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# **VARIABLE PORTFOLIO – U.S. FLEXIBLE CONSERVATIVE GROWTH FUND**

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**Not FDIC Insured • No bank guarantee • May lose value**

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# FUND AT A GLANCE

(Unaudited)

## Investment objective

Variable Portfolio – U.S. Flexible Conservative Growth Fund (the Fund) pursues total return while seeking to manage the Fund’s exposure to equity market volatility.

## Portfolio management

**Brian Virginia**  
Lead Portfolio Manager  
Managed Fund since 2016

**Anwiti Bahuguna, Ph.D.**  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed Fund since 2016

**David Weiss, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed Fund since 2016

**Joshua Kutin, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed Fund since 2018

### Average annual total returns (%) (for the period ended June 30, 2019)

	Inception	6 Months cumulative	1 Year	Life
Class 1*	02/20/19	9.85	7.11	7.27
Class 2	11/02/16	9.75	7.02	7.24
Blended Benchmark		10.52	9.20	7.37
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index		6.11	7.87	2.70
S&P 500 Index		18.54	10.42	15.89

**Performance data quoted represents past performance and current performance may be lower or higher. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. For current month-end performance information, please contact your financial advisor or insurance representative.**

**Performance results reflect the effect of any fee waivers or reimbursements of fund expenses by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC and/or any of its affiliates. Absent these fee waivers or expense reimbursement arrangements, performance results would have been lower.**

**Investment earnings, if any, are tax-deferred until distributed to shareholders, at which time taxes may become due. Total return performance includes changes in share price and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any. Performance results reflect the effect of all fund expenses, but do not include any fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or variable life insurance policy or qualified pension or retirement plan. If performance results included the effect of these additional charges, they would be lower.**

\*The returns shown for periods prior to the share class inception date (including returns for the Life of the Fund, if shown, which are since Fund inception) include the returns of the Fund’s oldest share class. These returns are adjusted to reflect any higher class-related operating expenses of the newer share class, as applicable. Please visit [columbiathreadneedleus.com/investor/investment-products/variable-products/appended-performance](http://columbiathreadneedleus.com/investor/investment-products/variable-products/appended-performance) for more information.

The Blended Benchmark consists of 65% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index and 35% S&P 500 Index.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage passthroughs), asset-backed securities, and commercial mortgage-backed securities.

The S&P 500 Index, an unmanaged index, measures the performance of 500 widely held, large-capitalization U.S. stocks and is frequently used as a general measure of market performance.

Indices are not available for investment, are not professionally managed and do not reflect sales charges, fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Securities in the Fund may not match those in an index.

# FUND AT A GLANCE (continued)

(Unaudited)

<b>Portfolio Allocation (%) (at June 30, 2019)</b>	
<b>Allocations to Underlying Funds</b>	
<b>Underlying Funds: Equity Funds</b>	<b>27.7</b>
U.S. Large Cap	27.7
<b>Underlying Funds: Fixed-Income Funds</b>	<b>34.8</b>
High Yield	2.0
Investment Grade	32.8
<b>Allocations to Tactical Assets</b>	
<b>Exchange-Traded Funds</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Money Market Fund Shares Held to Cover Open Derivatives Instruments<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Options Purchased Puts</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes investments in Money Market Funds (amounting to \$41.9 million) which have been segregated to cover obligations relating to the Fund's investment in derivatives as part of its tactical allocation strategy. For a description of the Fund's investments in derivatives, see Investments in derivatives following the Portfolio of Investments and Note 2 to the Notes to Financial Statements.

Percentages indicated are based upon total investments including options purchased and excluding all other investments in derivatives, if any. The Fund's portfolio composition is subject to change.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES

(Unaudited)

As an investor, you incur ongoing costs, which generally include management fees, distribution and/or service fees, and other fund expenses. The following information is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to help you compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The information below does not reflect fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or variable life insurance policy (collectively, Contracts) or qualified pension and retirement plan (Qualified Plan), if any. The total fees and expenses you bear may therefore be higher than those shown below.

## Analyzing your Fund's expenses

To illustrate these ongoing costs, we have provided examples and calculated the expenses paid by investors in each share class of the Fund during the period. The actual and hypothetical information in the table is based on an initial investment of \$1,000 at the beginning of the period indicated and held for the entire period. Expense information is calculated two ways and each method provides you with different information. The amount listed in the "Actual" column is calculated using the Fund's actual operating expenses and total return for the period. You may use the Actual information, together with the amount invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the results by the expenses paid during the period under the "Actual" column. The amount listed in the "Hypothetical" column assumes a 5% annual rate of return before expenses (which is not the Fund's actual return) and then applies the Fund's actual expense ratio for the period to the hypothetical return. You should not use the hypothetical account values and expenses to estimate either your actual account balance at the end of the period or the expenses you paid during the period. See "Compare with other funds" below for details on how to use the hypothetical data.

In addition to the ongoing expenses which the Fund bears directly, the Fund's shareholders indirectly bear the Fund's allocable share of the costs and expenses of each underlying fund in which the Fund invests. You can also estimate the effective expenses paid during the period, which includes the indirect fees associated with investing in the underlying funds, by using the amounts listed in the "Effective expenses paid during the period" column.

## Compare with other funds

Since all mutual funds are required to include the same hypothetical calculations about expenses in shareholder reports, you can use this information to compare the ongoing cost of investing in the Fund with other funds. To do so, compare the hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds. As you compare hypothetical examples of other funds, it is important to note that hypothetical examples are meant to highlight the ongoing costs of investing in a fund only and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as redemption or exchange fees, or expenses that apply to the subaccount or the Contract. Therefore, the hypothetical calculations are useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. If the fees and expenses imposed under your Contract or Qualified Plan, if any, were included, your costs would be higher.

January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019										
	Account value at the beginning of the period (\$)		Account value at the end of the period (\$)		Expenses paid during the period (\$)		Fund's annualized expense ratio (%)	Effective expenses paid during the period (\$)		Fund's effective annualized expense ratio (%)
	Actual	Hypothetical	Actual	Hypothetical	Actual	Hypothetical		Actual	Hypothetical	
Class 1	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,050.60 <sup>(a)</sup>	1,022.61	1.39 <sup>(a)</sup>	1.93	0.39 <sup>(a)</sup>	2.78 <sup>(a)</sup>	3.87	0.78 <sup>(a)</sup>
Class 2	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,097.50	1,021.53	3.14	3.02	0.61	5.14	4.96	1.00

(a) Based on operations from February 20, 2019 (commencement of operations) through the stated period end.

Expenses paid during the period are equal to the annualized expense ratio for each class as indicated above, multiplied by the average account value over the period and then multiplied by the number of days in the Fund's most recent fiscal half year and divided by 365.

Effective expenses paid during the period and the Fund's effective annualized expense ratio include expenses borne directly to the class plus the Fund's pro rata portion of the ongoing expenses charged by the underlying funds using the expense ratio of each class of the underlying funds as of the underlying fund's most recent shareholder report.

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

(Percentages represent value of investments compared to net assets)

## Investments in securities

<b>Equity Funds 31.3%</b>		
	Shares	Value (\$)
<b>U.S. Large Cap 31.3%</b>		
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Disciplined Core Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	131,926	7,106,874
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Large Cap Index Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	607,674	14,207,423
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Select Large Cap Value Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	285,958	7,166,116
CTIVP® – Loomis Sayles Growth Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	204,402	7,102,963
CTIVP® – Morgan Stanley Advantage Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	199,546	7,101,847
CTIVP® – T. Rowe Price Large Cap Value Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	296,280	7,113,670
Variable Portfolio – Partners Core Equity Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	648,142	14,194,307
<b>Total</b>		<b>63,993,200</b>
Total Equity Funds (Cost \$54,447,113)		<b>63,993,200</b>

<b>Exchange-Traded Funds 8.0%</b>		
iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF	42,610	4,744,624
iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	71,777	8,926,905
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	1,950	571,350
Vanguard Total Bond Market ETF	24,060	1,998,664
<b>Total Exchange-Traded Funds</b> (Cost \$15,280,264)		<b>16,241,543</b>

<b>Fixed-Income Funds 39.4%</b>		
<b>High Yield 2.3%</b>		
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Income Opportunities Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	643,364	4,683,689
<b>Investment Grade 37.1%</b>		
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Intermediate Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	1,532,233	15,996,514
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Limited Duration Credit Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	491,395	4,692,823
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Long Government/Credit Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	369,210	3,854,546

<b>Fixed-Income Funds (continued)</b>		
	Shares	Value (\$)
Columbia Variable Portfolio – U.S. Government Mortgage Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	451,065	4,695,584
CTIVP® – American Century Diversified Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	1,444,544	15,557,739
CTIVP® – TCW Core Plus Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	1,393,674	14,968,060
CTIVP® – Wells Fargo Short Duration Government Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	210,374	2,139,506
Variable Portfolio – Partners Core Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares <sup>(a)</sup>	1,271,864	13,863,318
<b>Total</b>		<b>75,768,090</b>
Total Fixed-Income Funds (Cost \$79,622,266)		<b>80,451,779</b>

<b>Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency 13.6%</b>			
Issuer	Coupon Rate	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Federal National Mortgage Association <sup>(c)</sup>			
08/13/2049	3.500%	2,950,000	3,015,412
08/13/2049	4.000%	24,029,000	24,827,307
<b>Total Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency</b> (Cost \$27,847,882)			<b>27,842,719</b>

<b>Options Purchased Puts 0.4%</b>	
	Value (\$)
(Cost \$1,361,765)	<b>766,260</b>

<b>Money Market Funds 20.5%</b>		
	Shares	Value (\$)
Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, 2.433% <sup>(a),(d)</sup>	41,898,889	41,894,699
<b>Total Money Market Funds</b> (Cost \$41,895,539)		<b>41,894,699</b>
<b>Total Investments in Securities</b> (Cost: \$220,454,829)		<b>231,190,200</b>
<b>Other Assets &amp; Liabilities, Net</b>		<b>(26,951,782)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>204,238,418</b>

At June 30, 2019, securities and/or cash totaling \$760,435 were pledged as collateral.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

## Investments in derivatives

Long futures contracts						
Description	Number of contracts	Expiration date	Trading currency	Notional amount	Value/Unrealized appreciation (\$)	Value/Unrealized depreciation (\$)
S&P 500 E-mini	111	09/2019	USD	16,340,310	266,697	—
S&P 500 Index	1	09/2019	USD	736,050	12,309	—
U.S. Long Bond	21	09/2019	USD	3,267,469	117,631	—
U.S. Treasury 10-Year Note	35	09/2019	USD	4,478,906	95,867	—
U.S. Treasury 2-Year Note	30	09/2019	USD	6,455,391	41,785	—
U.S. Treasury 5-Year Note	64	09/2019	USD	7,562,000	110,175	—
U.S. Ultra Treasury Bond	11	09/2019	USD	1,953,188	98,977	—
Total					743,441	—

Put option contracts purchased								
Description	Counterparty	Trading currency	Notional amount	Number of contracts	Exercise price/Rate	Expiration date	Cost (\$)	Value (\$)
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	7,354,400	25	2,150.00	06/19/2020	181,644	63,000
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	18,827,264	64	2,100.00	12/18/2020	590,013	249,600
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	11,472,864	39	2,300.00	12/18/2020	303,797	239,265
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	5,295,168	18	2,350.00	12/18/2020	126,235	123,570
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	4,412,640	15	2,200.00	12/18/2020	120,456	73,575
S&P 500 Index	Deutsche Bank	USD	1,470,880	5	2,050.00	12/18/2020	39,620	17,250
Total							1,361,765	766,260

## Notes to Portfolio of Investments

(a) As defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, an affiliated company is one in which the Fund owns 5% or more of the company's outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Fund. Holdings and transactions in these affiliated companies during the period ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

Issuer	Beginning shares	Shares purchased	Shares sold	Ending shares	Capital gain distributions – affiliated issuers (\$)	Realized gain (loss) – affiliated issuers (\$)	Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) – affiliated issuers (\$)	Dividends – affiliated issuers (\$)	Value – affiliated issuers at end of period (\$)
Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, 2.433%	28,156,859	20,191,053	(6,449,023)	41,898,889	—	(301)	203	425,676	41,894,699
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Disciplined Core Fund, Class 1 Shares	102,567	35,354	(5,995)	131,926	—	(6,933)	782,990	—	7,106,874
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Income Opportunities Fund, Class 1 Shares	452,973	202,090	(11,699)	643,364	—	(3,140)	150,730	234,372	4,683,689
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Intermediate Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares	1,062,139	491,440	(21,346)	1,532,233	—	(1,215)	407,965	510,153	15,996,514
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Large Cap Index Fund, Class 1 Shares	484,160	152,418	(28,904)	607,674	—	(5,975)	1,922,497	—	14,207,423
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Limited Duration Credit Fund, Class 1 Shares	338,765	159,738	(7,108)	491,395	—	(81)	97,557	109,438	4,692,823
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Long Government/Credit Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares	271,887	106,638	(9,315)	369,210	—	(3,027)	327,887	106,724	3,854,546
Columbia Variable Portfolio – Select Large Cap Value Fund, Class 1 Shares	218,693	81,427	(14,162)	285,958	—	(12,713)	787,599	—	7,166,116
Columbia Variable Portfolio – U.S. Government Mortgage Fund, Class 1 Shares	307,681	149,225	(5,841)	451,065	—	(159)	52,407	128,177	4,695,584

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# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

## Notes to Portfolio of Investments (continued)

Issuer	Beginning shares	Shares purchased	Shares sold	Ending shares	Capital gain distributions – affiliated issuers (\$)	Realized gain (loss) – affiliated issuers (\$)	Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) – affiliated issuers (\$)	Dividends – affiliated issuers (\$)	Value – affiliated issuers at end of period (\$)
CTIVP® – American Century Diversified Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares	971,939	491,996	(19,391)	1,444,544	–	(1,592)	29,861	891,467	15,557,739
CTIVP® – Loomis Sayles Growth Fund, Class 1 Shares	168,271	48,852	(12,721)	204,402	–	(1,484)	1,138,601	–	7,102,963
CTIVP® – Morgan Stanley Advantage Fund, Class 1 Shares	173,780	40,756	(14,990)	199,546	–	891	1,387,131	–	7,101,847
CTIVP® – T. Rowe Price Large Cap Value Fund, Class 1 Shares	230,301	76,174	(10,195)	296,280	–	(1,748)	837,900	–	7,113,670
CTIVP® – TCW Core Plus Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares	965,201	447,101	(18,628)	1,393,674	–	(95)	384,431	402,425	14,968,060
CTIVP® – Wells Fargo Short Duration Government Fund, Class 1 Shares	143,171	69,753	(2,550)	210,374	–	(18)	22,439	22,289	2,139,506
Variable Portfolio - Partners Core Bond Fund, Class 1 Shares	881,763	407,428	(17,327)	1,271,864	–	(2,026)	386,605	333,036	13,863,318
Variable Portfolio - Partners Core Equity Fund, Class 1 Shares	506,991	168,458	(27,307)	648,142	–	(14,147)	1,701,495	–	14,194,307
Total					–	(53,763)	10,418,298	3,163,757	186,339,678

(b) Non-income producing investment.

(c) Represents a security purchased on a when-issued basis.

(d) The rate shown is the seven-day current annualized yield at June 30, 2019.

## Currency Legend

USD US Dollar

## Fair value measurements

The Fund categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by prioritizing that the most observable input be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing an investment based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Fund's assumptions about the information market participants would use in pricing an investment. An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is deemed significant to the asset's or liability's fair value measurement. The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments at that level. For example, certain U.S. government securities are generally high quality and liquid, however, they are reflected as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

Fair value inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices for investments in active markets that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 investments.
- Level 2 – Valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.).
- Level 3 – Valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions and judgment in determining the fair value of investments).

Inputs that are used in determining fair value of an investment may include price information, credit data, volatility statistics, and other factors. These inputs can be either observable or unobservable. The availability of observable inputs can vary between investments, and is affected by various factors such as the type of investment, and the volume and level of activity for that investment or similar investments in the marketplace. The inputs will be considered by the Investment Manager, along with any other relevant factors in the calculation of an investment's fair value. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocations. During these periods, the availability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many investments. This condition could cause an investment to be reclassified between the various levels within the hierarchy.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



# PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

## Fair value measurements (continued)

Certain investments that have been measured at fair value using the net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) are not categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the table are intended to reconcile the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Portfolio of Investments. The Variable Portfolios serve as investment vehicles for variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Principle investment strategies within these Variable Portfolios vary based on the Portfolios investment objective. Investments in the Variable Portfolios may be redeemed on a daily basis without restriction. The Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund seeks to provide shareholders with maximum current income consistent with liquidity and stability of principal. Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund prices its shares with a floating NAV and no longer seeks to maintain a stable NAV.

Investments falling into the Level 3 category are primarily supported by quoted prices from brokers and dealers participating in the market for those investments. However, these may be classified as Level 3 investments due to lack of market transparency and corroboration to support these quoted prices. Additionally, valuation models may be used as the pricing source for any remaining investments classified as Level 3. These models may rely on one or more significant unobservable inputs and/or significant assumptions by the Investment Manager. Inputs used in valuations may include, but are not limited to, financial statement analysis, capital account balances, discount rates and estimated cash flows, and comparable company data.

Under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board), the Investment Manager's Valuation Committee (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing the valuation procedures approved by the Board. The Committee consists of voting and non-voting members from various groups within the Investment Manager's organization, including operations and accounting, trading and investments, compliance, risk management and legal.

The Committee meets at least monthly to review and approve valuation matters, which may include a description of specific valuation determinations, data regarding pricing information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers and the results of Board-approved valuation control policies and procedures (the Policies). The Policies address, among other things, instances when market quotations are or are not readily available, including recommendations of third party pricing vendors and a determination of appropriate pricing methodologies; events that require specific valuation determinations and assessment of fair value techniques; securities with a potential for stale pricing, including those that are illiquid, restricted, or in default; and the effectiveness of third party pricing vendors, including periodic reviews of vendors. The Committee meets more frequently, as needed, to discuss additional valuation matters, which may include the need to review back-testing results, review time-sensitive information or approve related valuation actions. The Committee reports to the Board, with members of the Committee meeting with the Board at each of its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss valuation matters and actions during the period, similar to those described earlier.

For investments categorized as Level 3, the Committee monitors information similar to that described above, which may include: (i) data specific to the issuer or comparable issuers, (ii) general market or specific sector news and (iii) quoted prices and specific or similar security transactions. The Committee considers this data and any changes from prior periods in order to assess the reasonableness of observable and unobservable inputs, any assumptions or internal models used to value those securities and changes in fair value. This data is also used to corroborate, when available, information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers. Various factors impact the frequency of monitoring this information (which may occur as often as daily). However, the Committee may determine that changes to inputs, assumptions and models are not required as a result of the monitoring procedures performed.

The following table is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments at June 30, 2019:

	Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (\$)	Level 2 other significant observable inputs (\$)	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (\$)	Investments measured at net asset value (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Investments in Securities</b>					
Equity Funds	—	—	—	63,993,200	63,993,200
Exchange-Traded Funds	16,241,543	—	—	—	16,241,543
Fixed-Income Funds	—	—	—	80,451,779	80,451,779
Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities - Agency	—	27,842,719	—	—	27,842,719
Options Purchased Puts	766,260	—	—	—	766,260
Money Market Funds	—	—	—	41,894,699	41,894,699
<b>Total Investments in Securities</b>	<b>17,007,803</b>	<b>27,842,719</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>186,339,678</b>	<b>231,190,200</b>
<b>Investments in Derivatives</b>					
Asset					
Futures Contracts	743,441	—	—	—	743,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,751,244</b>	<b>27,842,719</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>186,339,678</b>	<b>231,933,641</b>

See the Portfolio of Investments for all investment classifications not indicated in the table.

The Fund's assets assigned to the Level 2 input category are generally valued using the market approach, in which a security's value is determined through reference to prices and information from market transactions for similar or identical assets.

Futures contracts are valued at unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

There were no transfers of financial assets between levels during the period.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

<b>Assets</b>	
Investments in securities, at value	
Unaffiliated issuers (cost \$43,128,146)	\$44,084,262
Affiliated issuers (cost \$175,964,918)	186,339,678
Options purchased (cost \$1,361,765)	766,260
Margin deposits on:	
Futures contracts	760,435
Receivable for:	
Investments sold on a delayed delivery basis	27,889,144
Capital shares sold	103,015
Dividends	78,768
Interest	35,480
Variation margin for futures contracts	78,234
Trustees' deferred compensation plan	12,816
Other assets	1,643
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>260,149,735</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payable for:	
Investments purchased	31,597
Investments purchased on a delayed delivery basis	55,740,174
Capital shares purchased	57,877
Variation margin for futures contracts	5,859
Management services fees	1,306
Distribution and/or service fees	1,392
Service fees	9,063
Compensation of board members	978
Compensation of chief compliance officer	10
Other expenses	50,245
Trustees' deferred compensation plan	12,816
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>55,911,317</b>
<b>Net assets applicable to outstanding capital stock</b>	<b>\$204,238,418</b>
<b>Represented by</b>	
Trust capital	\$204,238,418
<b>Total - representing net assets applicable to outstanding capital stock</b>	<b>\$204,238,418</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	
Net assets	\$2,668
Shares outstanding	221
Net asset value per share <sup>(a)</sup>	\$12.05
<b>Class 2</b>	
Net assets	\$204,235,750
Shares outstanding	16,962,659
Net asset value per share	\$12.04

(a) Net asset value per share rounds to this amount due to fractional shares outstanding.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)

<b>Net investment income</b>	
Income:	
Dividends – unaffiliated issuers	\$180,790
Dividends – affiliated issuers	3,163,757
Interest	5,623
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,350,170</b>
Expenses:	
Management services fees	187,367
Distribution and/or service fees	
Class 2	207,653
Service fees	50,071
Compensation of board members	8,095
Custodian fees	27,649
Printing and postage fees	8,182
Audit fees	14,500
Legal fees	1,656
Compensation of chief compliance officer	28
Other	4,370
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>509,571</b>
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>2,840,599</b>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) – net</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments – unaffiliated issuers	283,604
Investments – affiliated issuers	(53,763)
Futures contracts	1,136,739
Options purchased	152,731
<b>Net realized gain</b>	<b>1,519,311</b>
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments – unaffiliated issuers	978,007
Investments – affiliated issuers	10,418,298
Futures contracts	738,581
Options purchased	(1,032,131)
<b>Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)</b>	<b>11,102,755</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain</b>	<b>12,622,066</b>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>\$15,462,665</b>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2018
<b>Operations</b>		
Net investment income	\$2,840,599	\$1,063,636
Net realized gain (loss)	1,519,311	(931,542)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	11,102,755	(3,573,550)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	15,462,665	(3,441,456)
Increase in net assets from capital stock activity	49,714,280	59,866,788
Total increase in net assets	65,176,945	56,425,332
Net assets at beginning of period	139,061,473	82,636,141
Net assets at end of period	<b>\$204,238,418</b>	<b>\$139,061,473</b>

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 (Unaudited) <sup>(a)</sup>		Year Ended December 31, 2018	
	Shares	Dollars (\$)	Shares	Dollars (\$)
<b>Capital stock activity</b>				
Class 1				
Subscriptions	221	2,540	–	–
Net increase	221	2,540	–	–
Class 2				
Subscriptions	4,836,154	56,127,594	6,135,783	68,960,793
Redemptions	(545,978)	(6,415,854)	(805,631)	(9,094,005)
Net increase	4,290,176	49,711,740	5,330,152	59,866,788
<b>Total net increase</b>	<b>4,290,397</b>	<b>49,714,280</b>	<b>5,330,152</b>	<b>59,866,788</b>

(a) Class 1 shares are based on operations from February 20, 2019 (commencement of operations) through the stated period end.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance. Certain information reflects financial results for a single share of a class held for the periods shown. Per share net investment income (loss) amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the period. Total return assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions, if any. Total return does not reflect any fees and expenses imposed under your Contract and/or Qualified Plan, as applicable; such fees and expenses would reduce the total returns for all periods shown. Total return and portfolio turnover are not annualized for periods of less than one year. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to purchase and sales transactions of short-term instruments and certain derivatives, if any. If such transactions were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate may be higher.

	Net asset value, beginning of period	Net investment income (loss)	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	Total from investment operations
<b>Class 1</b>				
Six Months Ended 6/30/2019 (Unaudited) <sup>(c)</sup>	\$11.47	0.18	0.40	0.58
<b>Class 2</b>				
Six Months Ended 6/30/2019 (Unaudited)	\$10.97	0.19	0.88	1.07
Year Ended 12/31/2018	\$11.25	0.11	(0.39)	(0.28)
Year Ended 12/31/2017	\$10.07	0.09	1.09	1.18
Year Ended 12/31/2016 <sup>(e)</sup>	\$10.00	(0.02)	0.09	0.07

## Notes to Financial Highlights

- (a) In addition to the fees and expenses that the Fund bears directly, the Fund indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of any other funds in which it invests. Such indirect expenses are not included in the Fund's reported expense ratios.
- (b) Total net expenses include the impact of certain fee waivers/expense reimbursements made by the Investment Manager and certain of its affiliates, if applicable.
- (c) Class 1 shares commenced operations on February 20, 2019. Per share data and total return reflect activity from that date.
- (d) Annualized.
- (e) The Fund commenced operations on November 2, 2016. Per share data and total return reflect activity from that date.

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

	Net asset value, end of period	Total return	Total gross expense ratio to average net assets <sup>(a)</sup>	Total net expense ratio to average net assets <sup>(a),(b)</sup>	Net investment income (loss) ratio to average net assets	Portfolio turnover	Net assets, end of period (000's)
<b>Class 1</b>							
Six Months Ended 6/30/2019 (Unaudited) <sup>(c)</sup>	\$12.05	5.06%	0.39% <sup>(d)</sup>	0.39% <sup>(d)</sup>	4.39% <sup>(d)</sup>	69%	\$3
<b>Class 2</b>							
Six Months Ended 6/30/2019 (Unaudited)	\$12.04	9.75%	0.61% <sup>(d)</sup>	0.61% <sup>(d)</sup>	3.42% <sup>(d)</sup>	69%	\$204,236
Year Ended 12/31/2018	\$10.97	(2.49%)	0.65%	0.65%	0.99%	51%	\$139,061
Year Ended 12/31/2017	\$11.25	11.72%	0.74%	0.67%	0.80%	49%	\$82,636
Year Ended 12/31/2016 <sup>(e)</sup>	\$10.07	0.70%	1.08% <sup>(d)</sup>	0.66% <sup>(d)</sup>	(0.28%) <sup>(d)</sup>	10%	\$18,272

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# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## Note 1. Organization

Variable Portfolio – U.S. Flexible Conservative Growth Fund (the Fund), a series of Columbia Funds Variable Insurance Trust (the Trust), is a diversified fund. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust.

The Fund is a “fund-of-funds”, investing significantly in affiliated funds managed by Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial), its affiliates, or third-party advised (unaffiliated) funds, including exchange-traded funds (collectively, Underlying Funds). The Fund is exposed to the same risks as the Underlying Funds in direct proportion to the allocation of its assets among the Underlying Funds. For information on the investment strategies and risks of the Underlying Funds, please refer to the Fund’s current prospectus and the prospectuses of the Underlying Funds, which are available, free of charge, from the Securities and Exchange Commission website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### Fund shares

The Trust may issue an unlimited number of shares (without par value). The Fund offers Class 1 and Class 2 shares to separate accounts funding variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies (collectively, Contracts) issued by affiliated life insurance companies (Participating Insurance Companies) and other qualified institutional investors (Qualified Investors) authorized by Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (the Distributor). You may not buy (nor will you own) shares of the Fund directly. You may invest by buying a Contract.

Class 1 shares commenced operations on February 20, 2019.

## Note 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The Fund is an investment company that applies the accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services - Investment Companies* (ASC 946). The financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

### Security valuation

All equity securities and exchange-traded funds are valued at the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange. Equity securities and exchange-traded funds are valued at the last quoted sales price on the principal exchange or market on which they trade, except for securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market, which are valued at the NASDAQ official close price. Unlisted securities or listed securities for which there were no sales during the day are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices on such exchanges or markets.

Asset- and mortgage-backed securities are generally valued by pricing services, which utilize pricing models that incorporate the securities’ cash flow and loan performance data. These models also take into account available market data, including trades, market quotations, and benchmark yield curves for identical or similar securities. Factors used to identify similar securities may include, but are not limited to, issuer, collateral type, vintage, prepayment speeds, collateral performance, credit ratings, credit enhancement and expected life. Asset-backed securities for which quotations are readily available may also be valued based upon an over-the-counter or exchange bid quote from an approved independent broker-dealer.

Investments in the Underlying Funds, with the exception of exchange-traded funds, are valued at the net asset value of the applicable class of the Underlying Fund determined as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange on the valuation date.



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Futures and options on futures contracts are valued based upon the settlement price at the close of regular trading on their principal exchanges or, in the absence of transactions, at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices.

Option contracts are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and ask prices on their primary exchanges. Option contracts, including over-the-counter option contracts, with no readily available market quotations are valued using quotes obtained from independent brokers as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange.

Investments for which market quotations are not readily available, or that have quotations which management believes are not reflective of market value or reliable, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under procedures approved by and under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees. If a security or class of securities (such as foreign securities) is valued at fair value, such value is likely to be different from the quoted or published price for the security.

The determination of fair value often requires significant judgment. To determine fair value, management may use assumptions including but not limited to future cash flows and estimated risk premiums. Multiple inputs from various sources may be used to determine fair value.

GAAP requires disclosure regarding the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value and any changes in valuation inputs or techniques. In addition, investments shall be disclosed by major category. This information is disclosed following the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

## Derivative instruments

The Fund invests in certain derivative instruments, as detailed below, to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives are instruments whose values depend on, or are derived from, in whole or in part, the value of one or more securities, currencies, commodities, indices, or other assets or instruments. Derivatives may be used to increase investment flexibility (including to maintain cash reserves while maintaining desired exposure to certain assets), for risk management (hedging) purposes, to facilitate trading, to reduce transaction costs and to pursue higher investment returns. The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate certain investment risks, such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. Derivatives may involve various risks, including the potential inability of the counterparty to fulfill its obligations under the terms of the contract, the potential for an illiquid secondary market (making it difficult for the Fund to sell or terminate, including at favorable prices) and the potential for market movements which may expose the Fund to gains or losses in excess of the amount shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The notional amounts of derivative instruments, if applicable, are not recorded in the financial statements.

A derivative instrument may suffer a marked-to-market loss if the value of the contract decreases due to an unfavorable change in the market rates or values of the underlying instrument. Losses can also occur if the counterparty does not perform its obligations under the contract. The Fund's risk of loss from counterparty credit risk on over-the-counter derivatives is generally limited to the aggregate unrealized gain netted against any collateral held by the Fund and the amount of any variation margin held by the counterparty, plus any replacement costs or related amounts. With exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives, there is reduced counterparty credit risk to the Fund since the clearinghouse or central counterparty (CCP) provides some protection in the case of clearing member default. The clearinghouse or CCP stands between the buyer and the seller of the contract; therefore, additional counterparty credit risk is failure of the clearinghouse or CCP. However, credit risk still exists in exchange-traded or centrally cleared derivatives with respect to initial and variation margin that is held in a broker's customer account. While brokers are required to segregate customer margin from their own assets, in the event that a broker becomes insolvent or goes into bankruptcy and at that time there is a shortfall in the aggregate amount of margin held by the broker for all its clients, U.S. bankruptcy laws will typically allocate that shortfall on a pro-rata basis across all the broker's customers (including the Fund), potentially resulting in losses to the Fund.

In order to better define its contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Fund mitigate its counterparty risk, the Fund may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement (ISDA Master Agreement) or similar agreement with its derivatives contract counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is an agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs over-the-counter derivatives and typically contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative instrument's payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically

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permit a single net payment in the event of default (close-out netting), including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Note, however, that bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against the right of offset or netting in bankruptcy, insolvency or other events.

Collateral (margin) requirements differ by type of derivative. Margin requirements are established by the clearinghouse or CCP for exchange-traded and centrally cleared derivatives. Brokers can ask for margin in excess of the minimum in certain circumstances. Collateral terms are contract specific for over-the-counter derivatives. For over-the-counter derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the marked-to-market amount for each transaction under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any variation margin currently pledged by the Fund and/or the counterparty. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a party has to exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold (e.g., \$250,000) before a transfer has to be made. To the extent amounts due to the Fund from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. The Fund may also pay interest expense on cash collateral received from the broker. Any interest expense paid by the Fund is shown on the Statement of Operations. The Fund attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by only entering into agreements with counterparties that it believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

Certain ISDA Master Agreements allow counterparties of over-the-counter derivatives transactions to terminate derivatives contracts prior to maturity in the event the Fund's net asset value declines by a stated percentage over a specified time period or if the Fund fails to meet certain terms of the ISDA Master Agreement, which would cause the Fund to accelerate payment of any net liability owed to the counterparty. The Fund also has termination rights if the counterparty fails to meet certain terms of the ISDA Master Agreement. In determining whether to exercise such termination rights, the Fund would consider, in addition to counterparty credit risk, whether termination would result in a net liability owed from the counterparty.

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

## Futures contracts

Futures contracts are exchange-traded and represent commitments for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date. The Fund bought and sold futures contracts to produce incremental earnings, to manage the duration and yield curve exposure of the Fund versus the benchmark, to manage exposure to movements in interest rates, to manage exposure to the securities market and to maintain appropriate equity market exposure while keeping sufficient cash to accommodate daily redemptions. These instruments may be used for other purposes in future periods. Upon entering into futures contracts, the Fund bears risks that it may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the futures contracts and may realize a loss. Additional risks include counterparty credit risk, the possibility of an illiquid market, and that a change in the value of the contract or option may not correlate with changes in the value of the underlying asset.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund deposits cash or securities with the broker, known as a futures commission merchant (FCM), in an amount sufficient to meet the initial margin requirement. The initial margin deposit must be maintained at an established level over the life of the contract. Cash deposited as initial margin is recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as margin deposits. Securities deposited as initial margin are designated in the Portfolio of Investments. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day. The variation margin payments are equal to the daily change in the contract value and are recorded as variation margin receivable or payable and are offset in unrealized gains or losses. The Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed or expires. Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the variation margin disclosed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## Options contracts

Options are contracts which entitle the holder to purchase or sell securities or other identified assets at a specified price, or in the case of index option contracts, to receive or pay the difference between the index value and the strike price of the index option contract. Option contracts can be either exchange-traded or over-the-counter. The Fund purchased option contracts to produce incremental earnings, to decrease the Fund's exposure to equity market risk and to increase return on investments and to facilitate buying and selling of securities for investments. These instruments may be used for other

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purposes in future periods. Completion of transactions for option contracts traded in the over-the-counter market depends upon the performance of the other party. Cash collateral may be collected or posted by the Fund to secure certain over-the-counter option contract trades. Cash collateral held or posted by the Fund for such option contract trades must be returned to the broker or the Fund upon closure, exercise or expiration of the contract.

Options contracts purchased are recorded as investments. When the Fund writes an options contract, the premium received is recorded as an asset and an amount equivalent to the premium is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and is subsequently adjusted to reflect the current fair value of the option written. Changes in the fair value of the written option are recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation until the contract is exercised or has expired. The Fund will realize a gain or loss when the option contract is closed or expires. When option contracts are exercised, the proceeds on sales for a written call or purchased put option contract, or the purchase cost for a written put or purchased call option contract, is adjusted by the amount of premium received or paid.

For over-the-counter options purchased, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount of the premiums paid plus the positive change in market values net of any collateral held by the Fund should the counterparty fail to perform under the contracts. Option contracts written by the Fund do not typically give rise to significant counterparty credit risk, as options written generally obligate the Fund and not the counterparty to perform. The risk in writing a call option contract is that the Fund gives up the opportunity for profit if the market price of the security increases above the strike price and the option contract is exercised. The risk in writing a put option contract is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the security decreases below the strike price and the option contract is exercised. Exercise of a written option could result in the Fund purchasing or selling a security or foreign currency when it otherwise would not, or at a price different from the current market value. In purchasing and writing options, the Fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the value of the underlying instrument or the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction due to an illiquid market.

## Effects of derivative transactions in the financial statements

The following tables are intended to provide additional information about the effect of derivatives on the financial statements of the Fund, including: the fair value of derivatives by risk category and the location of those fair values in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and the impact of derivative transactions over the period in the Statement of Operations, including realized and unrealized gains (losses). The derivative instrument schedules following the Portfolio of Investments present additional information regarding derivative instruments outstanding at the end of the period, if any.

The following table is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) at June 30, 2019:

Asset derivatives		
Risk exposure category	Statement of assets and liabilities location	Fair value (\$)
Equity risk	Component of trust capital – unrealized appreciation on futures contracts	279,006*
Equity risk	Investments, at value – Options Purchased	766,260
Interest rate risk	Component of trust capital – unrealized appreciation on futures contracts	464,435*
Total		1,509,701

\* Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the tables following the Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day's variation margin is reported in receivables or payables in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The following table indicates the effect of derivative instruments (not considered to be hedging instruments for accounting disclosure purposes) in the Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2019:

<b>Amount of realized gain (loss) on derivatives recognized in income</b>			
Risk exposure category	Futures contracts (\$)	Options contracts purchased (\$)	Total (\$)
Equity risk	580,486	152,731	733,217
Interest rate risk	556,253	–	556,253
Total	1,136,739	152,731	1,289,470

<b>Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in income</b>			
Risk exposure category	Futures contracts (\$)	Options contracts purchased (\$)	Total (\$)
Equity risk	602,668	(1,032,131)	(429,463)
Interest rate risk	135,913	–	135,913
Total	738,581	(1,032,131)	(293,550)

The following table is a summary of the average outstanding volume by derivative instrument for the six months ended June 30, 2019:

Derivative instrument	Average notional amounts (\$) *
Futures contracts – long	35,712,911

Derivative instrument	Average value (\$) *
Options contracts – purchased	707,350

\* Based on the ending quarterly outstanding amounts for the six months ended June 30, 2019.

## Asset- and mortgage-backed securities

The Fund may invest in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities. The maturity dates shown represent the original maturity of the underlying obligation. Actual maturity may vary based upon prepayment activity on these obligations. All, or a portion, of the obligation may be prepaid at any time because the underlying asset may be prepaid. As a result, decreasing market interest rates could result in an increased level of prepayment. An increased prepayment rate will have the effect of shortening the maturity of the security. Unless otherwise noted, the coupon rates presented are fixed rates.

## Delayed delivery securities

The Fund may trade securities on other than normal settlement terms, including securities purchased or sold on a "when-issued" or "forward commitment" basis. This may increase risk to the Fund since the other party to the transaction may fail to deliver, which could cause the Fund to subsequently invest at less advantageous prices. The Fund designates cash or liquid securities in an amount equal to the delayed delivery commitment.

## To be announced securities

The Fund may trade securities on a To Be Announced (TBA) basis. As with other delayed-delivery transactions, a seller agrees to issue a TBA security at a future date. However, the seller does not specify the particular securities to be delivered. Instead, the Fund agrees to accept any security that meets specified terms.

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In some cases, Master Securities Forward Transaction Agreements (MSFTAs) may be used to govern transactions of certain forward-settling agency mortgage-backed securities, such as delayed-delivery and TBAs, between the Fund and counterparty. The MSFTA maintains provisions for, among other things, initiation and confirmation, payment and transfer, events of default, termination, and maintenance of collateral relating to such transactions.

## Mortgage dollar roll transactions

The Fund may enter into mortgage “dollar rolls” in which the Fund sells securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts with the same counterparty to repurchase similar but not identical securities (same type, coupon and maturity) on a specified future date. During the roll period, the Fund loses the right to receive principal and interest paid on the securities sold. However, the Fund will benefit because it receives negotiated amounts in the form of reductions of the purchase price for the future purchase plus the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the securities sold until the settlement date of the forward purchase. The Fund records the incremental difference between the forward purchase and sale of each forward roll as a realized gain or loss. Unless any realized gains exceed the income, capital appreciation, and gain or loss due to mortgage prepayments that would have been realized on the securities sold as part of the mortgage dollar roll, the use of this technique will diminish the investment performance of the Fund compared to what the performance would have been without the use of mortgage dollar rolls. All cash proceeds will be invested in instruments that are permissible investments for the Fund. The Fund identifies cash or liquid securities in an amount equal to the forward purchase price.

For financial reporting and tax purposes, the Fund treats “to be announced” mortgage dollar rolls as two separate transactions, one involving the purchase of a security and a separate transaction involving a sale. These transactions may increase the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate. The Fund does not currently enter into mortgage dollar rolls that are accounted for as financing transactions.

Mortgage dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities the Fund is obligated to repurchase may decline below the repurchase price, or that the counterparty may default on its obligations.

## Offsetting of assets and liabilities

The following table presents the Fund’s gross and net amount of assets and liabilities available for offset under netting arrangements as well as any related collateral received or pledged by the Fund as of June 30, 2019:

	<b>Deutsche Bank (\$)</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Options purchased puts	766,260
<b>Total financial and derivative net assets</b>	<b>766,260</b>
Total collateral received (pledged) <sup>(a)</sup>	-
<b>Net amount <sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>766,260</b>

(a) In some instances, the actual collateral received and/or pledged may be more than the amount shown due to overcollateralization.

(b) Represents the net amount due from/(to) counterparties in the event of default.

## Security transactions

Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Cost is determined and gains (losses) are based upon the specific identification method for both financial statement and federal income tax purposes.

## Income recognition

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Market premiums and discounts, including original issue discounts, are amortized and accreted, respectively, over the expected life of the security on all debt securities, unless otherwise noted. The Fund classifies gains and losses realized on prepayments received on mortgage-backed securities as adjustments to interest income.

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The Fund may place a debt security on non-accrual status and reduce related interest income when it becomes probable that the interest will not be collected and the amount of uncollectible interest can be reasonably estimated. A defaulted debt security is removed from non-accrual status when the issuer resumes interest payments or when collectibility of interest is reasonably assured.

Corporate actions and dividend income are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Fund may receive distributions from holdings in equity securities, business development companies (BDCs), exchange-traded funds (ETFs), limited partnerships (LPs), other regulated investment companies (RICs), and real estate investment trusts (REITs), which report information on the tax character of their distributions annually. These distributions are allocated to dividend income, capital gain and return of capital based on actual information reported. Return of capital is recorded as a reduction of the cost basis of securities held. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities, return of capital is recorded as a realized gain. With respect to REITs, to the extent actual information has not yet been reported, estimates for return of capital are made by the Fund's management. Management's estimates are subsequently adjusted when the actual character of the distributions is disclosed by the REITs, which could result in a proportionate change in return of capital to shareholders.

Awards from class action litigation are recorded as a reduction of cost basis if the Fund still owns the applicable securities on the payment date. If the Fund no longer owns the applicable securities, the proceeds are recorded as realized gains.

Income and capital gain distributions from the Underlying Funds, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

## Expenses

General expenses of the Trust are allocated to the Fund and other funds of the Trust based upon relative net assets or other expense allocation methodologies determined by the nature of the expense. Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Expenses directly attributable to a specific class of shares are charged to that share class.

## Determination of class net asset value

All income, expenses (other than class-specific expenses, which are charged to that share class, as shown in the Statement of Operations) and realized and unrealized gains (losses) are allocated to each class of the Fund on a daily basis, based on the relative net assets of each class, for purposes of determining the net asset value of each class.

## Federal income tax status

The Fund is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, and the Fund does not expect to make regular distributions. The Fund will not be subject to federal income tax, and therefore, there is no provision for federal income taxes. The partners of the Fund are subject to tax on their distributive share of the Fund's income and loss. The components of the Fund's net assets are reported at the partner-level for federal income tax purposes, and therefore, are not presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions in the Fund that would require recognition in the financial statements. However, management's conclusion may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations, and administrative interpretations (including relevant court decisions). Generally, the Fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

## Guarantees and indemnifications

Under the Trust's organizational documents and, in some cases, by contract, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust or its funds. In addition, certain of the Fund's contracts with its service providers contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown since the amount of any future claims that may be made against the Fund cannot be determined, and the Fund has no historical basis for predicting the likelihood of any such claims.

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## Recent accounting pronouncement

*Accounting Standards Update 2018-13 Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement*

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-13 Disclosure Framework - Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement. ASU No. 2018-13, in addition to other modifications and additions, removes the requirement to disclose the amount and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and the policy for the timing of transfers between levels. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and interim periods within those fiscal years. At this time, management is evaluating the implication of this guidance and the impact it will have on the financial statement disclosures, if any.

## Note 3. Fees and other transactions with affiliates

### Management services fees and underlying fund fees

The Fund has entered into a Management Agreement with Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager). Under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager provides the Fund with investment research and advice, as well as administrative and accounting services. The management services fee is an annual fee that is a blend of (i) 0.02% on assets invested in affiliated underlying funds (including exchange-traded funds and closed-end funds) that pay a management services fee (or investment advisory services fee, as applicable) to the Investment Manager and (ii) a fee that declines from 0.72% to 0.52%, depending on asset levels, on assets invested in securities (other than affiliated underlying funds (including exchange-traded funds and closed-end funds) that pay a management services fee (or investment advisory services fee, as applicable) to the Investment Manager) including other funds advised by the Investment Manager that do not pay a management services fee to the Investment Manager, third party funds, derivatives and individual securities. The annualized effective management services fee rate for the six months ended June 30, 2019 was 0.23% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

In addition to the fees and expenses which the Fund bears directly, the Fund indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests. Because the Underlying Funds have varied expense and fee levels and the Fund may own different proportions of Underlying Funds at different times, the amount of fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund will vary. These expenses are not reflected in the expenses shown in Statement of Operations and are not included in the ratios to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights.

### Compensation of board members

Members of the Board of Trustees who are not officers or employees of the Investment Manager or Ameriprise Financial are compensated for their services to the Fund as disclosed in the Statement of Operations. These members of the Board of Trustees may participate in a Deferred Compensation Plan (the Deferred Plan) which may be terminated at any time. Obligations of the Deferred Plan will be paid solely out of the Fund's assets, and all amounts payable under the Deferred Plan constitute a general unsecured obligation of the Fund.

### Compensation of Chief Compliance Officer

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer to the Fund in accordance with federal securities regulations. As disclosed in the Statement of Operations, a portion of the Chief Compliance Officer's total compensation is allocated to the Fund, along with other allocations to affiliated registered investment companies managed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates, based on relative net assets.

### Service fees

The Fund has entered into a Shareholder Services Agreement with Columbia Management Investment Services Corp. (the Transfer Agent), an affiliate of the Investment Manager and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial. Under this agreement, the Fund pays a service fee equal to the payments made by the Transfer Agent to Participating Insurance Companies and other financial intermediaries (together, Participating Organizations) for services each such Participating

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Organization provides to its clients, customers and participants that are invested directly or indirectly in the Fund, up to a cap approved by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The annualized effective service fee rate for the six months ended June 30, 2019, was 0.06% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Transfer Agent may retain as compensation for its services revenues from fees for wire, telephone and redemption orders, account transcripts due the Transfer Agent from Fund shareholders and interest (net of bank charges) earned with respect to balances in accounts the Transfer Agent maintains in connection with its services to the Fund.

## Distribution and/or service fees

The Fund has an agreement with the Distributor, an affiliate of the Investment Manager and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, for distribution services. The Board of Trustees has approved, and the Fund has adopted, a distribution plan (the Plan) which sets the distribution fees for the Fund. These fees are calculated daily and are intended to compensate the Distributor for selling shares of the Fund. The Fund pays a monthly distribution fee to the Distributor at the maximum annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class 2 shares of the Fund. The Fund pays no distribution and service fees for Class 1 shares.

## Expenses waived/reimbursed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates

The Investment Manager and certain of its affiliates have contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses (excluding certain fees and expenses described below) for the period(s) disclosed below, unless sooner terminated at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, so that the Fund's net operating expenses, including indirect expenses of the Underlying Funds, after giving effect to fees waived/expenses reimbursed and any balance credits and/or overdraft charges from the Fund's custodian, do not exceed the following annual rate(s) as a percentage of the class' average daily net assets:

	<b>Fee rate(s) contractual through April 30, 2019</b>
Class 1	0.85%*
Class 2	1.10

\* Class 1 shares commenced operations on February 20, 2019.

The Fund had a voluntary expense reimbursement arrangement from May 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019. The voluntary expense reimbursement arrangement changed to a contractual arrangement effective July 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. The annual limitation rates were the same under all arrangements.

Under the agreement governing these fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement arrangements, the following fees and expenses are excluded from the waiver/reimbursement commitment, and therefore will be paid by the Fund, if applicable: taxes (including foreign transaction taxes), transaction costs and brokerage commissions, costs related to any securities lending program, dividend expenses associated with securities sold short, inverse floater program fees and expenses, transaction charges and interest on borrowed money, interest, infrequent and/or unusual expenses and any other expenses the exclusion of which is specifically approved by the Board of Trustees. This agreement may be modified or amended only with approval from the Investment Manager, certain of its affiliates and the Fund. Any fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed under the expense reimbursement arrangements described above are not recoverable by the Investment Manager or its affiliates in future periods.

## Note 4. Portfolio information

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of securities, excluding short-term investments and derivatives, if any, aggregated to \$160,267,594 and \$100,139,465, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2019, of which \$115,687,763 and \$95,475,592, respectively, were U.S. government securities. The amount of purchase and sale activity impacts the portfolio turnover rate reported in the Financial Highlights.



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## Note 5. Affiliated money market fund

The Fund invests in Columbia Short-Term Cash Fund, an affiliated money market fund established for the exclusive use by the Fund and other affiliated funds (the Affiliated MMF). The income earned by the Fund from such investments is included as Dividends - affiliated issuers in the Statement of Operations. As an investing fund, the Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the Affiliated MMF. The Affiliated MMF prices its shares with a floating net asset value. In addition, the Board of Trustees of the Affiliated MMF may impose a fee on redemptions (sometimes referred to as a liquidity fee) or temporarily suspend redemptions (sometimes referred to as imposing a redemption gate) in the event its liquidity falls below regulatory limits.

## Note 6. Interfund lending

Pursuant to an exemptive order granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund participates in a program (the Interfund Program) allowing each participating Columbia Fund (each, a Participating Fund) to lend money directly to and, except for closed-end funds and money market funds, borrow money directly from other Participating Funds for temporary purposes. The amounts eligible for borrowing and lending under the Interfund Program are subject to certain restrictions.

Interfund loans are subject to the risk that the borrowing fund could be unable to repay the loan when due, and a delay in repayment to the lending fund could result in lost opportunities and/or additional lending costs. The exemptive order is subject to conditions intended to mitigate conflicts of interest arising from the Investment Manager's relationship with each Participating Fund.

The Fund did not borrow or lend money under the Interfund Program during the six months ended June 30, 2019.

## Note 7. Line of credit

The Fund has access to a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks led by Citibank, N.A., HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. whereby the Fund may borrow for the temporary funding of shareholder redemptions or for other temporary or emergency purposes. The credit facility, which is a collective agreement between the Fund and certain other funds managed by the Investment Manager or an affiliated investment manager, severally and not jointly, permits collective borrowings up to \$1 billion. Interest is charged to each participating fund based on its borrowings at a rate equal to the higher of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the one-month LIBOR rate and (iii) the overnight bank funding rate, plus in each case, 1.00%. Each borrowing under the credit facility matures no later than 60 days after the date of borrowing. The Fund also pays a commitment fee equal to its pro rata share of the unused amount of the credit facility at a rate of 0.15% per annum. The commitment fee is included in other expenses in the Statement of Operations. This agreement expires annually in December unless extended or renewed.

The Fund had no borrowings during the six months ended June 30, 2019.

## Note 8. Significant risks

### Shareholder concentration risk

At June 30, 2019, affiliated shareholders of record owned 100.0% of the outstanding shares of the Fund in one or more accounts. Subscription and redemption activity by concentrated accounts may have a significant effect on the operations of the Fund. In the case of a large redemption, the Fund may be forced to sell investments at inopportune times, including its liquid positions, which may result in Fund losses and the Fund holding a higher percentage of less liquid positions. Large redemptions could result in decreased economies of scale and increased operating expenses for non-redeeming Fund shareholders.

## Note 9. Subsequent events

Management has evaluated the events and transactions that have occurred through the date the financial statements were issued and noted no items requiring adjustment of the financial statements or additional disclosure.

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## Note 10. Information regarding pending and settled legal proceedings

Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that the Fund is not currently the subject of, and that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Fund or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Fund. Ameriprise Financial is required to make quarterly (10-Q), annual (10-K) and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

There can be no assurance that these matters, or the adverse publicity associated with them, will not result in increased Fund redemptions, reduced sale of Fund shares or other adverse consequences to the Fund. Further, although we believe proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Fund or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Fund, these proceedings are subject to uncertainties and, as such, we are unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may result. An adverse outcome in one or more of these proceedings could result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other relief that could have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations of Ameriprise Financial.

# BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

On June 12, 2019, the Board of Trustees (the Board) and the Trustees who are not interested persons (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) (the Independent Trustees) of Columbia Funds Variable Insurance Trust (the Trust) unanimously approved the continuation of the Management Agreement (the Management Agreement) with Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Manager) with respect to Variable Portfolio – U.S. Flexible Conservative Growth Fund (the Fund), a series of the Trust. As detailed below, the Board's Advisory Fees and Expenses Committee (the Committee) and the Board met on multiple occasions to review and discuss, among themselves, with the management team of the Investment Manager and with an independent fee consultant, materials provided by the Investment Manager, the independent fee consultant and others before determining to approve the continuation of the Management Agreement.

In connection with their deliberations regarding the continuation of the Management Agreement, the Committee and the Board evaluated materials requested from the Investment Manager regarding the Fund and the Management Agreement, and discussed these materials with representatives of the Investment Manager at Committee meetings held on March 5, 2019, April 25, 2019 and June 11, 2019 and at Board meetings held on March 6, 2019 and June 12, 2019. In addition, the Board and its various committees consider matters bearing on the Management Agreement at other meetings throughout the year and in prior years and meet regularly with senior management of the Trust and the Investment Manager. Through the Board's Investment Oversight Committees, Trustees also meet with selected portfolio managers of the funds the Trustees oversee and with other investment personnel at various times throughout the year. The Committee and the Board also consulted with the independent fee consultant, Fund counsel and the Independent Trustees' independent legal counsel, who advised on various matters with respect to the Committee's and the Board's considerations and otherwise assisted the Committee and the Board in their deliberations. On June 11, 2019, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the continuation of the Management Agreement. On June 12, 2019, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, voting separately, unanimously approved the continuation of the Management Agreement for the Fund.

The Committee and the Board considered all information that they, their legal counsel or the Investment Manager believed reasonably necessary to evaluate and to determine whether to recommend for approval or approve the continuation of the Management Agreement. The information and factors considered by the Committee and the Board in recommending for approval or approving the continuation of the Management Agreement for the Fund included the following:

- Information on the investment performance of the Fund relative to the performance of a group of mutual funds determined to be comparable to the Fund by the Investment Manager, as well as performance relative to benchmarks;
- Information on the Fund's management fees and total expenses, including information comparing the Fund's expenses to those of a group of comparable mutual funds, as determined by the Investment Manager;
- The Investment Manager's agreement to voluntarily limit or cap total operating expenses for the Fund so that total operating expenses (excluding certain fees and expenses, such as transaction costs and certain other investment related expenses, interest, taxes, and infrequent and/or unusual expenses) would not exceed a specified annual rate, as a percentage of the Fund's net assets;
- The terms and conditions of the Management Agreement;
- The current and proposed terms and conditions of other agreements and arrangements with affiliates of the Investment Manager relating to the operations of the Fund, including agreements with respect to the provision of distribution, transfer agency and shareholder services to the Fund;
- Descriptions of various functions performed by the Investment Manager under the Management Agreement, including portfolio management and portfolio trading practices;
- Information regarding the management fees of similarly-managed portfolios of other clients of the Investment Manager, including institutional accounts and collective trusts;
- Information regarding the reputation, regulatory history and resources of the Investment Manager, including information regarding senior management, portfolio managers and other personnel;

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- Information regarding the capabilities of the Investment Manager with respect to compliance monitoring services, including an assessment of the Investment Manager's compliance system by the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer; and
- The profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund.

## Nature, extent and quality of services provided under the Management Agreement

The Committee and the Board considered the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund by the Investment Manager and its affiliates under the Management Agreement and under separate agreements for the provision of transfer agency and shareholder services, and the resources dedicated to the Fund and the other Columbia Funds by the Investment Manager and its affiliates. The Committee and the Board considered, among other things, the Investment Manager's ability to attract, motivate and retain highly qualified research, advisory and supervisory investment professionals (including compensation programs for personnel involved in fund management, reputation and other attributes), the portfolio management services provided by those investment professionals, and the quality of the Investment Manager's investment research capabilities and trade execution services. The Committee and the Board also considered the potential benefits to shareholders of investing in a mutual fund that is part of a fund complex offering exposure to a variety of asset classes and investment disciplines and providing a variety of fund and shareholder services.

The Committee and the Board also considered the professional experience and qualifications of the senior personnel of the Investment Manager, which included consideration of the Investment Manager's experience with funds using an investment strategy similar to that used by the Investment Manager for the Fund. The Committee and the Board noted the compliance programs of and the compliance-related resources provided to the Fund by the Investment Manager and its affiliates and the resources dedicated by the Investment Manager and its affiliates to risk management, and considered the Investment Manager's ability to provide administrative services to the Fund and coordinate the activities of the Fund's other service providers. After reviewing these and related factors, the Committee and the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Investment performance

The Committee and the Board reviewed information about the performance of the Fund over various time periods, including performance information relative to benchmarks, information that compared the performance of the Fund to the performance of a group of comparable mutual funds as determined by the Investment Manager, and information and analysis provided by the independent fee consultant. The Committee and the Board also reviewed a description of the Investment Manager's methodology for identifying the Fund's peer groups for purposes of performance and expense comparisons.

The Committee and the Board noted that, through December 31, 2018, the Fund's performance was in the forty-first percentile (where the best performance would be in the first percentile) of its category selected by the Investment Manager for the purposes of performance comparisons for the one-year period.

The Committee and the Board also considered the Investment Manager's performance and reputation generally, the Investment Manager's historical responsiveness to Board concerns about performance, and the Investment Manager's willingness to take steps intended to improve performance. After reviewing these and related factors, the Committee and the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the performance of the Fund and the Investment Manager was sufficient, in light of other considerations, to support the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Investment management fee rates and other expenses

The Committee and the Board considered the management fees charged to the Fund under the Management Agreement as well as the total expenses incurred by the Fund. In assessing the reasonableness of the fees under the Management Agreement, the Committee and the Board considered, among other information, the Fund's total expense ratio as a percentage of average daily net assets. The Committee and the Board considered data provided by the Investment Manager and the independent fee consultant. The Committee and the Board noted that, as of December 31, 2018, the Fund's actual management fee and net total expense ratio were ranked in the second and third quintiles, respectively, (where the lowest

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fees and expenses would be in the first quintile) against the Fund's expense universe as determined by the Investment Manager for purposes of expense comparison. The Committee and the Board also took into account the fee waiver and expense limitation arrangements agreed to by the Investment Manager, as noted above.

The Committee and the Board also received and considered information about the management fees charged by the Investment Manager to institutional accounts. In considering the fees charged to those accounts, the Committee and the Board took into account, among other things, the Investment Manager's representations about the differences between managing mutual funds as compared to other types of accounts, including differences in the services provided, differences in the risk profile of such business for the Investment Manager and the additional resources required to manage mutual funds effectively. The Committee and the Board also received and considered information about the fees charged by the Investment Manager for sub-advisory services it provides to comparable unaffiliated funds. In evaluating the Fund's management fees, the Committee and the Board also took into account the demands, complexity and quality of the investment management of the Fund.

After reviewing these and related factors, the Committee and the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the management fee rates and expenses of the Fund, in light of other considerations, supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Costs of services provided and profitability

The Committee and the Board also took note of the costs the Investment Manager and its affiliates incur in connection with the services provided and the profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund, and the efforts undertaken by the Investment Manager and its affiliates to manage efficiently their costs to provide such services.

The Committee and the Board also considered the compensation directly or indirectly received by the Investment Manager's affiliates in connection with their relationships with the Fund. The Committee and the Board reviewed information provided by management as to the profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates of their relationships with the Fund, information about the allocation of expenses used to calculate profitability, and comparisons of profitability levels realized in 2018 to profitability levels realized in 2017. When reviewing profitability, the Committee and the Board also considered court cases in which adviser profitability was an issue in whole or in part, the performance of similarly managed funds, the performance of the Fund, and the expense ratio of the Fund. In addition, the Committee and the Board considered information provided by the Investment Manager regarding the Investment Manager's financial condition and comparing its profitability to that of other asset management firms that are, or are subsidiaries of, publicly traded companies. In this regard, the Committee and the Board also considered data provided by the independent fee consultant.

After reviewing these and related factors, the Committee and the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the costs of services provided and the profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

## Economies of scale

The Committee and the Board considered the potential existence of economies of scale in the provision by the Investment Manager of services to the Fund, to groups of related funds, and to the Investment Manager's investment advisory clients as a whole, and whether those economies of scale were shared with the Fund through breakpoints in investment management fees or other means, such as expense limitation arrangements and additional investments by the Investment Manager in investment, trading, compliance and other resources. The Committee and the Board noted that the management fee schedules for the Fund contained breakpoints that would reduce the fee rate on assets above specified threshold levels.

In considering these matters, the Committee and the Board also considered the costs of the services provided and the profitability to the Investment Manager and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund, as noted above. After reviewing these and related factors, the Committee and the Board concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions, that the extent to which any economies of scale were expected to be shared with the Fund supported the continuation of the Management Agreement.

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## Other benefits to the Investment Manager

The Committee and the Board received and considered information regarding “fall-out” or ancillary benefits received by the Investment Manager and its affiliates as a result of their relationships with the Fund, such as the engagement of the Investment Manager’s affiliates to provide distribution, transfer agency and shareholder services to the Fund. In this regard, among other matters, the Committee and the Board considered that the Fund’s distributor retains a portion of the distribution fees from the Fund. The Committee and the Board also considered the benefits of research made available to the Investment Manager by reason of brokerage commissions generated by the Fund’s securities transactions, and reviewed information about the Investment Manager’s practices with respect to considering brokerage and research services when allocating portfolio transactions. In this connection, the Board also noted that the amount of research made available to the Investment Manager by reason of brokerage commissions had been declining over time, and may decline further. The Committee and the Board also considered the tax benefits provided to affiliates of the Investment Manager as a result of the election by certain Funds to be taxed as partnerships. The Committee and the Board recognized that the Investment Manager’s profitability would be somewhat lower without these benefits.

## Conclusion

The Committee and the Board reviewed all of the above considerations in reaching their decisions to recommend or approve the continuation of the Management Agreement. In their deliberations, the Trustees did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and individual Trustees may have attributed different weights to the various factors. Based on their evaluation of all factors that they deemed to be material, including those factors described above, and assisted by the advice of independent legal counsel, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, voting separately, unanimously approved the continuation of the Management Agreement.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Proxy voting policies and procedures

The policy of the Board of Trustees is to vote the proxies of the companies in which the Fund holds investments consistent with the procedures as stated in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI). You may obtain a copy of the SAI without charge by calling 800.345.6611; contacting your financial intermediary or searching the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is filed with the SEC by August 31st for the most recent 12-month period ending June 30th of that year, and is available without charge by visiting [columbiathreadneedleus.com/investor/](http://columbiathreadneedleus.com/investor/), or searching the website of the SEC at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov).

## Quarterly schedule of investments

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT, and for reporting periods ended prior to March 31, 2019, on Form N-Q. The Fund's Form N-Q and Form N-PORT filings are available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). The Fund's complete schedule of portfolio holdings, as filed on Form N-Q or Form N-PORT, can also be obtained without charge, upon request, by calling 800.345.6611.

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