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Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

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Reporting Issuer Part I 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) Issuer's name Touchstone Variable Series Trust - Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund XX-XXXXXXX 3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact 5 Email address of contact **Touchstone Investments** TI-CONTACT@TOUCHSTONEINVESTMENTS.COM 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact P.O. BOX 9878 Providence, RI 02940-8078 8 Date of action 9 Classification and description December 7, 2015 Regulated Investment Company - I shares 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(s) 12 Ticker symbol 13 Account number(s) See Attached See Attached N/A Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions. Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action > On December 7, 2015, Touchstone Focused Fund acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of the issuer in exchange for voting shares of beneficial interest. (Details below.) Pursuant to the same plan, the issuer liquidated and dissolved shortly after the transaction. The merger of Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund qualifies as a tax-free reorganization within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code §368(a). The exchange is based on the number and value of shares outstanding at the close of business on December 4, 2015 (Valuation Date). The merger effective date is December 7, 2015 (Closing Date). Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per 15 share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ A shareholder's aggregate basis in the shares of Touchstone Focused Fund they received in exchange for their shares of Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund will be the same as their aggregate basis in shares of Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund. The number of Touchstone Focused Fund shares that were received for each share of Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund surrendered in the exchange is as follows: 0.755210 Touchstone Focused Fund class I shares for one Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund class I share. Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ► There was no change in aggregate basis as a result of the above described organizational action. The net asset value of Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund shares that were surrendered in the exchange for each share of Touchstone Focused Fund is as follows: I Shares- The net asset value for each share surrendered from Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund in the exchange was \$14.8549. The net asset value for each share received from Touchstone Focused Fund in the exchange was \$19.6699. The net asset values above are as of the close of business on December 4, 2015.

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Touchstone Variable Series Trust - Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund Form 8937 Attachment December 8, 2015

<u>Touchstone Variable Series Trust - Touchstone Third Avenue Value Fund</u>

Share Class Box 10, CUSIP Box 12, Ticker Symbol

Class I 89154T103 N/A

Touchstone Variable Series Trust - Touchstone Focused Fund

Share Class Box 10, CUSIP Box 12, Ticker Symbol

Class I 89154T822 N/A