the "Fund") seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Owners of variable annuity and insurance contracts that invest in the Fund also should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses that may be deducted at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. If the information below were to reflect the deduction of insurance charges, fees and expenses would be higher.

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|---|-------|
| <b>SHAREHOLDER FEES</b> ( <i>fees paid directly from your investment</i> )  | N/A   |
| <b>ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b><br>( <i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i> ) |       |
| Management Fees   | 0.90% |
| Other Expenses  | 1.32% |
| Short Sales Dividend and Interest Expense   | 0.66% |
| Remaining Other Expenses  | 0.66% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses  | 2.22% |

### EXAMPLE

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example does not reflect the fees and expenses which are, or may be, imposed under your variable insurance contract. If the Example were to reflect the deduction of such charges, the costs shown would be greater. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

| 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| \$225  | \$694   | \$1,190 | \$2,554  |

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses or the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 239% of the average value of its portfolio. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to cash instruments and most derivatives. If such instruments were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate might be significantly higher.

### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund will invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its assets (net assets plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes) in long and short equity or equity-like securities, including individual securities and derivatives (based on their notional value for purposes of this 80% calculation) giving exposure (*i.e.*, economic characteristics similar to) to different industries or styles to which the Fund is seeking exposure. The Fund seeks to respond to the dynamically changing economy by moving its investments among different industries and styles (*i.e.*, non-industry factors including, but not limited to, valuations, growth prospects and capitalization). The Advisor allocates investments to industries and styles according to several measures of momentum. Companies associated with industries and/or styles demonstrating positive momentum are favored while those experiencing negative momentum are disfavored. The Fund may hold both long and short positions. Equity positions are determined based on their associated industry and style momentum, risk characteristics, and liquidity. The Fund invests in equity

securities, including small-, mid-, and large-capitalization securities, such as U.S. traded common stocks and American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), but also may invest in derivative instruments which primarily consist of equity index swaps, futures contracts, and options on securities, futures contracts, and stock indices. Equity index swaps, futures and options contracts enable the Fund to pursue its investment objective without investing directly in the securities of companies included in the different industries or styles to which the Fund is seeking exposure. The Fund may invest in derivatives to hedge or gain leveraged exposure to a particular industry, style or company depending on market conditions.

Investments in derivative instruments, such as futures, options and swap agreements, have the economic effect of creating financial leverage in the Fund's portfolio because such investments may give rise to losses that exceed the amount the Fund has invested in those instruments. Financial leverage will magnify, sometimes significantly, the Fund's exposure to any increase or decrease in prices associated with a particular reference asset resulting in increased volatility in the value of the Fund's portfolio. The value of the Fund's portfolio is likely to experience greater volatility over short-term periods. While such financial leverage has the potential to produce greater gains, it also may result in greater losses, which in some cases may cause the Fund to liquidate other portfolio investments at a loss to comply with limits on leverage and asset segregation requirements imposed by the Investment Company Act of 1940 or to meet redemption requests. The Fund's use of derivatives and the leveraged investment exposure created by such use are expected to be significant.

Certain of the Fund's derivatives investments may be traded in the over-the-counter ("OTC") market, which generally provides for less transparency than exchange-traded derivative instruments. The Fund also may enter into short sales of broad-based stock indices for hedging purposes in an effort to reduce portfolio risk or volatility. While the Fund anticipates investing in these instruments to seek to achieve its investment objective, the extent of the Fund's investment in these instruments may vary from day to day depending on a number of different factors, including price, availability, and general market conditions. On a day-to-day basis, the Fund may hold U.S. government securities, short-term, high quality (rated AA or higher) fixed income securities, money market instruments, overnight and fixed-term repurchase agreements, cash and other cash equivalents with maturities of one year or less to collateralize its derivatives positions or for defensive purposes to seek to avoid losses during adverse market conditions. The Fund also may enter into repurchase agreements with counterparties that are deemed to present acceptable credit risks. In an effort to ensure that the Fund is fully invested on a day-to-day basis, the Fund may conduct significant trading activity at or just prior to the close of the U.S. financial markets. The Fund is non-diversified and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issuer in comparison to a diversified fund.

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets, and at times, a substantial portion of its assets, in other short-term fixed-income investment companies advised by the Advisor, or an affiliate of the Advisor, for various purposes, including for liquidity management purposes (e.g., to increase yield on liquid investments used to collateralize derivatives positions) or when such investment companies present a more cost-effective investment option than direct investments in the underlying securities. Investments in these investment companies will significantly increase the portfolio's exposure to certain other asset categories, including: (i) a broad range of high yield, high risk debt securities rated below the top four long-term rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or, if unrated, determined by the Advisor to be of comparable quality (also known as "junk bonds"); (ii) securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities; (iii) collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), other asset-backed securities (including mortgage-backed securities) and similarly structured debt investments; and (iv) other short-term fixed income securities. Such investments will expose the Fund to the risks of these asset categories and increases or decreases in the value of these investments may cause the Fund to deviate from its investment objective.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS**

As with all mutual funds, a shareholder is subject to the risk that his or her investment could lose money. In addition to this risk, the Fund is subject to the principal risks described below.

**ASSET-BACKED AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES RISK**—Through its investments in other investment companies, the Fund may have exposure to asset-backed securities, including mortgage-backed securities and structured finance investments. Investors in these securities 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 reaction to interest rates and other factors difficult to predict, making their prices very volatile and they are subject to liquidity risk.

**CLO RISK**—Through its investments in other investment companies, the Fund may have exposure to CLOs. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, and subordinate corporate loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. The cash flows from the trust are split into two or more portions, called tranches, varying in risk and yield. CLO tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to defaults due to collateral default and disappearance of protecting tranches, market anticipation of defaults, as well as aversion to CLO securities as a class. The risks of an investment in a CLO depend largely on the type of the collateral securities and the class of the CLO in which the Fund invests.

**COUNTERPARTY CREDIT RISK**—The Fund may invest in financial instruments involving counterparties that attempt to gain exposure to a particular group of securities, index or asset class without actually purchasing those securities or investments, or to hedge a position. The Fund's use of such financial instruments, including swap agreements, involves risks that are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. For example, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the counterparty may be unwilling or unable to make timely payments to meet its contractual obligations or may fail to return holdings that are subject to the agreement with the counterparty. If the counterparty becomes bankrupt or defaults on its payment obligations to the Fund, the Fund may not receive the full amount that it is entitled to receive. If this occurs, the value of your shares in the Fund will decrease.

**CREDIT RISK**—The Fund could lose money if the debt securities or other instruments in which it invests decline in price, or the issuer or guarantor of such instrument fails to pay interest or principal when due because the issuer or guarantor of the instrument experiences an actual or perceived decline in its financial status. Generally, credit risk is increased when a portfolio security is downgraded or the perceived creditworthiness of the issuer or guarantor deteriorates, though the effect of any credit rating downgrade can be uncertain. To the extent the Fund invests in below investment grade instruments, it will be exposed to a greater amount of credit risk than a fund which only invests in investment grade securities. In addition, to the extent the Fund uses credit derivatives, such use will expose it to additional risk in the event that the bonds underlying the derivatives default. The degree of credit risk depends on the issuer's or guarantor's financial condition and on the terms of the instruments.

**DEPOSITARY RECEIPT RISK**—The Fund may hold the securities of non-U.S. companies in the form of ADRs. The underlying securities of the ADRs in the Fund's portfolio are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates that may affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. In addition, the value of the securities underlying the ADRs may change materially when the U.S. markets are not open for trading. Investments in the underlying foreign securities also involve political and economic risks distinct from those associated with investing in the securities of U.S. issuers.

**DERIVATIVES RISK**—The Fund's investments in derivatives may pose risks in addition to and greater than those associated with investing directly in securities or other investments, including risks relating to leverage, imperfect correlations with underlying investments or the Fund's 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 Advisor 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. Certain risks are specific to the derivatives in which the Fund invests.

**SWAP AGREEMENTS RISK**—Swap agreements are contracts among the Fund 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, in some instances, must be transacted through a futures commission merchant and 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. Certain standardized swaps are subject to mandatory central clearing. Central clearing is expected to reduce counterparty credit risk and increase liquidity, but central clearing does not make swap transactions risk-free.

**FUTURES CONTRACTS RISK**—Futures contracts are typically 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 securities. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund 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 Fund or the Advisor, thus limiting the ability to implement the Fund's strategies. Futures markets are highly volatile and the use of futures may increase the volatility of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"). Futures are also subject to leverage risks and to liquidity risk.

**OPTIONS RISK**—Options or options on futures contracts give the holder of the option the right to buy (or to sell) a position in a security or in a contract to the writer of the option, at a certain price. They are subject to correlation risk because there may be an imperfect correlation between the options and the securities markets that cause a given transaction to fail to achieve its objectives. The successful use of options depends on the Advisor's ability to correctly predict future price fluctuations and the degree of correlation between the options and securities markets. Exchanges can limit the number of positions that can be held or controlled by the Fund or the Advisor, thus limiting the ability to implement the Fund's strategies. Options are also particularly subject to leverage risk and can be subject to liquidity risk.

**EARLY CLOSING RISK**—The Fund is subject to the risk that unanticipated early closings of securities exchanges and other financial markets may result in the Fund's inability to buy or sell securities or other financial instruments on that day and may cause the Fund to incur substantial trading losses.

**EQUITY RISK**—The Fund is subject to the risk that the value of the equity securities and equity-based derivatives in the Fund's portfolio will decline due to volatility in the equity market caused by general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding particular industries represented in the equity market, or factors relating to specific companies to which the Fund has investment exposure.

**FINANCIALS SECTOR RISK**—The Fund's investments are exposed to issuers conducting business in the Financials Sector. The Financials Sector includes companies involved in banking, thrifts and mortgage finance, specialized finance, consumer finance, asset management and custody banks, investment banking and brokerage and insurance. It also includes Financial Exchanges and Data and Mortgage REITs. Certain financial sector companies serve as counterparties with which the Fund may enter into derivatives agreements or other similar contractual arrangements. The Fund's exposure to such companies subjects the Fund to the risk that their securities will underperform the market as a whole due to legislative or regulatory changes, adverse market conditions and/or increased competition affecting the Financials Sector, which may adversely affect a company's ability to fulfill its obligations as a financial counterparty. Companies operating in the Financials Sector are subject to extensive government regulation, which may limit the financial commitments they can make and the interest rates and fees they can charge. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change or due to increased competition.

**HIGH YIELD AND UNRATED SECURITIES RISK**—The Fund's exposure to higher yielding, below investment grade and unrated high risk debt securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") may present additional risk because these securities may be less liquid and present greater credit risk than investment grade bonds. The price of high yield securities tends to be subject to greater volatility due to issuer-specific 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.

**INTEREST RATE RISK**—The market value of fixed income investments and related financial instruments will change in response to interest rate changes. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of fixed income securities generally rise. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the values of such securities generally decline. Securities with greater interest rate sensitivity and longer maturities generally are subject to greater fluctuations in value. The Fund may invest in variable and floating rate securities. Although these instruments are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than fixed rate instruments, the value of floating rate and variable securities may decline if their interest rates do not rise as quickly, or as much, as general interest rates. The Fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low rates and the effect of potential government fiscal policy initiatives and resulting market reaction to those initiatives.

**INVESTMENT IN INVESTMENT VEHICLES RISK**—Investing in other investment vehicles, including ETFs, closed-end funds, affiliated short-term fixed-income funds and other mutual funds, subjects the Fund to those risks affecting the investment vehicle, including the possibility that the value of the underlying securities held by the investment

vehicle could decrease. Moreover, the Fund will incur its pro rata share of the expenses of the underlying investment vehicles. Consequently, an investment in the Fund entails more direct and indirect expenses than a direct investment in the underlying investment vehicles.

**INVESTMENTS IN LOANS RISK**—Investments in loans involve special types of risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, counterparty risk and prepayment risk. Loans may offer a fixed or floating interest rate. Loans are often generally below investment grade and may be unrated. Loans may be difficult to value and some can be subject to liquidity risk.

**INVESTMENT STYLE RISK**—The Advisor's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of a particular market segment may prove to be incorrect and may underperform other market segments.

**LARGE-CAPITALIZATION SECURITIES RISK**—The Fund is subject to the risk that large-capitalization stocks may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole. Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and may not be able to attain the high growth rate of smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

**LEVERAGING RISK**—The Fund's investment in derivative instruments generally requires a small investment relative to the amount of investment exposure assumed. As a result, such investments may give rise to losses that exceed the amount invested in those instruments. The cost of investing in such instruments generally increases as interest rates increase, which will lower the Fund's return.

**LIQUIDITY AND VALUATION RISK**—In certain circumstances, it may be difficult for the Fund to purchase and sell a particular investment within a reasonable time at a fair price, or the price at which it has been valued by the Advisor for purposes of the Fund's NAV, causing the Fund to be less liquid. While the Fund intends to invest in liquid securities and financial instruments, under certain market conditions, such as when trading in a particular investment has been halted temporarily by an exchange because the maximum price change of that investment has been realized, it may be difficult or impossible for the Fund to liquidate such investments. In addition, the ability of the Fund to assign an accurate daily value to certain investments may be difficult, and the Advisor may be required to fair value the investments.

**MARKET RISK**—The market value of the securities and derivatives held by the Fund may fluctuate over time in response to factors affecting individual companies or other factors such as changing economic, political or financial markets.

**MID-CAPITALIZATION SECURITIES RISK**—The Fund is subject to the risk that medium-capitalization stocks may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole. Securities of medium-capitalization companies may experience more price volatility, greater spreads between their bid and ask prices, lower trading volumes, and cyclical or static growth prospects. Medium-capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, and may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than larger capitalization companies.

**NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK**—The Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of its assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single issuer's securities could cause greater fluctuations in the value of Fund shares than would occur in a diversified fund.

**OTC TRADING RISK**—Certain of the derivatives in which the Fund may invest may be traded (and privately negotiated) in the OTC market. While the OTC derivatives market is the primary trading venue for many derivatives, it is largely unregulated. As a result and similar to other privately negotiated contracts, the Fund is subject to counterparty credit risk with respect to such derivatives contracts.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK**—The Fund's strategy may frequently involve buying and selling portfolio securities, which may lead to increased costs to the Fund. Portfolio turnover risk may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

**PREPAYMENT AND EXTENSION RISK**—Prepayment risk is the risk that the principal on mortgage-backed securities, other asset-backed securities or any debt security with an embedded call option may be prepaid at any time, which

could reduce the security's yield and market value. In the case of prepayment risk, if the investment is converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity, the portfolio manager may not be able to invest the proceeds in other investments providing as high a level of income, resulting in a reduced yield to the Fund. The rate of prepayments tends to increase as interest rates fall, which could cause the average maturity of the portfolio to shorten. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that an unexpected rise in interest rates will extend the life of a mortgage- or asset-backed security beyond the prepayment time. If the Fund's investments are locked in at a lower interest rate for a longer period of time, the portfolio manager may be unable to capitalize on securities with higher interest rates or wider spreads.

**REPURCHASE AGREEMENT RISK**—The Fund's investment in repurchase agreements may be subject to market and credit risk with respect to the collateral securing the repurchase agreements. Investments in repurchase agreements also may be subject to the risk that the market value of the underlying obligations may decline prior to the expiration of the repurchase agreement term.

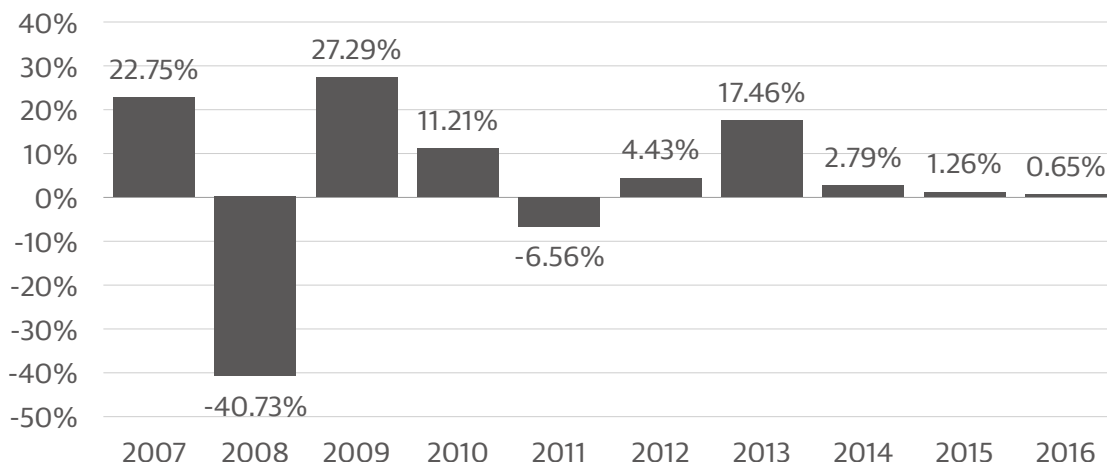
**SHORT SALES RISK**—Short selling a security involves selling a borrowed security with the expectation that the value of the security will decline, so that the security may be purchased at a lower price when returning the borrowed security. The risk for loss on short selling is greater than the original value of the security sold short because the price of the borrowed security may rise, thereby increasing the price at which the security must be purchased. Government actions also may affect the Fund's ability to engage in short selling.

**SMALL-CAPITALIZATION SECURITIES RISK**—The Fund is subject to the risk that small-capitalization stocks may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole. Small-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations to adverse business or economic developments. Securities of small-capitalization companies may experience much more price volatility, greater spreads between their bid and ask prices, significantly lower trading volumes, and cyclical or static growth prospects. Small-capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, and may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than larger capitalization companies.

**TRADING HALT RISK**— If a trading halt occurs, the Fund may temporarily be unable to purchase or sell certain securities, options or futures contracts. Such a trading halt near the time the Fund prices its shares may limit the Fund's ability to use leverage and may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective.

## **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

The following bar chart shows the performance of the shares of the Fund from year to year. The variability of performance over time provides an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The following table shows the performance of the shares of the Fund as an average over different periods of time in comparison to the performance of a broad-based market index. The figures in the bar chart and table assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. The performance information below does not reflect fees and expenses of any variable contract that may use the Fund as its underlying investment and would be lower if it did. Of course, this past performance (before taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. On May 28, 2010 and October 30, 2013, the Fund's principal investment strategies were revised; therefore, the performance and average annual total returns shown for periods prior to May 28, 2010 and October 30, 2013 may have differed had the Fund's current investment strategy been in effect during those periods.



Highest Quarter Return  
Q3 2009 15.96%

Lowest Quarter Return  
Q4 2008 -22.48%

### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (for periods ended December 31, 2016)

|   | Past<br>1 Year | Past<br>5 Years | Past<br>10 Years |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Long Short Equity Fund  | 0.65%          | 5.15%           | 2.15%            |
| HFRX Equity Hedge Fund Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | 0.10%          | 2.92%           | -1.20%           |
| Russell 3000® Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)          | 12.74%         | 14.67%          | 7.07%            |

### MANAGEMENT

#### INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Security Investors, LLC, which operates under the name Guggenheim Investments, serves as the investment adviser of the Fund.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

- **Michael P. Byrum**, CFA, Senior Vice President. Mr. Byrum has been associated with the Advisor since 1993.
- **Ryan A. Harder**, CFA, Portfolio Manager. Mr. Harder has been associated with the Advisor since 2004.

#### PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

Shares of the Fund are purchased by insurance companies for their separate accounts to fund variable life insurance and variable annuity contracts. All orders for the purchase of shares are subject to acceptance or rejection by the Trust. All redemption requests will be processed and payment with respect thereto will be made within seven days after tender.



## **TAX INFORMATION**

The tax consequences of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the accompanying prospectus of the annuity or life insurance program through which Fund shares are offered.

