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Prospectus

Touchstone Variable Series Trust

Touchstone Bond Fund - Class SC

Touchstone Common Stock Fund - Class SC



Touchstone Investments[®]

Class SC shares of each Fund described in this prospectus can be purchased by insurance company separate accounts. You can invest indirectly in the Funds through your purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life policy. This prospectus should be read along with the prospectus for the variable annuity contract or variable life policy. That prospectus also contains information about the contract, your investment options, the sub-accounts and expenses related to purchasing a variable annuity contract or variable life policy.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Effective January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, you may not be receiving paper copies of a Fund's annual or semi-annual shareholder reports by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from the insurance company that offers your variable annuity or variable life insurance contract or from your financial intermediary. Instead of delivering paper copies of the report, the insurance company may choose to make the reports available on a website, and the insurance company will notify you by mail each time a shareholder report is posted and provide you with a website link to access the report. Instructions for requesting paper copies will be provided by your insurance company.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the insurance company electronically by following the instructions provided by the insurance company.

You may elect to receive all future Fund shareholder reports in paper free of charge from the insurance company. You can inform the insurance company that you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports by following the instructions provided by the insurance company. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all portfolio companies available under your contract with the insurance company.

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Touchstone Bond Fund Summary

Investment Goal

The Touchstone Bond Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide as high a level of current income as is consistent with the preservation of capital. Capital appreciation is a secondary goal.

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, but does not reflect the effect of any fees or other expenses of any variable annuity or variable life insurance product. If variable annuity or variable life contract fees were included, expenses would be higher:

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class SC
Management Fees	0.40%
Other Expenses	
Shareholder Service Fees	0.07%
Other Operating Expenses	0.29%
Total Other Expenses	0.36% ⁽¹⁾
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses (AFFE)	0.02% ⁽¹⁾
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses ⁽²⁾	0.78%

⁽¹⁾ Other Expenses and Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses for Class SC shares are estimated based on fees and expenses incurred by Class I shares of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2018 and expenses of similar Touchstone Funds. Class SC shares commenced operations on July 10, 2019. Class I shares of the Fund are offered in a separate prospectus.

⁽²⁾ Touchstone Advisors, Inc. (the "Advisor" or "Touchstone Advisors") and Touchstone Variable Series Trust (the "Trust") have entered into a contractual expense limitation agreement whereby Touchstone Advisors will waive a portion of its fees or reimburse certain Fund expenses (excluding dividend and interest expenses relating to short sales; interest; taxes; brokerage commissions and other transaction costs; portfolio transaction and investment related expenses, including expenses associated with the Fund's liquidity providers; other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; the cost of "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses," if any; and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of business) in order to limit annual Fund operating expenses to 0.97% of average daily net assets for Class SC shares. This contractual expense limitation is effective through July 31, 2020, but can be terminated by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board") if it deems the termination to be beneficial to the Fund's shareholders. The terms of the contractual expense limitation agreement provide that Touchstone Advisors is entitled to recoup, subject to approval by the Board, such amounts waived or reimbursed for a period of up to three years from the date on which the Advisor reduced its compensation or assumed expenses for the Fund. The Fund will make repayments to the Advisor only if such repayment does not cause the annual Fund operating expenses (after the repayment is taken into account) to exceed both (1) the expense cap in place when such amounts were waived or reimbursed and (2) the Fund's current expense limitation.

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 include expenses incurred from investing through a variable annuity or a variable life insurance product. If the example included these expenses, the figures shown would be higher. 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, 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:

	Class SC
1 Year	\$ 80
3 Years	\$ 249
5 Years	\$ 433
10 Years	\$ 966

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund pays transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 431% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund

Under normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets (including borrowing for investment purposes) in bonds. This is a non-fundamental investment policy that the Fund can change upon 60 days prior notice to shareholders. Bonds include mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities, government securities, and corporate debt securities.

In deciding what securities to buy and sell for the Fund, the Fund's sub-advisor, Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. ("Fort Washington"), analyzes the overall investment opportunities and risks in different sectors of the debt securities markets by focusing on maximizing total return while reducing volatility of the Fund's portfolio.

In building the Fund's portfolio, Fort Washington primarily invests in investment-grade debt securities, but may invest up to 30% of its total assets in non-investment-grade debt securities rated as low as B by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO"). Non-investment-grade debt securities are often referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered speculative. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign-issued debt denominated in either the U.S. dollar or a foreign currency. Foreign-issued debt may include debt securities of emerging market countries.

Additionally, in order to implement its investment strategy the Fund may invest in mortgage dollar-roll transactions and in derivatives including forwards and futures contracts, interest rate and credit default swap agreements, and options. These investments may be used for both gaining and hedging market exposure, to adjust the Fund's duration, to manage interest rate risk, and for any other purposes consistent with its investment strategies and limitations. Mortgage "dollar rolls" are transactions in which mortgage-backed securities are sold for delivery in the current month and the seller simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar securities on a specified future date.

The Fund may engage in frequent and active trading as part of its principal investment strategy.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

The Fund's share price will fluctuate. You could lose money on your investment in the Fund and the Fund could also return less than other investments. Investments in the Fund are not bank guaranteed, are not deposits, and are not insured by the FDIC or any other federal government agency. As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment goal. You can find more information about the Fund's investments and risks under the "Principal Investment Strategies and Risks" section of the Fund's prospectus. The Fund is subject to the principal risks summarized below.

Derivatives Risk: The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to additional risks that it would not be subject to if it invested directly in the securities underlying those derivatives. Risks associated with derivatives may include the risk that the derivative does not correlate well with the security, index, or currency to which it relates, the risk that the Fund will be unable to sell or close out the derivative due to an illiquid market, the risk that the counterparty may be unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, and the risk that the derivative could expose the Fund to the risk of magnified losses resulting from leverage. These additional risks could cause the Fund to experience losses to which it would otherwise not be subject.

- **Forward Currency Exchange Contract Risk:** A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an agreement to buy or sell a specific currency at a future date and at a price set at the time of the contract. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts may reduce the risk of loss from a change in value of a currency, but they also limit any potential gains and do not protect against fluctuations in the value of the underlying position.
- **Futures Contracts Risk:** The risks associated with the Fund's futures positions include liquidity and counterparty risks associated with derivative instruments.
- **Leverage Risk:** Leverage occurs when the Fund uses borrowings, derivatives (such as futures or options), or similar instruments or techniques to gain exposure to investments in an amount that exceeds the Fund's initial investment. The use of leverage magnifies changes in the Fund's net asset value and thus may result in increased portfolio volatility and increased risk of loss. Leverage can create an interest expense that may lower the Fund's overall returns. There can be no guarantee that a leveraging strategy will be successful.
- **Options Risk:** Options trading is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The value of options can be highly volatile, and their use can result in loss if the sub-advisor is incorrect in its expectation of price fluctuations. Options, whether exchange traded or over-the-counter, may also be illiquid.
- **Swap Agreement Risk:** Swap agreements ("swaps") are individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors. Swaps may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the investments of the Fund and its share price. The performance of swaps may be affected by a change in the specific interest rate, currency, or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the Fund. A swap can be a form of leverage, which can magnify the Fund's gains or losses.

Fixed-Income Risk: The market value of the Fund's fixed-income securities responds to economic developments, particularly interest rate changes, as well as to perceptions about the creditworthiness of individual issuers, including governments. Generally, the Fund's fixed-income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and increase in value if interest rates fall. Normally, the longer the maturity or duration of the fixed-income securities the Fund owns, the more sensitive the value of the Fund's shares will be to changes in interest rates.

- **Asset-Backed Securities Risk:** Asset-backed securities are fixed-income securities backed by other assets such as credit card, automobile or consumer loan receivables, retail installment loans, or participations in pools of leases. The values of these securities are sensitive to changes in the credit quality of the underlying collateral, the credit strength of any credit enhancement feature, changes in interest rates, and, at times, the financial condition of the issuer.
- **Credit Risk:** The fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio are subject to the possibility that a deterioration, whether sudden or gradual, in the financial condition of an issuer, or a deterioration in general economic conditions, could cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of principal or interest, when due. This may cause the issuer's securities to decline in value.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** In general, when interest rates rise, the prices of debt securities fall, and when interest rates fall, the prices of debt securities rise. The price volatility of a debt security also depends on its maturity. Longer-term securities are generally more volatile, so the longer the average maturity or duration of these securities, the greater their price risk.
- **Investment-Grade Debt Securities Risk:** Investment-grade debt securities may be downgraded by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") to below-investment-grade status, which would increase the risk of holding these securities. Investment-grade debt securities rated in the lowest rating category by a NRSRO involve a higher degree of risk than fixed-income securities with higher credit ratings.
- **LIBOR Transition Risk:** The Fund may invest in securities or derivatives that are based on the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). LIBOR transition risk is the risk that the transition from LIBOR to alternative interest rate benchmarks is not orderly, occurs over various time periods or has unintended consequences.
- **Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk:** Mortgage-backed securities are fixed-income securities representing an interest in a pool of underlying mortgage loans. Mortgage-backed securities are sensitive to changes in interest

rates, but may respond to these changes differently from other fixed-income securities due to the possibility of prepayment of the underlying mortgage loans. Mortgage-backed securities may fluctuate in price based on deterioration in the value of the collateral underlying the pool of mortgage loans, which may result in the collateral being worth less than the remaining principal amount owed on the mortgages in the pool.

- **Non-Investment-Grade Debt Securities Risk:** Non-investment-grade debt securities are sometimes referred to as “junk bonds” and are considered speculative with respect to their issuers’ ability to make payments of interest and principal. There is a high risk that the Fund could suffer a loss from investments in non-investment-grade debt securities caused by the default of an issuer of such securities. Non-investment-grade debt securities may also be less liquid than investment-grade debt securities.
- **U.S. Government Agencies Securities Risk:** Certain U.S. government agency securities are backed by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury while others are supported only by the credit of the issuer or instrumentality. While the U.S. government is able to provide financial support to U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it will always do so.

Foreign Securities Risk: Investing in foreign securities poses additional risks since political and economic events unique in a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers, while such events may not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or issuers located in the United States. In addition, investments in foreign securities are generally denominated in foreign currency. As a result, changes in the value of those currencies compared to the U.S. dollar may affect (positively or negatively) the value of the Fund's investments. There are also risks associated with foreign accounting standards, government regulation, market information, and clearance and settlement procedures. Foreign markets may be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. markets and offer less protection to investors.

- **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets may be more likely to experience political turmoil or rapid changes in market or economic conditions than more developed countries. In addition, the financial stability of issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may be more precarious than that of issuers in other countries.
- **Sovereign Debt Risk:** The actions of foreign governments concerning their respective economies could have an important effect on their ability or willingness to service their sovereign debt. Such actions could have significant effects on market conditions and on the prices of securities and instruments held by the Fund, including the securities and instruments of foreign private issuers.

Management Risk: In managing the Fund’s portfolio, the Advisor engages one or more sub-advisors to make investment decisions for a portion of or the entire portfolio. There is a risk that the Advisor may be unable to identify and retain sub-advisors who achieve superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisors.

Mortgage Dollar Roll Risk: If the broker-dealer to whom the Fund sells the security becomes insolvent, the Fund’s right to repurchase the security may be restricted. Other risks involved in entering into mortgage dollar rolls include the risk that the value of the security may change adversely over the term of the mortgage dollar roll and that the security the Fund is required to repurchase may be worth less than the security that the Fund held.

Portfolio Turnover Risk: Frequent and active trading may result in greater expenses to the Fund, which may lower the Fund's performance and may result in the realization of substantial capital gains, including net short-term capital gains, although owners of variable annuity contracts or variable life policies are not expected to be subject to federal income tax on distributions of capital gains by the Fund. High portfolio turnover may reduce the Fund's returns.

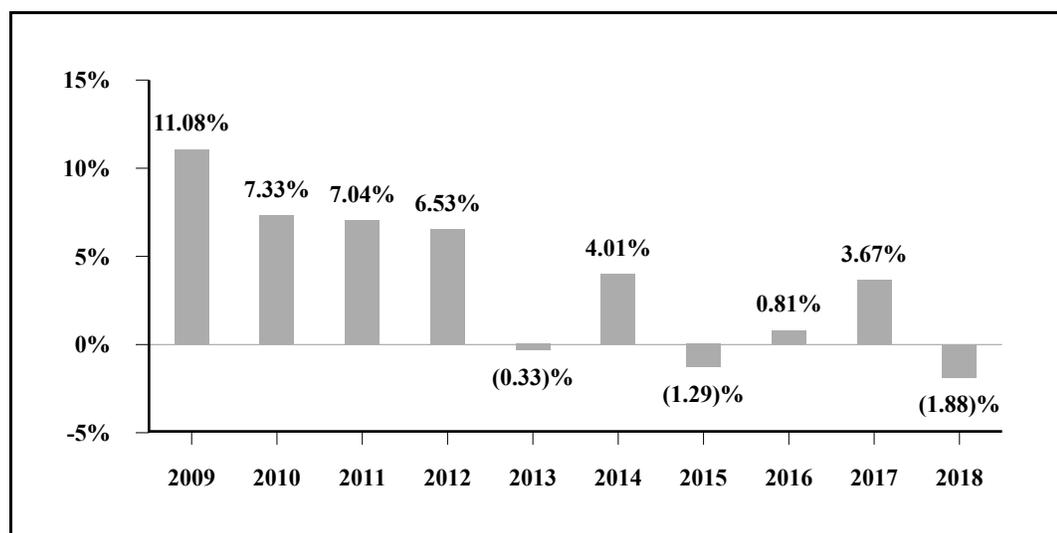
The Fund’s Performance

Before the Fund commenced operations, the assets and liabilities of the Sentinel Variable Products Bond Fund (the “Predecessor Fund”) were transferred to the Fund in a tax-free reorganization on October 27, 2017 (the “Reorganization”). The performance information included prior to the Reorganization is that of the Predecessor Fund.

Class SC shares of the Fund commenced operations on July 10, 2019 and do not have a full calendar year of performance history. On April 22, 2019, the outstanding shares of the Fund, which are offered in a separate prospectus, were re-designated as Class I shares. The bar chart and the performance table below illustrate some indication of the risks and volatility of an investment in Class SC shares of the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's Class I share performance from calendar year to calendar year and by showing how the Fund's Class I share average annual total returns for one year, five years, and ten years compare with the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Class SC shares would have had substantially similar annual returns to Class I shares because the shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the annual returns differ only to the extent that the share classes do not have the same expenses.

The performance information shown does not reflect fees that are paid by the separate accounts through which shares of the Fund are sold. Inclusion of those fees would reduce the total return figures for all periods. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. More recent performance information is available at no cost by visiting TouchstoneInvestments.com or by calling 1.800.543.0407.

Touchstone Bond Fund - Class I Shares Performance as of December 31



Best Quarter: Second Quarter 2009 5.93%

Worst Quarter: Second Quarter 2013 (2.78)%

Average Annual Total Returns

For the periods ended December 31, 2018*

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Bond Fund - Class I shares	(1.88)%	1.04%	3.62%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes)	0.01 %	2.52%	3.48%

**Returns are not presented for Class SC shares. That share class commenced operations on July 10, 2019. Performance information for Class SC shares will be shown when that share class has a full calendar year of operations.*

The Fund returns shown in the table above are before taxes. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements. Please see the "Tax Information" and "Distribution and Taxes" sections of the Fund's prospectus for more information.

The Fund's Management

Investment Advisor

Touchstone Advisors, Inc.

<u>Sub-Advisor</u>	<u>Portfolio Managers</u>	<u>Investment Experience with the Fund</u>	<u>Primary Title with Sub-Advisor</u>
Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc.	Timothy J. Policinski, CFA	Since October 2017	Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager
	Daniel J. Carter, CFA	Since October 2017	Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You cannot buy or sell shares of the Fund directly. You can invest indirectly in the Fund through your purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life policy. Please see the variable contract prospectus for additional investment information.

Tax Information

The dividends and distributions paid by the Fund will consist of ordinary income, capital gains or some combination of both. Because shares of the Fund must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable life and variable annuity insurance contracts, such dividends and distributions will be exempt from current taxation to you if you leave such amounts to accumulate within a separate account. Please see the variable contract prospectus for additional tax information.

Payments to Sponsoring Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Fund or its distributor (and related companies) may pay broker/dealers or other financial intermediaries (such as banks and insurance companies, or their related companies) for the sale and retention of variable contracts that offer Fund shares and/or for other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest for a financial intermediary, or may be a factor in the insurance company's decision to include the Fund as an investment option in its variable contract. For more information, ask your financial advisor, visit your financial intermediary's website, or consult the variable contract prospectus or the Fund's prospectus.

Touchstone Common Stock Fund Summary

Investment Goal

The Touchstone Common Stock Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investors with 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, but does not reflect the effect of any fees or other expenses of any variable annuity or variable life insurance product. If variable annuity or variable life contract fees were included, expenses would be higher:

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class SC
Management Fees	0.50%
Other Expenses	
Shareholder Service Fees	0.18%
Other Operating Expenses	0.22%
Total Other Expenses	0.40% ⁽¹⁾
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses ⁽²⁾	0.90%

⁽¹⁾ Other Expenses for Class SC shares are estimated based on fees and expenses incurred by Class I shares of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2018 and expenses of similar Touchstone Funds. Class SC shares commenced operations on July 10, 2019. Class I shares of the Fund are offered in a separate prospectus.

⁽²⁾ Touchstone Advisors, Inc. (the “Advisor” or “Touchstone Advisors”) and Touchstone Variable Series Trust (the “Trust”) have entered into a contractual expense limitation agreement whereby Touchstone Advisors will waive a portion of its fees or reimburse certain Fund expenses (excluding dividend and interest expenses relating to short sales; interest; taxes; brokerage commissions and other transaction costs; portfolio transaction and investment related expenses, including expenses associated with the Fund's liquidity providers; other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; the cost of “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses,” if any; and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of business) in order to limit annual Fund operating expenses to 1.06% of average daily net assets for Class SC shares. This contractual expense limitation is effective through July 31, 2020, but can be terminated by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) if it deems the termination to be beneficial to the Fund's shareholders. The terms of the contractual expense limitation agreement provide that Touchstone Advisors is entitled to recoup, subject to approval by the Board, such amounts waived or reimbursed for a period of up to three years from the date on which the Advisor reduced its compensation or assumed expenses for the Fund. The Fund will make repayments to the Advisor only if such repayment does not cause the annual Fund operating expenses (after the repayment is taken into account) to exceed both (1) the expense cap in place when such amounts were waived or reimbursed and (2) the Fund's current expense limitation.

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 include expenses incurred from investing through a variable annuity or a variable life insurance product. If the example included these expenses, the figures shown would be higher. 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, 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:

	Class SC
1 Year	\$ 92
3 Years	\$ 287
5 Years	\$ 498
10 Years	\$ 1,108

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund pays transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 10% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund

The Fund invests, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its assets in large capitalization equity securities. The Fund invests primarily in issuers having a market capitalization, at the time of purchase, above \$5 billion. The Fund's 80% policy is a non-fundamental investment policy that can be changed by the Fund upon 60 days' prior notice to shareholders. Equity securities include common stock and preferred stock. These securities may be listed on an exchange or traded over-the-counter.

In selecting securities for the Fund, the Fund's sub-advisor, Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. ("Fort Washington"), seeks to invest in companies that:

- Are trading below its estimate of the companies' intrinsic value; and
- Have a sustainable competitive advantage or a high barrier to entry in place. The barrier(s) to entry can be created through a cost advantage, economies of scale, high customer loyalty, or a government barrier (e.g., license or subsidy). Fort Washington believes that the strongest barrier to entry is the combination of economies of scale and higher customer loyalty.

The Fund will generally hold 25 to 45 companies, with residual cash and equivalents expected to represent less than 10% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund may, at times, hold fewer securities and a higher percentage of cash and equivalents when, among other reasons, Fort Washington cannot find a sufficient number of securities that meets its purchase requirements. Although the Fund may invest in any economic sector, at times it may emphasize one or more particular sectors.

The Fund may invest up to 35% of its assets in securities of foreign issuers through the use of ordinary shares or depositary receipts such as American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"). The Fund may also invest in securities of emerging market countries.

The Fund will generally sell a security if it reaches Fort Washington's estimate of fair value, if a more attractive investment opportunity is available, or if a structural change has taken place and Fort Washington cannot reliably estimate the impact of the change on the business fundamentals.

The Fund is non-diversified and may invest a significant percentage of its assets in the securities of a single company.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

The Fund's share price will fluctuate. You could lose money on your investment in the Fund and the Fund could also return less than other investments. Investments in the Fund are not bank guaranteed, are not deposits, and are not insured by the FDIC or any other federal government agency. As with any mutual fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment goal. You can find more information about the Fund's investments and risks under the "Principal Investment Strategies and Risks" section of the Fund's prospectus. The Fund is subject to the principal risks summarized below.

Equity Securities Risk: The Fund is subject to the risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by these companies may decline in response to such developments, which could result in a decline in the value of the Fund's shares.

- **Large-Cap Risk:** Large-cap companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes, and also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

Foreign Securities Risk: Investing in foreign securities poses additional risks since political and economic events unique in a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers, while such events may not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or issuers located in the United States. In addition, investments in foreign securities are generally denominated in foreign currency. As a result, changes in the value of those currencies compared to the U.S. dollar may affect (positively or negatively) the value of the Fund's investments. There are also risks associated with foreign accounting standards, government regulation, market information, and clearance and settlement procedures. Foreign markets may be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. markets and offer less protection to investors.

- **Depository Receipts Risk:** Foreign receipts, which include ADRs, Global Depository Receipts, and European Depository Receipts, are securities that evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities issued by a foreign issuer. The risks of depository receipts include many risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities.
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets may be more likely to experience political turmoil or rapid changes in market or economic conditions than more developed countries. In addition, the financial stability of issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may be more precarious than that of issuers in other countries.

Management Risk: In managing the Fund's portfolio, the Advisor engages one or more sub-advisors to make investment decisions for a portion of or the entire portfolio. There is a risk that the Advisor may be unable to identify and retain sub-advisors who achieve superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisors.

Non-Diversification Risk: The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it may invest a greater percentage of its assets than a diversified mutual fund in the securities of a limited number of issuers. The use of a non-diversified investment strategy may increase the volatility of the Fund's investment performance, as the Fund may be more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory event.

Sector Focus Risk: A fund that focuses its investments in the securities of a particular market sector is subject to the risk that adverse circumstances will have a greater impact on the fund than a fund that does not focus its investments in a particular sector.

The Fund's Performance

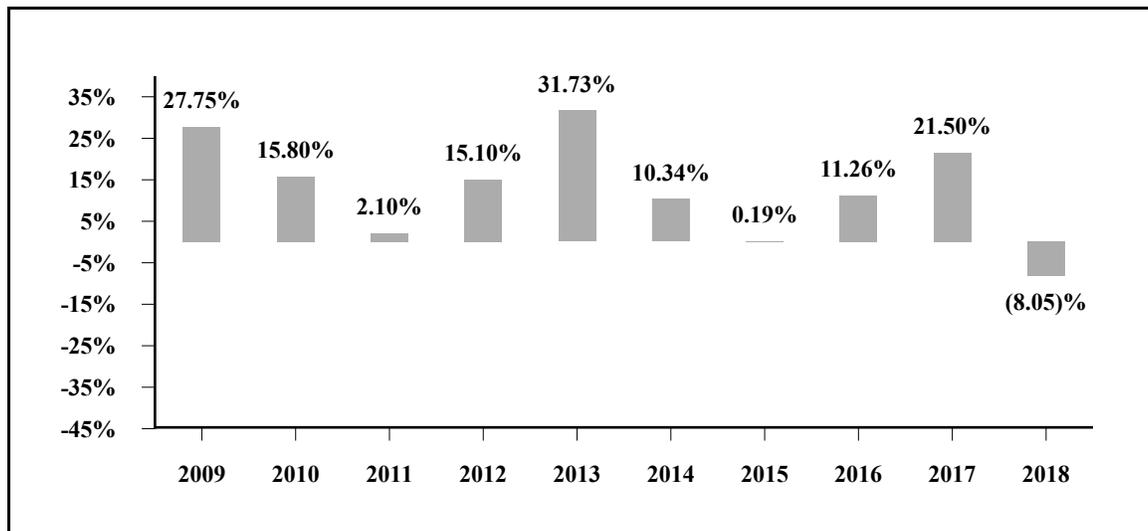
Before the Fund commenced operations, all of the assets and liabilities of the Sentinel Variable Products Common Stock Fund (the "Predecessor Fund") were transferred to the Fund in a tax-free reorganization on October 27, 2017 (the "Reorganization"). The performance information included prior to the Reorganization is that of the Predecessor Fund.

Class SC shares of the Fund commenced operations on July 10, 2019 and do not have a full calendar year of performance history. On April 22, 2019, the outstanding shares of the Fund, which are offered in a separate prospectus, were re-designated as Class I shares. The bar chart and the performance table below illustrate some indication of the risks and volatility of an investment in Class SC shares of the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's Class I shares performance from calendar year to calendar year and by showing how the Fund's Class I shares average annual total returns for one year, five years, and ten years compare with the S&P 500[®] Index. Class SC shares would have had substantially similar annual returns to Class I shares because the shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the annual returns differ only to the extent that the share classes do not have the same expenses.

The performance information shown does not reflect fees that are paid by the separate accounts through which shares of the Fund are sold. Inclusion of those fees would reduce the total return figures for all periods. Past performance

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Touchstone Common Stock Fund - Class I Shares Performance as of December 31



Best Quarter: Second Quarter 2009 17.21%

Worst Quarter: Third Quarter 2011 (15.07)%

**Average Annual Total Returns
For the Periods Ended December 31, 2018***

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Common Stock Fund - Class I Shares	(8.05)%	6.56%	12.15%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	(4.38)%	8.49%	13.12%

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The Fund's Management

Investment Advisor

Touchstone Advisors, Inc.

<u>Sub-Advisor</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Investment Experience with the Fund</u>	<u>Primary Title with Sub-Advisor</u>
Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc.	James Wilhelm	Since October 2017	Managing Director, Head of Public Equities and Senior Portfolio Manager

Buying and Selling Fund Shares

You cannot buy or sell shares of the Fund directly. You can invest indirectly in the Fund through your purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life policy. Please see the variable contract prospectus for additional investment information.

Tax Information

The dividends and distributions paid by the Fund will consist of ordinary income, capital gains or some combination of both. Because shares of the Fund must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable life and variable annuity insurance contracts, such dividends and distributions will be exempt from current taxation to you if you leave such amounts to accumulate within a separate account. Please see the variable contract prospectus for additional tax information.

Payments to Sponsoring Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Fund or its distributor (and related companies) may pay broker/dealers or other financial intermediaries (such as banks and insurance companies, or their related companies) for the sale and retention of variable contracts that offer Fund shares and/or for other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest for a financial intermediary, or may be a factor in the insurance company's decision to include the Fund as an investment option in its variable contract. For more information, ask your financial advisor, visit your financial intermediary's website, or consult the variable contract prospectus or the Fund's prospectus.

Prospectus

This prospectus applies to Class SC shares of the Touchstone Bond Fund and the Touchstone Common Stock Fund (together, the "Funds"). Class I shares of the Funds are offered in a separate prospectus. Shares of each Fund described in this prospectus can be purchased by insurance company separate accounts. You can invest indirectly in the Funds through your purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life policy. When you purchase a variable annuity contract or variable life policy, you decide how to invest your purchase payments by selecting from the available investment options. The investment options may include sub-accounts that invest in the Funds of the Touchstone Variable Series Trust (the "Trust").

Because the Trust offers shares to both variable annuity and variable life separate accounts of insurance companies, there may be conflicts of interest between the variable annuity and variable life contract holders. The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") monitors for the existence of any potential conflicts of interest. If a conflict arises between the holders of variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies of participating insurance companies, a participating insurance company may be required to withdraw the assets allocable to some or all of the separate accounts from one or more of the Funds. Any withdrawal could disrupt orderly portfolio management to the potential detriment of shareholders.

You should read the prospectus for the variable annuity contract or variable life policy that you want to purchase to learn about purchasing a contract and selecting your investment options. That prospectus also contains information about the contract, your investment options, the sub-accounts and expenses related to purchasing a variable annuity contract or variable life policy.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

How Do The Funds Implement Their Investment Goal?

Each Fund's investment goal(s) and principal investment strategies are described above in the Fund's summary section.

Bond Fund. In deciding which securities to buy and sell for the Fund, the Fund's sub-advisor, Fort Washington, analyzes the overall investment opportunities and risks in different sectors of the debt securities markets by focusing on maximizing total return while reducing volatility of the Fund's portfolio. Fort Washington follows a disciplined sector allocation process in order to build a broadly diversified portfolio of investments.

In building the Fund's portfolio, Fort Washington primarily invests in investment-grade debt securities, but may invest up to 30% of its total assets in non-investment-grade debt securities rated as low as B by a NRSRO. Non-investment-grade debt securities are often referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered speculative. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in foreign-issued debt denominated in either the U.S. dollar or a foreign currency. Foreign-issued debt may include debt securities of emerging market countries. Emerging markets countries consists of countries in the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global. Foreign-issued debt securities are issued by non-U.S. companies of any size that are tied economically to foreign markets. The Fund will generally consider qualifying investments to be companies that are organized under the laws of, or maintain their principal place of business in, a foreign country; have securities that are principally traded in such countries; or derive at least 50% of revenues or profits from, or have at least 50% of their assets in, such countries.

Additionally, in order to implement its investment strategy, the Fund may invest in mortgage dollar-roll transactions and reverse repurchase agreements, and in derivatives including forwards and futures contracts, interest rate and credit default swap agreements, and options. These investments may be used for both gaining and hedging market exposure, to adjust the Fund's duration, to manage interest rate risk, and for any other purposes consistent with its investment strategies and limitations. The Fund may engage in frequent and active trading as part of its principal investment strategy.

Common Stock Fund. In selecting securities for the Fund, the Fund's sub-advisor, Fort Washington, seeks to invest in companies that:

- Are trading below its estimate of the companies' intrinsic value; and
- Have a sustainable competitive advantage or a high barrier to entry in place. The barrier(s) to entry can be created through a cost advantage, economies of scale, high customer loyalty, or a government barrier (e.g., license or subsidy). Fort Washington believes that the strongest barrier to entry is the combination of economies of scale and higher customer loyalty.

The Fund will generally hold 25 to 45 companies, with residual cash and equivalents expected to represent less than 10% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund may, at times, hold fewer securities and a higher percentage of cash and equivalents when, among other reasons, Fort Washington cannot find a sufficient number of securities that meets its purchase requirements. The Fund will generally sell a security if it reaches Fort Washington's estimate of fair value, if a more attractive investment opportunity is available, or if a structural change has taken place and Fort Washington cannot reliably estimate the impact of the change on the business fundamentals.

Can a Fund Depart From its Principal Investment Strategies?

In addition to the investments and strategies described in this prospectus, each Fund may invest in other securities, use other strategies and engage in other investment practices. These permitted investments and strategies are described in detail in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

Each Fund's investment goal is non-fundamental, and may be changed by the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") without shareholder approval. Shareholders will be notified at least 60 days before any change takes effect.

The investments and strategies described throughout this prospectus are those that the Funds use under normal circumstances. During unusual economic or market conditions, or for temporary defensive purposes, each Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, repurchase agreements, and short-term obligations (i.e., fixed and variable rate securities and high quality debt securities of corporate and government issuers) that would not ordinarily be consistent with the Funds' goals. This

defensive investing may increase a Fund's taxable income, and when a Fund is invested defensively, it may not achieve its investment goal. A Fund will do so only if the Fund's sub-advisor believes that the risk of loss in using the Fund's normal strategies and investments outweighs the opportunity for gains. Of course, there can be no guarantee that any Fund will achieve its investment goal.

80% Investment Policy. The Funds have each adopted policies to invest, under normal conditions, at least 80% of the value of the Fund's "assets" in certain types of investments suggested by its name (the "80% Policy"). For purposes of these 80% Policies, the term "assets" means net assets plus the amount of borrowings for investment purposes. A Fund must comply with its 80% Policy at the time the Fund invests its assets. Accordingly, when a Fund no longer meets the 80% requirement as a result of circumstances beyond its control, such as changes in the value of portfolio holdings, it would not have to sell its holdings but would have to make any new investments in such a way as to comply with the 80% Policy. The 80% Policy is a non-fundamental investment policy that may be changed by the Fund upon 60 days' prior notice to the Fund's shareholders.

Change in Market Capitalization. A Fund may specify in its principal investment strategy a market capitalization range for acquiring portfolio securities. If a security that is within the range for a Fund at the time of purchase later falls outside the range, which is most likely to happen because of market fluctuation, the Fund may continue to hold the security if, in the sub-advisor's judgment, the security remains otherwise consistent with the Fund's investment goal and strategies. However, this change in market capitalization could affect the Fund's flexibility in making new investments.

The Touchstone Common Stock Fund has specified a market capitalization range.

Other Investment Companies. A Fund may invest in securities issued by other investment companies to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder and applicable Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") staff interpretations thereof, or applicable exemptive relief granted by the SEC.

Lending of Portfolio Securities. The Funds may lend their portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and financial institutions under guidelines adopted by the Board, including a requirement that a Fund must receive collateral equal to no less than 100% of the market value of the securities loaned. The risk in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of credit, consists of possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially. In determining whether to lend securities, the Advisor will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the creditworthiness of the borrower. More information on securities lending is available in the SAI.

What are the Principal Risks of Investing in the Funds?

The risks that may apply to your investment in a Fund are listed below in a table of principal risks followed by a description of each risk. Further information about investment strategies and risks is available in the Funds' SAI.

Risks	Common Stock	Bond
Derivatives (including sub-risks)		X
Equity Securities (including sub-risks)	X	
Fixed-Income (including sub-risks)		X
Foreign Securities (including sub-risks)	X	X
Management	X	X
Mortgage Dollar Roll Risk		X
Non-Diversification	X	
Portfolio Turnover		X
Sector Focus	X	

Derivatives Risk: The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to additional risks that it would not be subject to if it invested directly in the securities underlying those derivatives. Risks associated with derivatives may include the risk that the derivative does not correlate well with the security, index, or currency to which it relates. The Fund may also be exposed to leverage risk, the risk of being unable to sell or close out the derivative due to an illiquid market or the risk that the counterparty may

be unwilling or unable to meet its obligations. These additional risks could cause the Fund to experience losses to which it would otherwise not be subject.

- **Forward Currency Exchange Contract Risk:** A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an agreement to buy or sell a specific currency at a future date and at a price set at the time of the contract. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts may reduce the risk of loss from a change in value of a currency, but they also limit any potential gains and do not protect against fluctuations in the value of the underlying position and are subject to counterparty risk. The forecasting of currency market movement is extremely difficult, and whether any hedging strategy will be successful is highly uncertain. Moreover, it is impossible to forecast with precision the market value of portfolio securities at the expiration of a forward foreign currency contract. Accordingly, a Fund may be required to buy or sell additional currency on the spot market (and bear the expense of such transaction) if the sub-advisor's predictions regarding the movement of foreign currency or securities markets prove inaccurate. Because foreign currency forward contracts are privately negotiated transactions, there can be no assurance that a Fund will have flexibility to rollover a forward foreign currency contract upon its expiration if it desires to do so. Additionally, there can be no assurance that the other party to the contract will perform its services under the contract.
- **Futures Contracts Risk:** Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific security at a specified future time and at a specified price. An option on a futures contract gives the purchaser the right, in exchange for a premium, to assume a position in a futures contract at a specified exercise price during the term of the option. There are risks associated with these activities, including the following: (1) the success of a hedging strategy may depend on an ability to predict movements in the prices of individual securities, fluctuations in markets and movements in interest rates; (2) there may be an imperfect or no correlation between the changes in market value of the securities held by a Fund and the prices of futures and options on futures; (3) there may not be a liquid secondary market for a futures contract or option; (4) trading restrictions or limitations may be imposed by an exchange; and (5) government regulations may restrict trading in futures contracts and futures options.
- **Leverage Risk:** Leverage occurs when a Fund uses derivatives or similar instruments or techniques to gain exposure to investments in an amount that exceeds a Fund's initial investment. The use of leverage magnifies changes in a Fund's net asset value and thus results in increased portfolio volatility and increased risk of loss. Leverage can also create an interest expense that may lower a Fund's overall returns. There can be no guarantee that a leveraging strategy will be successful.
- **Options Risk:** Options trading is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The value of options can be highly volatile, and their use can result in loss if the Sub-Advisor is incorrect in its expectation of price fluctuations. The successful use of options for hedging purposes also depends in part on the ability of the Sub-Advisor to predict future price fluctuations and the degree of correlation between the options and securities markets. When options are purchased over the counter, the Fund bears counterparty risk, which is the risk that the counterparty that wrote the option will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under the option contract. Such options may also be illiquid, and in such cases, the Fund may have difficulty closing out its position.
- **Swap Agreement Risk:** Swap agreements ("swaps") are individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors, such as interest rates, foreign currency rates, mortgage securities, corporate borrowing rates, security prices, indexes or inflation rates. Swaps may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the investments of the Fund and its share price. The performance of swaps may be affected by a change in the specific interest rate, currency, or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the Fund. If a swap calls for payments by the Fund, the Fund must be prepared to make such payments when due. Additionally, if the counterparty's creditworthiness declines, the value of a swap may decline. If the counterparty is unable to meet its obligations under the contract, declares bankruptcy, defaults, or becomes insolvent, the Fund may not be able to recoup the money it expected to receive under the contract. Finally, a swap can be a form of leverage, which can magnify the Fund's gains or losses.

Equity Securities Risk: A Fund is subject to the risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time. Historically, the equity markets have moved in cycles. The value of a Fund's equity securities may fluctuate from day to day. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by these companies may decline in response to such developments, which could result in a decline in the value of a Fund's shares. These factors contribute to price volatility, which is the principal risk of investing in a Fund. In addition, common stocks represent a share of ownership in a company, and rank after bonds and preferred stock in their claim on the company's assets in the event of liquidation.

- **Large-Cap Risk:** A Fund is subject to the risk that stocks of larger companies may underperform relative to those of small- and mid-sized companies. Large-cap companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes, and also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.
- **Mid-Cap Risk:** A Fund is subject to the risk that medium capitalization stocks may underperform other types of stocks or the equity markets as a whole. Stocks of mid-sized companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. Mid-sized companies may have limited product lines or financial resources, and may be dependent upon a particular niche of the market.
- **Preferred Stock Risk:** Preferred stock represents an equity interest in an issuer that pays dividends at a specified rate and that has precedence over common stock in the payment of dividends. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds take precedence over the claims of those who own preferred and common stock. If interest rates rise, the fixed dividend on preferred stocks may be less attractive, causing the price of preferred stocks to decline. Preferred stock may have mandatory sinking fund provisions, as well as provisions allowing the stock to be called or redeemed prior to its maturity, both of which can have a negative impact on the stock's price when interest rates decline.
- **Small-Cap Risk:** The Fund is subject to the risk that small capitalization stocks may underperform other types of stocks or the equity markets as a whole. Stocks of smaller companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. Small companies may have limited product lines or financial resources, or may be dependent upon a small or inexperienced management group. In addition, small-cap stocks typically are traded in lower volume, and their issuers typically are subject to greater degrees of changes in their earnings and prospects.

Fixed-Income Risk: The market value of fixed-income investments changes in response to interest rate changes and other factors. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of fixed-income securities generally rise and during periods of rising interest rates, the values of those securities generally fall. Generally, the Fund's fixed-income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and increase in value if interest rates fall. Normally, the longer the maturity or duration of the fixed-income securities the Fund owns, the more sensitive the value of the Fund's shares will be to changes in interest rates.

- **Asset-Backed Securities Risk:** Asset-backed securities are fixed income securities backed by other assets such as credit card, automobile or consumer loan receivables, retail installment loans, or participations in pools of leases. Credit support for these securities may be based on the structural features such as subordination or overcollateralization and/or provided through credit enhancements by a third party. Even with a credit enhancement by a third party, there is still risk of loss. There could be inadequate collateral or no collateral for asset-backed securities. The values of these securities are sensitive to changes in the credit quality of the underlying collateral, the credit strength of the credit enhancement, changes in interest rates, and, at times, the financial condition of the issuer. Some asset-backed securities also may receive prepayments that can change the securities' effective durations.
- **Call Risk:** During periods of falling interest rates, an issuer may prepay (or "call") certain debt obligations with high coupon rates prior to maturity. This may cause the average weighted maturity of a Fund to fluctuate, and may require the Fund to invest the resulting proceeds at lower interest rates.
- **Credit Risk:** The fixed-income securities in the Fund's portfolio are subject to the possibility that a deterioration, whether sudden or gradual, in the financial condition of an issuer, or a deterioration in general economic conditions, could cause an issuer to fail to make timely payments of principal or interest when due. This may cause the issuer's

securities to decline in value. Credit risk is particularly relevant to those portfolios that invest a significant amount of their assets in non-investment grade (or "junk") bonds or lower-rated securities.

- **Extension Risk:** During periods of rising interest rates, certain obligations will be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated and the value of those securities may fall sharply, resulting in a decline to the income of a Fund and potentially in the value of the Fund's investments.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** The market price of debt securities is generally linked to the prevailing market interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, the prices of debt securities fall, and when interest rates fall, the prices of debt securities rise. The price volatility of a debt security also depends on its maturity. Longer-term securities are generally more volatile, so the longer the average maturity or duration of these securities, the greater their price risk. Duration is a measure of the expected life, taking into account any prepayment or call features of the security, that is used to determine the price sensitivity of the security for a given change in interest rates. Specifically, duration is the change in the value of a fixed-income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates, and generally is stated in years. For example, as a general rule a 1% rise in interest rates means a 1% fall in value for every year of duration. Maturity, on the other hand, is the date on which a fixed-income security becomes due for payment of principal. There may be less governmental intervention in the securities markets in the near future. An increase in interest rates could negatively impact a Fund's net asset value.
- **Investment-Grade Debt Securities Risk:** Investment-grade debt securities may be downgraded by a NRSRO to below-investment-grade status, which would increase the risk of holding these securities. Investment-grade debt securities rated in the lowest rating category by a NRSRO involve a higher degree of risk than fixed-income securities with higher credit ratings. While such securities are considered investment-grade quality and are deemed to have adequate capacity for payment of principal and interest, such securities lack outstanding investment characteristics and may share certain speculative characteristics with non-investment-grade securities.
- **LIBOR Transition Risk:** Certain instruments in which the Fund may invest rely in some fashion upon the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, has announced plans to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. There remains uncertainty regarding the future utilization of LIBOR and the nature of any replacement rate, and any potential effects of the transition away from LIBOR on the Fund or on certain instruments in which the Fund invests are not known. The transition process may involve, among other things, increased volatility or illiquidity in markets for instruments that currently rely on LIBOR. The transition may also result in a reduction in the value of certain instruments held by the Fund or reduce the effectiveness of related Fund transactions such as hedges. Any such effects of the transition away from LIBOR, as well as other unforeseen effects, could result in losses to the Fund.
- **Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk:** Mortgage-backed securities are fixed income securities representing an interest in a pool of underlying mortgage loans. Mortgage-backed securities are sensitive to changes in interest rates, but may respond to these changes differently from other fixed income securities due to the possibility of prepayment of the underlying mortgage loans. As a result, it may not be possible to determine in advance the actual maturity date or average life of a mortgage-backed security. Rising interest rates tend to discourage re-financings, with the result that the average life and volatility of the security will increase, exacerbating its decrease in market price. When interest rates fall, however, mortgage-backed securities may not gain as much in market value because of the expectation of additional mortgage prepayments that must be reinvested at lower interest rates. Prepayment risk may make it difficult to calculate the average duration of the Fund's mortgage-backed securities and, therefore, to fully assess the interest rate risk of the Fund. An unexpectedly high rate of defaults on the mortgages held by a mortgage pool may adversely affect the value of mortgage-backed securities and could result in losses to the Fund. The risk of such defaults is generally higher in the cases of mortgage pools that include subprime mortgages. Subprime mortgages refer to loans made to borrowers with weakened credit histories or with lower capacity to make timely payments on their mortgages. In addition, mortgage-backed securities may fluctuate in price based on deterioration in the perceived or actual value of the collateral underlying the pool of mortgage loans, typically residential or commercial real estate, which may result in negative amortization or negative equity meaning that the value of the collateral would be worth less than the remaining principal amount owed on the mortgages in the pool.

- **Non-Investment-Grade Debt Securities Risk:** Non-investment-grade debt securities are sometimes referred to as “junk bonds” and are considered speculative with respect to their issuers’ ability to make payments of interest and principal. There is a high risk that a Fund could suffer a loss from investments in non-investment-grade debt securities caused by the default of an issuer of such securities. Part of the reason for this high risk is that non-investment-grade debt securities are generally unsecured and therefore, in the event of a default or bankruptcy, holders of non-investment-grade debt securities generally will not receive payments until the holders of all other debt have been paid. Non-investment-grade debt securities may also be less liquid than investment-grade debt securities.
- **Rating Agency Risk:** Ratings represent a NRSRO opinion regarding the quality of the security and are not a guarantee of quality. NRSROs may fail to timely update credit ratings in response to subsequent events. In addition, NRSROs are subject to an inherent conflict of interest because they are often compensated by the same issuers whose securities they grade.
- **U.S. Government Agency Securities Risk:** Certain U.S. government agency securities are backed by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury while others are supported only by the credit of the issuer or instrumentality. While the U.S. government is able to provide financial support to U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it will always do so. Such securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

Foreign Securities Risk: Investing in foreign securities poses additional risks since political and economic events unique in a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers. These events will not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or similar issuers located in the United States. In addition, investments in foreign securities are generally denominated in foreign currency. As a result, changes in the value of those currencies compared to the U.S. dollar may affect (positively or negatively) the value of a Fund's investments. These currency movements may happen separately from, or in response to, events that do not otherwise affect the value of the security in the issuer's home country. There is a risk that foreign securities may not be subject to accounting standards or governmental supervision comparable to U.S. companies and that less public information about their operations may exist. There is risk associated with the clearance and settlement procedures in non-U.S. markets, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions and may cause delays. Foreign markets may be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. markets and offer less protection to investors. Over-the-counter securities may also be less liquid than exchange-traded securities. Investments in securities of foreign issuers may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes.

- **Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets may be more likely to experience political turmoil or rapid changes in market or economic conditions than more developed countries. In addition, the financial stability of issuers (including governments) in emerging market countries may be more precarious than that of issuers in other countries. As a result, there will tend to be an increased risk of price volatility associated with the Fund’s investments in securities of issuers located in emerging market countries, which may be magnified by currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar.
- **Depository Receipts Risk:** Foreign receipts, which include American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), Global Depositary Receipts, and European Depositary Receipts, are securities that evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities issued by a foreign issuer. The risks of depository receipts include many risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities, such as individual country risk and liquidity risk. Unsponsored ADRs, which are issued by a depository bank without the participation or consent of the issuer, involve additional risks because U.S. reporting requirements do not apply, and the issuing bank will recover shareholder distribution costs from movement of share prices and payment of dividends.
- **Sovereign Debt Risk:** The actions of foreign governments concerning their respective economies could have an important effect on their ability or willingness to service their sovereign debt. Such actions could have significant effects on market conditions and on the prices of securities and instruments held by a Fund, including the securities and instruments of foreign private issuers. Factors which may influence the ability or willingness of foreign sovereigns to service debt include, but are not limited to: the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date payment is due; the relative size of its debt service burden to the economy as a whole; its balance of payments (including export performance) and cash flow situation; its access to international credits and investments; fluctuations in interest and currency rates and reserves; and its government's policies towards the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other international agencies. If a foreign sovereign defaults on all or a portion of its foreign debt, a Fund may have limited legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. In some cases, remedies must be pursued in the courts

of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign sovereign debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the prevailing country which could substantially delay or defeat any recovery.

Management Risk: In managing a Fund's portfolio, the Advisor may engage one or more sub-advisors to make investment decisions on a portion of or the entire portfolio. There is a risk that the Advisor may be unable to identify and retain sub-advisors who achieve superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisors. The value of your investment may decrease if the sub-advisor incorrectly judges the attractiveness, value, or market trends affecting a particular security, issuer, industry, or sector.

Mortgage Dollar Roll Risk: Mortgage "dollar rolls" are transactions in which mortgage-backed securities are sold for delivery in the current month and the seller simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar securities on a specified future date. The difference between the sale price and the purchase price (plus any interest earned on the cash proceeds of the sale) is netted against the interest income foregone on the securities sold to arrive at an implied borrowing rate. Alternatively, the sale and purchase transactions can be executed at the same price, with the Fund being paid a fee as consideration for entering into the commitment to purchase. If the broker-dealer to whom the Fund sells the security becomes insolvent, the Fund's right to repurchase the security may be restricted. Other risks involved in entering into mortgage dollar rolls include the risk that the value of the security may change adversely over the term of the mortgage dollar roll and that the security the Fund is required to repurchase may be worth less than the security that the Fund originally held.

Non-Diversification Risk: Subject to federal income tax restrictions relating to a Fund's qualification as a regulated investment company, a non-diversified fund may invest a significant percentage of its assets in the securities of a single company. Because a higher percentage of a Fund's holdings may be invested in a single company, a Fund may be more sensitive to any single economic, business, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund.

Portfolio Turnover Risk: Each Fund may sell its portfolio securities, regardless of the length of time that they have been held, if the sub-advisor determines that it would be in the Fund's best interest to do so. It may be appropriate to buy or sell portfolio securities due to economic, market, or other factors that are not within the sub-advisor's control. These transactions will increase a Fund's "portfolio turnover." A 100% portfolio turnover rate would occur if all of the securities in the Fund were replaced during a given period. Frequent and active trading may result in greater expenses to the Fund, which may lower the Fund's performance and may result in the realization of substantial capital gains, including net short-term capital gains, although owners of variable annuity contracts or variable life policies are not expected to be subject to federal income tax on distributions of capital gains by the Fund. High portfolio turnover may reduce the Fund's returns.

Sector Focus Risk: The Fund may invest a high percentage of its assets in specific sectors of the market in order to achieve a potentially greater investment return. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to economic, political, and regulatory developments in a particular sector of the market, positive or negative, and may experience increased volatility of the Fund's net asset value with a magnified effect on the total return.

Where Can I Find Information About the Funds' Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policies?

A description of the Funds' policies and procedures for disclosing portfolio securities to any person is available in the SAI.

THE FUNDS' MANAGEMENT

Investment Advisor

Touchstone Advisors, Inc.

303 Broadway, Suite 1100, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Touchstone Advisors has been a registered investment advisor since 1994. As of March 31, 2019, Touchstone Advisors had approximately \$17.5 billion in assets under management. As the Funds' investment advisor, Touchstone Advisors reviews, supervises, and administers the Funds' investment programs and also ensures compliance with the Funds' investment policies and guidelines.

Touchstone Advisors is responsible for selecting each Fund's sub-advisor(s), subject to approval by the Board. Touchstone Advisors selects a sub-advisor that has shown good investment performance in its areas of expertise. Touchstone Advisors considers various factors in evaluating a sub-advisor, including:

- Level of knowledge and skill;
- Performance as compared to its peers or benchmark;
- Consistency of performance over 5 years or more;
- Level of compliance with investment rules and strategies;
- Employees, facilities and financial strength; and
- Quality of service.

Touchstone Advisors will also continually monitor each sub-advisor's performance through various analyses and through in-person, telephone, and written consultations with a sub-advisor. Touchstone Advisors discusses its expectations for performance with each sub-advisor and provides evaluations and recommendations to the Board of Trustees, including whether or not a sub-advisor's contract should be renewed, modified, or terminated.

The SEC has granted an exemptive order that permits Touchstone Variable Series Trust (the "Trust") or Touchstone Advisors, under certain conditions, to select or change unaffiliated sub-advisors, enter into new sub-advisory agreements, or amend existing sub-advisory agreements without first obtaining shareholder approval. The Funds must still obtain shareholder approval of any sub-advisory agreement with a sub-advisor affiliated with the Trust or Touchstone Advisors other than by reason of serving as a sub-advisor to one or more Funds. Shareholders of a Fund will be notified of any changes in its sub-advisor.

Two or more sub-advisors may manage a Fund, from time to time, with each managing a portion of the Fund's assets. If a Fund has more than one sub-advisor, Touchstone Advisors allocates how much of a Fund's assets are managed by each sub-advisor. Touchstone Advisors may change these allocations from time to time, often based upon the results of its evaluations of the sub-advisors.

Touchstone Advisors is also responsible for running all of the operations of the Funds, except those that are subcontracted to a sub-advisor, custodian, transfer agent, sub-administrative agent or other parties. For its services, Touchstone Advisors is entitled to receive an investment advisory fee from each Fund at an annualized rate, based on the average daily net assets of the Fund. The Annual Fee Rate below is the fee paid to Touchstone Advisors by each Fund, net of any advisory fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Touchstone Advisors pays sub-advisory fees to each sub-advisor from its advisory fee.

Fund	Net Annual Fee Rate as a % of average daily net assets	Contractual Expense Limitation as a % of average daily net assets⁽²⁾
Bond Fund ⁽³⁾	0.34% ⁽¹⁾	0.97%
Common Stock Fund ⁽⁴⁾	0.50% ⁽¹⁾	1.06%

⁽¹⁾Touchstone Advisors pays Integrity Life Insurance Company, and National Integrity Life Insurance Company (the "Integrity Companies"), Columbus Life Insurance Company, and certain other affiliates a shareholder servicing fee of up to 0.15% annually relating to Class SC shares. In exchange for the shareholder servicing fee, these entities provide services including (but not limited to) prospectus, financial report, and statement delivery; telephone and Internet services for contract owners; and recordkeeping and similar administrative services. Touchstone

Advisors, at its expense, may also provide additional compensation to certain unaffiliated dealers, financial intermediaries, or service providers for administrative and/or shareholder servicing activities.

⁽²⁾The Advisor has agreed to waive a portion of its fees or reimburse certain Fund expenses to the extent needed to limit annual Fund operating expenses (excluding dividend and interest expenses relating to short sales; interest; taxes; brokerage commissions and other transaction costs; portfolio transaction and investment related expenses, including expenses associated with the Fund's liquidity provider; other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; the cost of "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses," if any; and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of business). The contractual expense limitation is effective through July 31, 2020, but can be terminated by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the Trust if it deems the termination to be beneficial to the Fund's shareholders. The terms of the contractual expense limitation agreement provide that the Advisor is entitled to recoup, subject to approval by the Board, such amounts waived or reimbursed for a period of up to three years from the date on which the Advisor reduced its compensation or assumed expenses for the Fund. The Fund will make repayments to the Advisor only if such repayment does not cause the annual Fund operating expenses (after the repayment is taken into account) to exceed both (1) the expense cap in place when such amounts were waived or reimbursed and (2) the Fund's current expense limitation.

⁽³⁾Effective on or about July 12, 2019, the Bond Fund will lower its annual advisory fee from 0.40% on all assets to 0.40% on the first \$300 million of assets and 0.35% on assets over \$300 million.

⁽⁴⁾The Common Stock Fund's annual advisory fee is 0.50% on the first \$200 million of average daily net assets; 0.45% on the next \$300 million; and 0.40% on the assets over \$500 million.

Additional Information

The Trustees of the Trust oversee generally the operations of each Fund and the Trust. The Trust enters into contractual arrangements with various parties, including, among others, the Funds' investment advisor, custodian, transfer agent, accountants and distributor, who provide services to each Fund. Shareholders and insurance company separate account investors are not parties to, or intended (or "third-party") beneficiaries of, any of those contractual arrangements, and those contractual arrangements are not intended to create in any such individual shareholder or group of shareholders or investors any right to enforce the terms of the contractual arrangements against the service providers or to seek any remedy under the contractual arrangements against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the Trust.

This prospectus provides information concerning the Trust and the Funds that you should consider in determining whether to purchase shares of a Fund. The Funds may make changes to this information from time to time. Neither this prospectus, the SAI or any document filed as an exhibit to the Trust's registration statement, is intended to, nor does it, give rise to an agreement or contract between the Trust or a Fund its shareholders or investors, or give rise to any contract or other rights in any such individual shareholder or investor or group of shareholders or investors or other person other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

Advisory and Sub-Advisory Agreement Approval. A discussion of the basis for the Board's approval of the Funds' advisory and sub-advisory agreements can be found in the Trust's December 31, 2018 annual report. Fort Washington is an affiliate of Touchstone Advisors. Therefore, Touchstone Advisors may have a conflict of interest when making decisions to keep Fort Washington as the sub-advisor to the Funds. The Board of Trustees reviews Touchstone Advisors' decisions, with respect to the retention of Fort Washington, to reduce the possibility of a conflict of interest.

Sub-Advisor and Portfolio Managers

Listed below is the sub-advisor and the portfolio managers that have responsibility for the day-to-day management of each Fund. A brief biographical description of each portfolio manager is also provided. The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' investments in the Fund or Funds that they manage, a description of their compensation structure, and information regarding other accounts that they manage.

Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. ("Fort Washington"), located at 303 Broadway, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, has been an SEC-registered investment advisor since 1990 and serves as the sub-advisor to the Funds. As the sub-advisor, Fort Washington makes investment decisions for each Fund and also ensures compliance with the Touchstone Funds' investment policies and guidelines. As of March 31, 2019 Fort Washington had approximately \$59.2 billion in assets under management. Assets under management by Fort Washington of \$59.2 billion includes \$55.4 billion in assets under management by Fort Washington, and \$3.8 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group, a division. Each Fort Washington portfolio manager listed below is jointly and primarily responsible for the management of the applicable Fund.

Bond Fund

- **Timothy J. Policinski**, CFA, is the primary manager and Daniel J. Carter, CFA, is the secondary manager of the Fund. Mr. Policinski is a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager. He has worked at Fort Washington since 2001. Mr. Policinski has over 20 years of fixed-income management experience.
- **Daniel J. Carter**, CFA, Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, joined Fort Washington in 2000.

Common Stock Fund

- **James Wilhelm**, Managing Director, Head of Public Equities and Senior Portfolio Manager, joined Fort Washington in 2002. He has investment experience dating back to 1993. He has managed the Fund since its inception in 2017.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICING ARRANGEMENTS

Shareholder Servicing Plan - Class SC Shares. The Trust has adopted a shareholder services plan (the "Plan") with respect to Class SC shares of the Funds, providing that the Trust may obtain the services of Touchstone Advisors and other qualified financial intermediaries to act as shareholder servicing agents for their customers. Under the Plan, the Trust (or the Trust's agents) may enter into agreements pursuant to which the shareholder servicing agent performs certain shareholder services not otherwise provided by the transfer agent. For these services, the Trust pays the shareholder servicing agent a fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to the Class SC shares owned by investors for which the shareholder servicing agent maintains a servicing relationship.

The Trust may use payments under this aspect of the Plan to provide or enter into agreements with organizations ("Service Providers") who will provide one or more of the following shareholder services to a Fund: (i) establishing and maintaining customer accounts and records; (ii) aggregating and processing purchase and redemption requests from customers and placing net purchase and redemption orders with the Distributor; (iii) automatically investing customer account cash balances; (iv) providing periodic statements to their customers; (v) arranging for bank wires; (vi) answering routine customer inquiries concerning their investments in the shares offered in connection with this Plan and related distribution agreement; (vii) assisting customers in changing dividend options, account designations and addresses; (viii) performing sub-accounting functions; (ix) processing dividend payments from the Fund on behalf of customers; (x) forwarding certain shareholder communications from the Fund (such as proxies, shareholder reports and dividend, distribution and tax notices) to customers; and (xi) providing such other similar services as may be reasonably requested to the extent they are permitted to do so under applicable statutes, rules and regulations. Because these fees are paid out of a Fund's Class SC share assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment.

INVESTING WITH TOUCHSTONE

Choosing the Appropriate Investments to Match Your Goals. Investing well requires a plan. We recommend that you meet with your financial advisor to plan a strategy that will best meet your financial goals.

Purchasing Shares

You cannot buy Class SC shares of the Funds directly. You can invest indirectly in the Funds through your purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life policy. You should read this prospectus and the prospectus of the variable annuity contract or variable life policy carefully before you choose your investment options.

Selling Shares

To meet various obligations under the variable annuity contracts or variable life policies through which Fund shares are purchased, the insurance company separate accounts which directly hold the Funds' shares may sell Fund shares to generate cash. For example, a separate account may sell Fund shares and use the proceeds to pay a contract owner who requested a partial withdrawal or who canceled a contract. Proceeds from the sale are usually sent to the separate

account on the next business day. The Funds may suspend sales of shares or postpone payment dates when the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is closed (other than weekends or holidays), when trading on the NYSE is restricted, or as otherwise permitted by the SEC. Under normal conditions, each Fund typically expects to meet redemption requests through the use of the Fund's holdings of cash or cash equivalents, lines of credit, an interfund loan (as discussed in the SAI) or by selling other Fund assets. A redemption-in-kind may be used under unusual circumstances.

Redemption in-Kind. Under unusual circumstances, when the Board deems it appropriate, a Fund may make payment for shares redeemed in portfolio securities of the Fund taken at current value. Shareholders may incur transaction and brokerage costs when they sell these portfolio securities. Until such time as the shareholder sells the securities they receive in kind, the securities are subject to market risk. Redemptions in-kind are taxable for federal income tax purposes in the same manner as redemptions for cash.

Market Timing Policy

Shares of the Funds are held by insurance companies who make the Funds available to investors through separate accounts. These separate accounts are available to investors through a variable annuity contract or variable life policy sold by the insurance company. As a result, market timing or excessive trading in accounts that an investor owns or controls may disrupt portfolio investment strategies, may increase brokerage and administrative costs, and may negatively impact investment returns for all investors, including long-term investors who do not generate these costs. The Funds will take reasonable steps to discourage excessive short-term trading and will not knowingly accommodate frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares by investors. The Board has adopted the following policies and procedures with respect to market timing of the Funds by investors. The Funds will monitor selected trades on a daily basis in an effort to deter excessive short-term trading. If a Fund has reason to believe that an investor has engaged in excessive short-term trading, the Funds may ask the insurance companies to stop such activities or restrict or refuse to process purchases or exchanges in the investor's accounts. While the Funds cannot assure the prevention of all excessive trading and market timing, by making these judgments the Fund believes it is acting in a manner that is in the best interests of its investors. However, because the Funds cannot prevent all market timing, investors may be subject to the risks described above.

The Trust expects the insurance company separate accounts that invest in the Funds to have in place policies and procedures reasonably designed to deter market timing in the separate accounts by contract or policy holders. Separate accounts often establish omnibus accounts in the Funds for their contract or policy holders through which transactions are placed. In accordance with Rule 22c-2 under the 1940 Act, the Funds have entered into information sharing agreements with the insurance companies that use the Funds as underlying investment vehicles for their separate accounts. Under these agreements, an insurance company is obligated to: (1) adopt and enforce during the term of the agreement, a market-timing policy, the terms of which are acceptable to the Funds; (2) furnish the Funds, upon their request, with information regarding contract or policy holder trading activities in shares of the Funds; and (3) enforce its market-timing policy with respect to contract or policy holders identified by the Funds as having engaged in market timing. When information regarding transactions in the Funds' shares is requested by a Fund and such information is in the possession of a person that is itself a financial intermediary to an insurance company (an "indirect intermediary"), any insurance company with whom the Funds have an information sharing agreement is obligated to obtain transaction information from the indirect intermediary or, if directed by the Funds, to restrict or prohibit the indirect intermediary from purchasing shares of the Funds on behalf of contract or policy holders or any other persons.

Investors in the Funds should be aware that the right of an owner of a variable insurance product to transfer among sub-accounts is governed by a contract between the insurance company and the owner. Many of these contracts do not limit the number of transfers that a contract owner may make among the underlying funds. The terms of these contracts, the presence of financial intermediaries (including the insurance companies) between the Funds and the contract and policy holders and other factors such as state insurance laws may limit a Fund's ability to deter market timing. Multiple tiers of such financial intermediaries may further compound the Funds' difficulty in deterring such market timing activities.

The Funds apply these policies and procedures uniformly to all investors believed to be engaged in market timing or excessive trading. The Funds have no arrangements to permit any investor to trade frequently in shares of the Funds, nor will they enter into any such arrangements in the future.

Pricing of Fund Shares

Each Fund's share price (also called "NAV") and public offering price (NAV plus a sales charge, if applicable) is determined as of the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) every day the NYSE is open. Each Fund calculates its NAV per share, for each class, generally using market prices, by dividing the total value of its net assets attributable to that class by the number of shares outstanding attributable to that class. Shares are purchased or sold at the NAV determined after a purchase or sale order is received in proper form by Touchstone Securities, Inc. ("Touchstone Securities") or its authorized agent.

The Funds' equity investments are valued based on market value or, if no market value is available, based on fair value as determined by the Board (or under its direction). The Funds may use pricing services to determine market value for investments. Some specific pricing strategies follow:

- All short-term dollar-denominated investments that mature in 60 days or less may be valued on the basis of amortized cost which the Board has determined as fair value.
- Securities mainly traded on a U.S. exchange are valued at the last sale price on that exchange or, if no sales occurred during the day, at the last quoted bid price.

Any foreign securities held by a Fund will be priced as follows:

- All assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currency values will be converted into U.S. dollar values.
- Securities mainly traded on a non-U.S. exchange are generally valued according to the preceding closing values on that exchange. However, if an event that may change the value of a security occurs after the time that the closing value on the non-U.S. exchange was determined, but before the close of regular trading on the NYSE, the security may be priced based on fair value. This may cause the value of the security on the books of the Fund to be significantly different from the closing value on the non-U.S. exchange and may affect the calculation of the NAV.
- Because portfolio securities that are primarily listed on a non-U.S. exchange may trade on weekends or other days when a Fund does not price its shares, a Fund's NAV may change on days when shareholders will not be able to buy or sell shares.
- Securities held by a Fund that do not have readily available market quotations are priced at their fair value using procedures approved by the Board. Any debt securities held by a Fund for which market quotations are not readily available are generally priced at their most recent bid prices as obtained from one or more of the major market makers for such securities. The Funds may use fair value pricing under the following circumstances, among others:
 - If the validity of market quotations is deemed to be not reliable.
 - If the value of a security has been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary markets on which the security is traded.
 - If a security is so thinly traded that reliable market quotations are unavailable due to infrequent trading.
 - If the exchange on which a portfolio security is principally traded closes early or if trading in a particular portfolio security was halted during the day and did not resume prior to the Fund's NAV calculation.

The use of fair value pricing has the effect of valuing a security based upon the price a Fund might reasonably expect to receive if it sold that security but does not guarantee that the security can be sold at the fair value price. The Funds have established fair value policies and procedures that delegate fair value responsibilities to the Advisor. These policies and procedures outline the fair value method for the Advisor. The Advisor's determination of a security's fair value price often involves the consideration of a number of subjective factors established by the Board, and is therefore subject to the unavoidable risk that the value that the Fund assigns to a security may be higher or lower than the security's value would be if a reliable market quotation for the security was readily available. With respect to any portion of a Fund's assets that is invested in other mutual funds, that portion of the Fund's NAV is calculated based on the NAV of that mutual fund. The prospectus for the other mutual fund explains the circumstances and effects of fair value pricing for that mutual fund.

DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

Dividends and Other Distributions

Each Fund intends to distribute to its shareholders substantially all of its net investment income and capital gains. Each Fund will declare and pay dividends annually to shareholders. Each Fund makes distributions of capital gains, if any, at least annually.

For more information about dividends and other distributions in connection with any investment in a variable annuity contract or variable life policy, see the prospectus for your variable annuity contract or variable life policy.

Federal Income Tax Information

Shares of the Funds must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable insurance contracts. As a result, it is anticipated that any income dividends or capital gains distributed by the Funds will be exempt from current taxation by contract holders if left to accumulate within a separate account. Withdrawals from such contracts may be subject to ordinary income tax plus a 10% penalty tax if made before age 59^{1/2}. Investors are urged and advised to consult their own tax advisors for more information on their tax situation, including possible state or local taxes.

For more information about the tax consequences of an investment in a variable annuity contract or variable life policy, see the prospectus for your variable annuity contract or variable life policy.

This section is only a summary of some important federal income tax considerations that may affect your investment in a Fund. More information regarding these considerations is included in the Funds' SAI. You are urged and advised to consult your own tax advisor regarding the effects of an investment in a variable insurance contract that invests in a Fund on your tax situation.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance, as represented by its Class I shares, for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the tables represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund, assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The total returns do not reflect fees that are paid by the separate accounts through which shares of the Funds are sold. Inclusion of these fees would reduce the total return figures for all periods. The financial highlights for each Fund for the fiscal years ended 2017 and 2018 were audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The report of Ernst & Young LLP, along with each Fund's financial statements and related notes with respect to its Class I shares, are included in the Funds' annual report. The financial highlights for the Funds for the fiscal years ended 2014, 2015 and 2016 were audited by another independent registered public accounting firm. You can obtain the annual report at no charge by calling 1.800.543.0407 or by downloading a copy from the Touchstone Investments website at: TouchstoneInvestments.com/Resources.

The financial highlights for Class SC shares of the Funds are not included because those share classes did not commence operations until July 10, 2019.

Touchstone Bond Fund - Class I Shares
Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.26	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.83	\$ 9.75
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income	0.28	0.18	0.14 ^(A)	0.27 ^(A)	0.29 ^(A)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(0.46)	0.16	(0.06)	(0.40)	0.10
Total from investment operations	(0.18)	0.34	0.08	(0.13)	0.39
Distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.23)	—	(0.20)	(0.32)	(0.31)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 9.19	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.26	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.83
Total return ^(B)	(1.88)%	3.67%	0.81%	(1.29)%	4.01%
Ratios and supplemental data:					
Net assets at end of period (000's)	\$41,808	\$ 46,922	\$ 48,680	\$57,312	\$ 67,067
Ratio to average net assets:					
Net expenses	0.67 %	0.68%	0.67%	0.67 %	0.65%
Gross expenses	0.87 %	0.71%	0.67%	0.67 %	0.65%
Net investment income	2.62 %	1.83%	1.46%	2.69 %	2.90%
Portfolio turnover rate	431 %	168%	197%	117 %	117%

(A) The net investment income per share was based on average shares outstanding for the period.

(B) Total returns do not include any insurance, sales or administrative charges of variable annuity or life insurance contracts. If these charges were included, the returns would be lower.

Touchstone Common Stock Fund - Class I Shares
Selected Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period

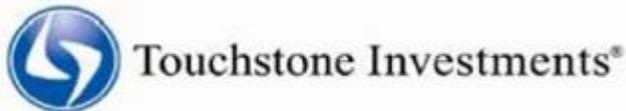
	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 18.74	\$ 15.52	\$ 15.46	\$ 17.69	\$ 18.39
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income	0.14 ^(A)	0.22	0.25 ^(A)	0.44 ^(A)	0.30 ^(A)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(1.00)	3.11	1.49	(0.39)	1.61
Total from investment operations	(0.86)	3.33	1.74	0.05	1.91
Distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.11)	(—) ^(C)	(0.27)	(0.49)	(0.33)
Realized capital gains	(10.49)	(0.11)	(1.41)	(1.79)	(2.28)
Total distributions	(10.60)	(0.11)	(1.68)	(2.28)	(2.61)
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 7.28	\$ 18.74	\$ 15.52	\$ 15.46	\$ 17.69
Total return ^(B)	(8.05)%	21.50%	11.26%	0.19%	10.34%
Ratios and supplemental data:					
Net assets at end of period (000's)	\$124,796	\$ 158,438	\$ 149,238	\$ 161,148	\$ 198,524
Ratio to average net assets:					
Net expenses	0.73 %	0.71%	0.73%	0.72%	0.72%
Gross expenses	0.83 %	0.71%	0.73%	0.72%	0.72%
Net investment income	0.77 %	1.21%	1.58%	2.48% ^(D)	1.57%
Portfolio turnover rate	10 %	84%	6%	9%	13%

(A) The net investment income per share was based on average shares outstanding for the period.

(B) Total returns do not include any insurance, sales or administrative charges of variable annuity or life insurance contracts. If these charges were included, the returns would be lower.

(C) Less than \$0.005 per share.

(D) Includes the impact of special dividends resulting from an acquisition of Covidien plc by Medtronic, Inc. on January 26, 2015 through the formation of a new holding company, Medtronic plc, incorporated in Ireland. These special dividends enhanced the ratio of net investment income by 0.47% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.



For investors who want more information about the Funds, the following documents are available free upon request:

Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"): The SAI provides more detailed information about the Funds and is incorporated herein by reference, which means it is legally a part of this prospectus.

Annual/Semiannual Reports ("Financial Reports"): The Funds' Financial Reports provide additional information about the Funds' investments. In the Funds' annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected a Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

You can get free copies of the SAI, the Financial Reports, other information and answers to your questions about the Funds by contacting your financial advisor, or the Funds at:

Touchstone Service Center
400 Broadway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
800.669.2796

The SAI and Financial Reports are also available without charge on our website at TouchstoneInvestments.com/Resources.

Reports and other information about the Funds are available on the EDGAR database of the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may obtain copies of these reports and other information, after paying a duplicating fee, by sending an e-mail request to: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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