

BlackRock Variable Series Funds, Inc.

- ▶ BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund

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The Markets in Review

Dear Shareholder,

In the 12 months ended December 31, 2017, risk assets, such as stocks and high-yield bonds, continued to deliver strong performance. The equity market advanced, month after month, despite geopolitical uncertainty and relatively high valuations, while bond returns were constrained by higher interest rates.

Rising interest rates worked against high-quality assets with more interest rate sensitivity. Consequently, longer-term U.S. Treasuries posted modest returns, as rising energy prices, modest wage increases, and steady job growth led to expectations of higher inflation and interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve (the “Fed”).

The market’s performance reflected reflationary expectations early in the reporting period, as investors began to sense that a global recovery was afoot. Thereafter, many countries throughout the world experienced sustained and synchronized growth for the first time since the financial crisis. Growth rates and inflation are still relatively low, but they are finally rising together.

The Fed responded to these positive developments by increasing short-term interest rates three times and setting expectations for additional interest rate increases. The Fed also began reducing the vast balance sheet reserves that had accumulated in the wake of the financial crisis. In October 2017, the Fed reduced its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet by only \$10 billion, while setting expectations for additional modest reductions and rate hikes in 2018.

By contrast, the European Central Bank (“ECB”) and the Bank of Japan (“BoJ”) both continued to expand their balance sheets despite nascent signs of sustained economic growth. The Eurozone and Japan are both approaching the limits of central banks’ ownership share of national debt, which is a structural pressure point that limits their capacity to deliver additional monetary stimulus. In October 2017, the ECB announced plans to cut the amount of its bond purchases in half for 2018, while the BoJ reiterated its commitment to economic stimulus until the inflation rate rises to its target of 2%.

Emerging market growth also stabilized, as accelerating growth in China, the second largest economy in the world and the most influential of all developing economies, improved the outlook for corporate profits and economic growth across most developing nations. Chinese demand for commodities and other raw materials allayed concerns about the country’s banking system, leading to rising equity prices and foreign investment flows.

While escalating tensions between the United States and North Korea and our nation’s divided politics are concerning, benign credit conditions, modest inflation, solid corporate earnings, and the positive outlook for growth in the world’s largest economies have kept markets relatively tranquil.

Rising consumer confidence and improving business sentiment are driving momentum for the U.S. economy. If the Fed maintains a measured pace of stimulus reduction, to the extent that inflation rises, it’s likely to be accompanied by rising real growth and higher wages. That could lead to a favorable combination of moderately higher inflation, steadily rising interest rates, and improving growth in 2018.

Further fueling optimism, Congress passed a sweeping tax reform bill in December 2017. The U.S. tax overhaul is likely to accentuate the reflationary themes already in place, including faster growth and rising interest rates. Changing the corporate tax rate to a flat 21% will create many winners and losers among high-and-low tax companies, while the windfall from lower taxes could boost business and consumer spending.

In this environment, investors need to think globally, extend their scope across a broad array of asset classes, and be nimble as market conditions change. We encourage you to talk with your financial advisor and visit blackrock.com for further insight about investing in today’s markets.

Sincerely,



Rob Kapito
President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC



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Total Returns as of December 31, 2017

	6-month	12-month
U.S. large cap equities (S&P 500® Index)	11.42%	21.83%
U.S. small cap equities (Russell 2000® Index)	9.20	14.65
International equities (MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East Index)	9.86	25.03
Emerging market equities (MSCI Emerging Markets Index)	15.92	37.28
3-month Treasury bills (ICE BofAML 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index)	0.55	0.86
U.S. Treasury securities (ICE BofAML 10-Year U.S. Treasury Index)	(0.01)	2.07
U.S. investment grade bonds (Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index)	1.24	3.54
Tax-exempt municipal bonds (S&P Municipal Bond Index)	1.64	4.95
U.S. high yield bonds (Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index)	2.46	7.50

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Investment Objective

BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund's (the "Fund") investment objective is to seek to achieve long-term growth of capital and risk adjusted returns.

Portfolio Management Commentary

How did the Fund perform?

For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2017, the Fund underperformed its blended benchmark, the 60% MSCI All Country World Index / 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

What factors influenced performance?

There were no significant detractors from absolute returns during the period. Relative to the benchmark, the Fund's exposure to precious metals detracted from performance as metals underperformed equities.

The largest contributor to Fund performance was exposure to the iShares Edge MSCI Minimum Volatility Global ETF. This was followed by exposure to the iShares Commodities Select Strategy ETF.

Describe recent portfolio activity.

In the reporting period, the Fund reduced exposure to the iShares U.S. Preferred Stock ETF and the iShares Gold and Silver Trust ETFs. The Fund added to the iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF.

Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

At period end, the Fund was underweight U.S. equities relative to international market equities. The Fund's top holdings included minimum volatility global equities, preferred stock and global infrastructure. In addition, the Fund maintained exposure to U.S. dollar-denominated emerging market debt, real estate, broad commodities and precious metals.

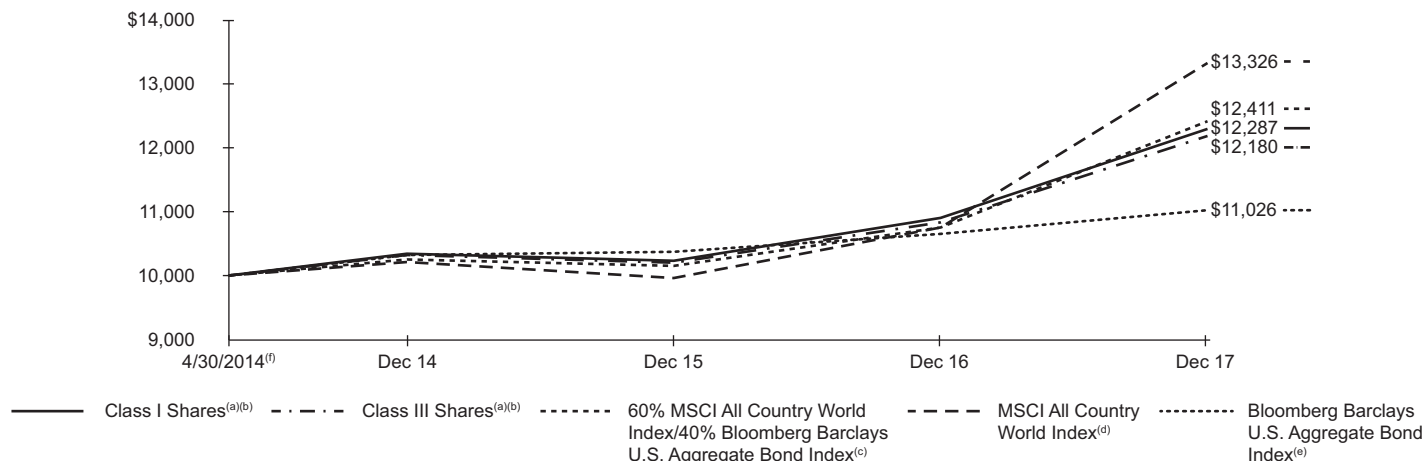
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Portfolio Information

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

<i>Asset Type</i>	<i>Percent of Affiliated Investment Companies</i>
Equity Funds	50%
Fixed Income Funds	27
Commodity Funds	14
Short-Term Securities	9

TOTAL RETURN BASED ON A \$10,000 INVESTMENT



- (a) Assuming transaction costs, if any, and other operating expenses, including investment advisory fees. Does not include insurance-related fees and expenses.
- (b) The Fund invests in a portfolio of underlying exchange-traded funds that seek to track alternative indices.
- (c) A customized weighted index comprised of 60% MSCI All Country World Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.
- (d) A free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI All Country World Index consists of 46 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes.
- (e) A widely recognized unmanaged market-weighted index, comprised of investment-grade corporate bonds rated BBB or better, mortgages and U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency issues with at least one year to maturity.
- (f) Commencement of operations.

Performance Summary for the Period Ended December 31, 2017

	Average Annual Total Returns		
	6-Month Total Returns ^(b)	1 Year ^(b)	Since Inception ^{(b)(c)}
Class I ^(a)	4.98%	12.74%	5.77%
Class III ^(a)	4.88	12.45	5.52
60% MSCI All Country World Index / 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	7.14	15.41	6.07
MSCI All Country World Index	11.21	23.97	8.15
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.24	3.54	2.70

- (a) Average annual and cumulative total returns are based on changes in net asset value for the periods shown, and assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value on the ex-dividend date. Insurance-related fees and expenses are not reflected in these returns.
- (b) For the portion of the period, the Fund's investment adviser waived a portion of its fee. Without such waiver, the Fund's performance would have been lower.
- (c) The Fund commenced operations on April 30, 2014.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

Performance results may include adjustments made for financial reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Expense Example

	Actual			Hypothetical ^(a)			Annualized Expense Ratio
	Beginning Account Value (07/01/17)	Ending Account Value (12/31/17)	Expenses Paid During the Period ^(b)	Beginning Account Value (07/01/17)	Ending Account Value (12/31/17)	Expenses Paid During the Period ^(b)	
Class I	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,049.80	\$ 3.31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,021.98	\$ 3.26	0.65%
Class III	1,000.00	1,049.80	4.60	1,000.00	1,020.72	4.53	0.90

- (a) Hypothetical 5% annual return before expenses is calculated by prorating the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year divided by 365.
- (b) For each class of the Fund, expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio for the class, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half year period shown). See "Disclosure of Expenses" on the following page for further information on how expenses were calculated.

Shareholders of the Fund may incur the following charges: (a) transactional expenses, such as sales charges; and (b) operating expenses, including investment advisory fees, service and distribution fees, including 12b-1 fees, acquired fund fees and expenses, and other fund expenses. The expense example on the previous page (which is based on a hypothetical investment of \$1,000 invested on July 1, 2017 and held through December 31, 2017) is intended to assist shareholders both in calculating expenses based on an investment in the Fund and in comparing these expenses with similar costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The expense example provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. In order to estimate the expenses a shareholder paid during the period covered by this report, shareholders can divide their account value by \$1,000 and then multiply the result by the number corresponding to their share class under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During the Period."

The expense example also provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses. In order to assist shareholders in comparing the ongoing expenses of investing in the Fund and other funds, compare the 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

The expenses shown in the expense example are intended to highlight shareholders' ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional expenses, such as sales charges, if any. Therefore, the hypothetical example is useful in comparing ongoing expenses only, and will not help shareholders determine the relative total expenses of owning different funds. If these transactional expenses were included, shareholder expenses would have been higher.

Consolidated Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2017

BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund

(Percentages shown are based on Net Assets)

Security	Shares	Value
Affiliated Investment Companies — 109.7%^(f)		
Commodity Funds — 15.7%		
iShares Commodities Select Strategy ETF	62,033	\$ 2,254,279
iShares Gold Trust ^{(a)(b)}	105,748	1,322,908
iShares Silver Trust ^{(a)(b)}	56,107	897,151
		<u>4,474,338</u>
Equity Funds — 55.0%		
iShares Edge MSCI Minimum Volatility Global ETF	88,203	7,437,277
iShares Edge MSCI USA Momentum Factor ETF	14,300	1,474,759
iShares Global Infrastructure ETF	86,765	3,923,513
iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF ^(c)	35,364	2,864,838
		<u>15,700,387</u>
Fixed Income Funds — 29.4%		
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF	31,319	3,636,136
iShares U.S. Preferred Stock ETF	125,328	4,771,237
		<u>8,407,373</u>

Security	Shares	Value
Short-Term Securities — 9.6%^(d)		
BlackRock Liquidity Funds, T-Fund, Institutional Class, 1.17%	88,209	\$ 88,209
SL Liquidity Series, LLC, Money Market Series, 1.48% ^(e)	2,666,376	2,666,109
		<u>2,754,318</u>
Total Affiliated Investment Companies — 109.7%		
(Cost: \$29,341,896)		31,336,416
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets — (9.7)%		
		<u>(2,770,063)</u>
Net Assets — 100.0%		
		<u>\$28,566,353</u>

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) All or a portion of the security is held by a wholly-owned subsidiary. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for details on the wholly-owned subsidiary.

(c) Security, or a portion of the security, is on loan.

(d) Annualized 7-day yield as of period end.

(e) Security was purchased with the cash collateral from loaned securities.

^(f) During the year ended December 31, 2017, investments in issuers considered to be affiliates of the Fund for the purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, were as follows:

Affiliate	Shares Held at 12/31/16	Shares Purchased	Shares Sold	Shares Held at 12/31/17	Value at 12/31/17	Income	Net Realized Gain (Loss) ^(a)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
BlackRock Liquidity Funds, T-Fund, Institutional Class	139,845	—	(51,636) ^(b)	88,209	\$ 88,209	\$ 653	\$ —	\$ —
SL Liquidity Series, LLC, Money Market Series	99,233	2,567,143 ^(c)	—	2,666,376	2,666,109	16,344 ^(d)	(1,032)	7
iShares Commodities Select Strategy ETF	20,963	45,130	(4,060)	62,033	2,254,279	112,838	11,337	98,245
iShares Edge MSCI Minimum Volatility Global ETF	77,765	21,863	(11,425)	88,203	7,437,277	139,748	(34,981)	885,068
iShares Edge MSCI USA Momentum Factor ETF	9,528	14,741	(9,969)	14,300	1,474,759	4,343	14,590	83,992
iShares Global Infrastructure ETF	—	91,065	(4,300)	86,765	3,923,513	107,229	8,786	399,352
iShares Gold Trust	86,001	53,300	(33,553)	105,748	1,322,908	—	48,004	121,502
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF	39,361	15,938	(23,980)	31,319	3,636,136	125,203	40,284	138,320
iShares Silver Trust	37,235	19,872	(1,000)	56,107	897,151	—	(547)	32,297
iShares U.S. Preferred Stock ETF	170,216	39,101	(83,989)	125,328	4,771,237	319,362	(52,762)	224,202
iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	28,544	19,490	(12,670)	35,364	2,864,838	104,971	(14,852)	126,478
					<u>\$31,336,416</u>	<u>\$930,691</u>	<u>\$ 18,827</u>	<u>\$ 2,109,463</u>

(a) Includes net capital gain distributions, if applicable.

(b) Represents net shares sold.

(c) Represents net shares purchased.

(d) Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

Portfolio Abbreviation

ETF Exchange-Traded Fund

December 31, 2017

Fair Value Hierarchy as of Period End

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of investments. For information about the Fund's policy regarding valuation of investments, refer to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table summarizes the Fund's investments categorized in the disclosure hierarchy:

	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets:				
Investments:				
Affiliated Investment Companies	\$28,670,307	\$ —	\$ —	\$28,670,307
Investments valued at NAV ^(a)				<u>2,666,109</u>
Total Investments				<u>\$31,336,416</u>

^(a) As of December 31, 2017, certain investments of the Fund were fair valued using NAV per share as no quoted market value is available and therefore have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, there were no transfers between levels.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2017

BlackRock iShares®
Alternative
Strategies
V.I. Fund

ASSETS

Investments at value — affiliated (including securities loaned at value of \$2,603,580) (cost — \$29,341,896)	\$31,336,416
Cash	14,978
Receivables:	
Securities lending income — affiliated	881
Capital shares sold	12,194
Dividends — affiliated	66
From the Manager	1,605
Investment adviser	2,726
Prepaid expenses	130
Total assets	<u>31,368,996</u>

LIABILITIES

Cash collateral on securities loaned at value	2,667,537
Payables:	
Capital shares redeemed	17,460
Investments purchased	37,177
Officer's and Directors' fees	3,207
Other accrued expenses	39,659
Other affiliates	14
Professional fees	35,049
Distribution fees	2,540
Total liabilities	<u>2,802,643</u>

NET ASSETS \$28,566,353

NET ASSETS CONSIST OF

Paid-in capital	\$26,992,299
Undistributed net investment income	22,396
Accumulated net realized loss	(442,862)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	1,994,520
NET ASSETS	<u>\$28,566,353</u>

NET ASSET VALUE

Class I — Based on net assets of \$16,000,317 and 1,435,983 shares outstanding, 100 million shares authorized, \$0.10 par value.	\$ 11.14
Class III — Based on net assets of \$12,566,036 and 1,132,459 shares outstanding, 100 million shares authorized, \$0.10 par value.	\$ 11.10

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2017

BlackRock iShares®
Alternative
Strategies V.I. Fund

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends — affiliated	\$ 914,347
Securities lending income — affiliated — net	16,344
Total investment income	<u>930,691</u>

EXPENSES

Professional	63,130
Investment advisory	62,282
Transfer agent — class specific	56,450
Accounting services	26,326
Distribution — class specific	24,741
Directors and Officer	12,582
Transfer agent	5,001
Custodian	4,964
Printing	2,141
Miscellaneous	4,961
Total expenses	<u>262,578</u>
Less:	
Fees waived and/or reimbursed by the Manager	(49,157)
Transfer agent fees reimbursed — class specific	(30,079)
Total expenses after fees waived and/or reimbursed	<u>183,342</u>
Net investment income	<u>747,349</u>

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)

Net realized loss from investments — affiliated	18,827
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments — affiliated	<u>2,109,463</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain	<u>2,128,290</u>
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$2,875,639</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets

BlackRock iShares® Alternative
Strategies V.I. Fund
Year Ended December 31,
2017 2016

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

OPERATIONS

Net investment income	\$ 747,349	\$ 574,680
Net realized loss	18,827	(272,382)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	2,109,463	342,360
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	<u>\$ 2,875,639</u>	<u>644,658</u>

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS^(a)

From net investment income:		
Class I	(422,009)	(374,610)
Class III	(307,726)	(197,011)
From return of capital:		
Class I	(1,366)	(1,529)
Class III	(900)	(853)
Decrease in net assets resulting from distributions to shareholders	<u>(732,001)</u>	<u>(574,003)</u>

CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Net increase in net assets derived from capital share transactions	<u>4,937,220</u>	<u>9,547,597</u>
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NET ASSETS

Total increase in net assets	7,080,858	9,618,252
Beginning of year	21,485,495	11,867,243
End of year	<u>\$28,566,353</u>	<u>\$21,485,495</u>
Undistributed net investment income, end of year	<u>\$ 22,396</u>	<u>\$ 4,777</u>

^(a) Distributions for annual periods determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Financial Highlights

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

	BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund			
	Class I			
	Year Ended December 31,			Period
	2017	2016	2015	04/30/2014 ^(a) to 12/31/2014
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 10.15	\$ 9.79	\$10.20	\$10.00
Net investment income ^(b)	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.31
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.96	0.30	(0.47)	0.03
Net increase (decrease) from investment operations	1.29	0.65	(0.10)	0.34
Distributions: ^(c)				
From net investment income	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.30)	(0.13)
From net realized capital gains	—	—	—	(0.01)
From return of capital	(0.00) ^(d)	(0.00) ^(d)	(0.01)	(0.00) ^(d)
Total distributions	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.14)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 11.14	\$ 10.15	\$ 9.79	\$10.20
Total Return: ^(e)				
Based on net asset value	12.74%	6.59%	(1.02)%	3.32% ^(f)
Ratios to Average Net Assets: ^(g)				
Total expenses	0.94%	1.10%	2.15%	8.81% ^{(h),(i)}
Total expenses after fees waived and/or reimbursed	0.65%	0.65%	0.71%	0.75% ^(h)
Net investment income	3.04%	3.30%	3.59%	4.36% ^(h)
Supplemental Data:				
Net assets, end of period (000)	\$16,000	\$13,800	\$9,707	\$5,116
Portfolio turnover rate	37%	47%	37%	34%

(a) Commencement of operations.

(b) Based on average shares outstanding.

(c) Distributions for annual periods determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations.

(d) Amount is greater than \$(0.005) per share.

(e) Where applicable, excludes insurance-related fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of distributions.

(f) Aggregate total return.

(g) Excludes expenses incurred indirectly as a result of investments in underlying funds as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			Period
	2017	2016	2015	04/30/2014 ^(a) to 12/31/2014
Investments in underlying funds	0.38%	0.34%	0.37%	0.41%

(h) Annualized.

(i) Organization and/or offering costs were not annualized in the calculation of the expense ratios. If these expenses were annualized, the total expenses for Class I and Class III would have been 9.60% and 9.03%, respectively.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Financial Highlights (continued)

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

	BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund			
	Class III			
	Year Ended December 31,			Period
	2017	2016	2015	04/30/2014 ^(a) to 12/31/2014
Net asset value, beginning of period	<u>\$ 10.12</u>	<u>\$ 9.77</u>	<u>\$10.20</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Net investment income ^(b)	0.32	0.36	0.39	0.36
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.94	0.26	(0.52)	(0.03)
Net increase (decrease) from investment operations	<u>1.26</u>	<u>0.62</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>	<u>0.33</u>
Distributions: ^(c)				
From net investment income	(0.28)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.12)
From net realized capital gains	—	—	—	(0.01)
From return of capital	(0.00) ^(d)	(0.00) ^(d)	(0.01)	(0.00) ^(d)
Total distributions	<u>(0.28)</u>	<u>(0.27)</u>	<u>(0.30)</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>
Net asset value, end of period	<u>\$ 11.10</u>	<u>\$10.12</u>	<u>\$ 9.77</u>	<u>\$10.20</u>
Total Return: ^(e)				
Based on net asset value	<u>12.45%</u>	<u>6.33%</u>	<u>(1.24)%</u>	<u>3.26%</u> ^(f)
Ratios to Average Net Assets: ^(g)				
Total expenses	<u>1.22%</u>	<u>1.29%</u>	<u>2.26%</u>	<u>8.54%</u> ^{(h),(i)}
Total expenses after fees waived and/or reimbursed	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>0.94%</u>	<u>1.00%</u> ^(h)
Net investment income	<u>2.94%</u>	<u>3.38%</u>	<u>3.81%</u>	<u>5.05%</u> ^(h)
Supplemental Data:				
Net assets, end of period (000)	<u>\$12,566</u>	<u>\$7,685</u>	<u>\$2,160</u>	<u>\$ 334</u>
Portfolio turnover rate	<u>37%</u>	<u>47%</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>34%</u>

(a) Commencement of operations.

(b) Based on average shares outstanding.

(c) Distributions for annual periods determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations.

(d) Amount is greater than \$(0.005) per share.

(e) Where applicable, excludes insurance-related fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of distributions.

(f) Aggregate total return.

(g) Excludes expenses incurred indirectly as a result of investments in underlying funds as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			Period
	2017	2016	2015	04/30/2014 ^(a) to 12/31/2014
Investments in underlying funds	<u>0.38%</u>	<u>0.34%</u>	<u>0.37%</u>	<u>0.41%</u>

(h) Annualized.

(i) Organization and/or offering costs were not annualized in the calculation of the expense ratios. If these expenses were annualized, the total expenses for Class I and Class III would have been 9.60% and 9.03%, respectively.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. ORGANIZATION

BlackRock Variable Series Funds, Inc. (the “Company”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company. The Company is organized as a Maryland corporation that is comprised of 20 separate funds. The funds offer shares to insurance companies for their separate accounts to fund benefits under certain variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. The consolidated financial statements presented are for BlackRock iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund is classified as diversified. Class I and Class III Shares have equal voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights, except that only shares of the respective classes are entitled to vote on matters concerning only that class. In addition, Class III Shares bear certain expenses related to the distribution of such shares.

The Fund, together with certain other registered investment companies advised by BlackRock Advisors, LLC (the “Manager”) or its affiliates, is included in a complex of open-end funds referred to as the Equity-Bond Complex.

Basis of Consolidation: The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Fund include the accounts of iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund (Cayman) (the “Subsidiary”), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund and primarily invests in commodity-related instruments. The Subsidiary enables the Fund to hold these commodity-related instruments and satisfy regulated investment company tax requirements. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in the Subsidiary. The net assets of the Subsidiary as of December 31, 2017 were \$2,234,460, which is 7.8% of the Fund's consolidated net assets. Intercompany accounts and transactions, if any, have been eliminated. The Subsidiary is subject to the same investment policies and restrictions that apply to the iShares® Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund, except that the Subsidiary may invest without limitation in commodity-related instruments.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), which may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies. Below is a summary of significant accounting policies:

Investment Transactions and Income Recognition: For financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are recorded on the dates the transactions are entered into (the “trade dates”). Realized gains and losses on investment transactions are determined on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from foreign securities where the ex-dividend date may have passed are subsequently recorded when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Under the applicable foreign tax laws, a withholding tax at various rates may be imposed on capital gains, dividends and interest. Upon notification from issuers, some of the dividend income received from a real estate investment trust may be redesignated as a reduction of cost of the related investment and/or realized gain. Income, expenses and realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated daily to each class based on its relative net assets.

Distributions: Distributions paid by the Fund are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions of capital gains are recorded on the ex-dividend date and made at least annually. The portion of distributions, if any, that exceeds the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, as measured on a tax basis, constitute a non-taxable return of capital. The character and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

Net income and realized gains from investments held by the Subsidiary are treated as ordinary income for tax purposes. If a net loss is realized by the Subsidiary in any taxable year, the loss will generally not be available to offset the Fund's ordinary income and/or capital gains for that year.

Indemnifications: In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations that provide general indemnification. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown because it involves future potential claims against the Fund, which cannot be predicted with any certainty.

Other: Expenses directly related to the Fund or its classes are charged to the Fund or the applicable class. Other operating expenses shared by several funds, including other funds managed by the Manager, are prorated among those funds on the basis of relative net assets or other appropriate methods. Expenses directly related to the Fund and other shared expenses prorated to the Fund are allocated daily to each class based on its relative net assets or other appropriate methods.

3. INVESTMENT VALUATION AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Investment Valuation Policies: The Fund's investments are valued at fair value (also referred to as “market value” within the consolidated financial statements) as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) (or, if the reporting date falls on a day the NYSE is closed, investments are valued at fair value as of the period end). U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the price the Fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Fund determines the fair values of its financial instruments using various independent dealers or pricing services under policies approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”). The BlackRock Global Valuation Methodologies Committee (the “Global Valuation Committee”) is the committee formed by management to develop global pricing policies and procedures and to oversee the pricing function for all financial instruments.

Fair Value Inputs and Methodologies: The following methods and inputs are used to establish the fair value of the Fund's assets and liabilities:

- Exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) traded on a recognized securities exchange are valued at the official closing price each day, if available. For ETFs traded on more than one exchange, the official closing price on the exchange where the stock is primarily traded is used. ETFs traded on a recognized exchange for which there were no sales on that day may be valued at the last available bid (long positions) or ask (short positions) price.

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- Investments in open-end U.S. mutual funds are valued at net asset value (“NAV”) each business day.
- The Fund values its investment in SL Liquidity Series, LLC, Money Market Series (the “Money Market Series”) at fair value, which is ordinarily based upon its pro rata ownership in the underlying fund’s net assets. The Money Market Series seeks current income consistent with maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. Although the Money Market Series is not registered under the 1940 Act, its investments may follow the parameters of investments by a money market fund that is subject to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act.

If events (e.g., a company announcement, market volatility or a natural disaster) occur that are expected to materially affect the value of such investments, or in the event that the application of these methods of valuation results in a price for an investment that is deemed not to be representative of the market value of such investment, or if a price is not available, the investment will be valued by the Global Valuation Committee, or its delegate, in accordance with a policy approved by the Board as reflecting fair value (“Fair Valued Investments”). The fair valuation approaches that may be used by the Global Valuation Committee will include market approach, income approach and cost approach. Valuation techniques such as discounted cash flow, use of market comparables and matrix pricing are types of valuation approaches and are typically used in determining fair value. When determining the price for Fair Valued Investments, the Global Valuation Committee, or its delegate, seeks to determine the price that the Fund might reasonably expect to receive or pay from the current sale or purchase of that asset or liability in an arm’s-length transaction. Fair value determinations shall be based upon all available factors that the Global Valuation Committee, or its delegate, deems relevant and consistent with the principles of fair value measurement. The pricing of all Fair Valued Investments is subsequently reported to the Board or a committee thereof on a quarterly basis.

Fair Value Hierarchy: Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of investments. These inputs to valuation techniques are categorized into a fair value hierarchy consisting of three broad levels for consolidated financial statement purposes as follows:

- Level 1 — Unadjusted price quotations in active markets/exchanges for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access
- Level 2 — Other observable inputs (including, but not limited to, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in markets that are active, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities (such as interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or other market- corroborated inputs)
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs based on the best information available in the circumstances, to the extent observable inputs are not available (including the Fund’s own assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments)

The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the fair value hierarchy classification is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Investments classified within Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs used by the Global Valuation Committee in determining the price for Fair Valued Investments. Level 3 investments include equity or debt issued by privately held companies or funds (“Private Company” or collectively, the “Private Companies”). There may not be a secondary market, and/or there are a limited number of investors. Level 3 investments may also be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, with the amount of such discount estimated by the Global Valuation Committee in the absence of market information.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the hierarchy. In accordance with the Fund’s policy, transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred as of the beginning of the reporting period. The categorization of a value determined for investments is based on the pricing transparency of the investments and is not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities.

As of December 31, 2017, certain investments of the Fund were valued using NAV per share as no quoted market value is available and therefore have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy.

4. SECURITIES AND OTHER INVESTMENTS

Securities Lending: The Fund may lend its securities to approved borrowers, such as brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. The borrower pledges and maintains with the Fund collateral consisting of cash, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank, or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government. The initial collateral received by the Fund is required to have a value of at least 102% of the current value of the loaned securities for securities traded on U.S. exchanges and a value of at least 105% for all other securities. The collateral is maintained thereafter at a value equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of each business day of the Fund and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Fund, or excess collateral returned by the Fund, on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Fund is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities but does not receive interest income on securities received as collateral. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the standard time period for settlement of securities transactions.

The market value of any securities on loan, all of which were classified as affiliated investment companies in the Fund’s Consolidated Schedule of Investments, and the value of any related collateral are shown separately in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a component of investments at value — unaffiliated, and collateral on securities loaned at value, respectively. As of period end, any securities on loan were collateralized by cash and/or U.S. Government obligations. Cash collateral invested by the securities lending agent, BlackRock Investment Management, LLC (“BIM”), if any, is disclosed in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments.

Securities lending transactions are entered into by the Fund under Master Securities Lending Agreements (each, an “MSLA”), which provide the right, in the event of default (including bankruptcy or insolvency), for the non-defaulting party to liquidate the collateral and calculate a net exposure to the defaulting party or request additional collateral. In the event that a borrower defaults, the Fund, as lender, would offset the market value of the collateral received against the market value of the securities loaned. When the value of the collateral is greater than that of the market value of the securities loaned, the lender is left with a net amount payable to the defaulting party.

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However, bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against such a right of offset in the event of an MSLA counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency. Under the MSLA, absent an event of default, the borrower can resell or re-pledge the loaned securities, and the Fund can reinvest cash collateral received in connection with loaned securities. Upon an event of default, the parties' obligations to return the securities or collateral to the other party are extinguished, and the parties can resell or re-pledge the loaned securities or the collateral received in connection with the loaned securities in order to satisfy the defaulting party's net payment obligation for all transactions under the MSLA. The defaulting party remains liable for any deficiency.

As of period end, the following table is a summary of the Fund's securities lending agreements by counterparty which are subject to offset under an MSLA:

Securities Lending Agreements

Counterparty	Securities Loaned at Value	Cash Collateral Received ^(a)	Net Amount
JP Morgan Securities LLC	\$ 2,603,580	\$ (2,603,580)	\$ —

^(a) Cash collateral with a value of \$2,667,537 has been received in connection with securities lending agreements. Collateral received in excess of the value of securities loaned from the individual counterparty is not shown for financial reporting purposes in the table above.

The risks of securities lending include the risk that the borrower may not provide additional collateral when required or may not return the securities when due. To mitigate these risks, the Fund benefits from a borrower default indemnity provided by BIM. BIM's indemnity allows for full replacement of the securities loaned if the collateral received does not cover the value on the securities loaned in the event of borrower default. The Fund could incur a loss if the value of an investment purchased with cash collateral falls below the market value of loaned securities or if the value of an investment purchased with cash collateral falls below the value of the original cash collateral received.

5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. is the largest stockholder and an affiliate of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock") for 1940 Act purposes.

Investment Advisory: The Company, on behalf of the Fund, entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Manager, the Fund's investment adviser, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, to provide investment advisory and administrative services. The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund's portfolio and provides the personnel, facilities, equipment and certain other services necessary to the operations of the Fund.

For such services, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly fee at an annual rate equal to the following percentages of the average daily value of the Fund's net assets:

Average Daily Net Assets	Investment Advisory Fee
First \$1 Billion	0.250%
\$1 Billion — \$3 Billion	0.240
\$3 Billion — \$5 Billion	0.225
\$5 Billion — \$10 Billion	0.220
Greater than \$10 Billion	0.210

The Manager provides investment management and other services to the Subsidiary. The Manager does not receive separate compensation from the Subsidiary for providing investment management or administrative services. However, the Fund pays the Manager based on the Fund's net assets which includes the assets of the Subsidiary.

Distribution Fees: The Company, on behalf of the Fund, entered into a Distribution Agreement and a Distribution Plan with BlackRock Investments, LLC ("BRIL"), an affiliate of the Manager. Pursuant to the Distribution Plan and in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, the Fund pays BRIL ongoing distribution fees. The fees are accrued daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.25% based upon the average daily net assets attributable to Class III.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the class specific distribution fees borne directly by Class III is \$24,741.

Transfer Agent: On behalf of the Fund, the Manager entered into agreements with insurance companies and other financial intermediaries ("Service Organizations"), some of which may be affiliates. Pursuant to these agreements, the Service Organizations provide the Fund with administrative, net-working, recordkeeping, sub-transfer agency and shareholder services to sub-accounts they service. For these services, the Service Organizations receive an annual fee per shareholder account, which will vary depending on share class and/or net assets of Fund shareholders serviced by the Service Organizations, which is shown as transfer agent — class specific. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund did not pay any amounts to affiliates in return for these services.

In addition, the Fund pays the transfer agent, which is not an affiliate, a fee for the issuance, transfer and redemption of shares and the opening and maintenance of shareholder accounts, which is included in transfer agent in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the following table shows the class specific transfer agent fees borne directly by each share class of the Fund:

Class I	Class III	Total
\$32,465	\$23,985	\$56,450

Expense Limitations, Waivers, Reimbursements and Recoupments: With respect to the Fund, the Manager voluntarily agreed to waive its investment advisory fees by the amount of investment advisory fees the Fund pays to the Manager indirectly through its investment in affiliated money market funds. In addition, the Manager has

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contractually agreed to waive the management fee on assets estimated to be attributable to the Fund's investments in other equity and fixed-income mutual funds managed by BlackRock or its affiliates, if any. This amount is included in fees waived and/or reimbursed by the Manager in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the amount waived was \$62.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund reimbursed the Manager \$226 for certain accounting services, which is included in accounting services in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

With respect to the Fund, the Manager contractually agreed to waive and/or reimburse fees or expenses in order to limit expenses, excluding interest expense, dividend expense, tax expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, and certain other fund expenses, which constitute extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business ("expense limitation"). The expense limitations as a percentage of average daily net assets are as follows:

	<i>Class I</i>	<i>Class III</i>
	0.65%	0.90%

The Manager has agreed not to reduce or discontinue this contractual expense limitation through April 30, 2018, unless approved by the Board, including a majority of the independent directors who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act ("Independent Directors") or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Manager waived and/or reimbursed \$49,095, which is included in fees waived and/or reimbursed by the Manager in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

These amounts waived and/or reimbursed are shown as transfer agent fees reimbursed—class specific in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. For the year ended December 31, 2017, class specific expense waivers and/or reimbursements are as follows:

	<i>Class I</i>	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Total</i>
Transfer Agent Fees Reimbursed	\$18,123	\$11,956	\$30,079

With respect to the contractual expense limitation, if during the Fund's fiscal year the operating expenses of a share class, that at any time during the prior two fiscal years received a waiver and/or reimbursement from the Manager, are less than the current expense limitation for that share class, the Manager is entitled to be reimbursed by such share class up to the lesser of: (a) the amount of fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed during those prior two fiscal years under the agreement and (b) an amount not to exceed either the current expense limitation of that share class or the expense limitation of the share class in effect at the time that the share class received the applicable waiver and/or reimbursement, provided that:

- (1) the Fund, of which the share class is a part, has more than \$50 million in assets for the fiscal year, and
- (2) the Manager or an affiliate continues to serve as the Fund's investment adviser or administrator.

This repayment applies only to the contractual expense limitation on net expenses and does not apply to any voluntary waivers that may be in effect from time to time.

On December 31, 2017, the Fund level and class specific waivers and/or reimbursements subject to possible future recoupment under the expense limitation agreement are as follows:

	<i>Expiring December 31,</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
Fund Level	\$ 46,338	\$49,095
Class I	22,342	\$18,123
Class III	6,323	\$11,956

The following fund level and class specific waivers and/or reimbursements previously recorded by the fund, which were subject to recoupment by the Manager, expired on December 31, 2017:

Fund Level	\$116,781
Class I	17,186
Class III	1,013

Securities Lending: The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has issued an exemptive order which permits BIM, an affiliate of the Manager, to serve as securities lending agent for the Fund, subject to applicable conditions. As securities lending agent, BIM bears all operational costs directly related to securities lending. The Fund is responsible for expenses in connection with the investment of cash collateral received for securities on loan (the "collateral investment expenses"). The cash collateral is invested in a private investment company managed by the Manager or its affiliates. However, BIM has agreed to cap the collateral investment expenses of the private investment company to an annual rate of 0.04%. The investment adviser to the private investment company will not charge any advisory fees with respect to shares purchased by the Fund. The private investment company in which the cash collateral has been invested may, under certain circumstances, impose a liquidity fee of up to 2% of the value withdrawn or temporarily restrict withdrawals for up to 10 business days during a 90 day period, in the event that the private investment company's weekly liquid assets fall below certain thresholds.

Securities lending income is equal to the total of income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral, net of fees and other payments to and from borrowers of securities, and less the collateral investment expenses. The Fund retains a portion of securities lending income and remits a remaining portion to BIM as compensation for its services as securities lending agent.

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Pursuant to a securities lending agreement, the Fund retains 80% of securities lending income, and this amount retained can never be less than 70% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment expenses.

In addition, commencing the business day following the date that the aggregate securities lending income earned across the Equity-Bond Complex in a calendar year exceeds a specified threshold, the Fund, pursuant to the securities lending agreement, will retain for the remainder of that calendar year securities lending income in an amount equal to 85% of securities lending income, and this amount retained can never be less than 70% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment expenses.

The share of securities lending income earned by the Fund is shown as securities lending income — affiliated — net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund paid BIM \$3,440 for securities lending agent services.

Interfund Lending: In accordance with an exemptive order (the "Order") from the SEC, the Fund may participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility for temporary purposes (the "Interfund Lending Program"), subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the Order, and to the extent permitted by the Fund's investment policies and restrictions. The Fund is currently permitted to borrow and lend under the Interfund Lending Program.

A lending BlackRock fund may lend in aggregate up to 15% of its net assets, but may not lend more than 5% of its net assets to any one borrowing fund through the Interfund Lending Program. A borrowing BlackRock fund may not borrow through the Interfund Lending Program or from any other source more than 33 1/3% of its total assets (or any lower threshold provided for by the fund's investment restrictions). If a borrowing BlackRock fund's total outstanding borrowings exceed 10% of its total assets, each of its outstanding interfund loans will be subject to collateralization of at least 102% of the outstanding principal value of the loan. All interfund loans are for temporary or emergency purposes and the interest rate to be charged will be the average of the highest current overnight repurchase agreement rate available to a lending fund and the bank loan rate, as calculated according to a formula established by the Board.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund did not participate in the Interfund Lending Program.

Officers and Directors: Certain directors and/or officers of the Company are directors and/or officers of BlackRock or its affiliates. The Fund reimburses the Manager for a portion of the compensation paid to the Company's Chief Compliance Officer, which is included in Directors and Officer in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

6. PURCHASES AND SALES

For the year ended December 31, 2017, purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term securities, were \$14,329,658 and \$9,346,595, respectively.

7. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no U.S. federal income tax provision is required.

The Fund files U.S. federal and various state and local tax returns. No income tax returns are currently under examination. The statute of limitations on the Fund's U.S. federal tax returns generally remains open for the period ended December 31, 2014 and each of the three years ended December 31, 2017. The statutes of limitations on the Fund's state and local tax returns may remain open for an additional year depending upon the jurisdiction.

Management has analyzed tax laws and regulations and their application to the Fund as of December 31, 2017, inclusive of the open tax return years, and does not believe that there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability in the Fund's consolidated financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share. As of period end, the following permanent differences attributable to characterization of income/losses from a wholly owned subsidiary, were reclassified to the following accounts:

Paid-in capital	\$(20,141)
Undistributed net investment income	5
Accumulated net realized loss	20,136

The tax character of distributions paid was as follows:

	12/31/17	12/31/16
Ordinary income	\$729,735	\$571,621
Tax return of capital	2,266	2,383
	<u>\$732,001</u>	<u>\$574,004</u>

As of period end, the tax components of accumulated net earnings (losses) were as follows:

Capital loss carryforward	\$ (172,012)
Net unrealized gains ¹	1,746,066
	<u>\$1,574,054</u>

¹ The difference between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized gains was attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and the timing and recognition of partnership income.

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As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward with no expiration date, available to offset future realized capital gains of \$172,012.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund utilized \$30,192 of its capital loss carryforward.

As of December 31, 2017, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for investments based on cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:

As of period end, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for investment based on cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:

Tax cost	\$29,590,350
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 1,773,767
Gross unrealized depreciation	(27,701)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 1,746,066

8. BANK BORROWINGS

The Company, on behalf of the Fund, along with certain other funds managed by the Manager and its affiliates ("Participating Funds"), is a party to a 364-day, \$2.1 billion credit agreement with a group of lenders. Under this agreement, the Fund may borrow to fund shareholder redemptions. Excluding commitments designated for certain individual funds, the Participating Funds, including the Fund, can borrow up to an aggregate commitment amount of \$1.6 billion at any time outstanding, subject to asset coverage and other limitations as specified in the agreement. The credit agreement has the following terms: a fee of 0.12% per annum on unused commitment amounts and interest at a rate equal to the higher of (a) one-month LIBOR (but, in any event, not less than 0.00%) on the date the loan is made plus 0.80% per annum or (b) the Fed Funds rate (but, in any event, not less than 0.00%) in effect from time to time plus 0.80% per annum on amounts borrowed. The agreement expires in April 2018 unless extended or renewed. Participating Funds paid administration, legal and arrangement fees, which, if applicable, are included in miscellaneous expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. These fees were allocated among such funds based upon portions of the aggregate commitment available to them and relative net assets of Participating Funds. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund did not borrow under the credit agreement.

9. PRINCIPAL RISKS

In the normal course of business, the Fund invests in securities or other instruments and may enter into certain transactions, and such activities subject the Fund to various risks, including among others, fluctuations in the market (market risk) or failure of an issuer to meet all of its obligations. The value of securities or other instruments may also be affected by various factors, including, without limitation: (i) the general economy; (ii) the overall market as well as local, regional or global political and/or social instability; (iii) regulation, taxation or international tax treaties between various countries; or (iv) currency, interest rate and price fluctuations. The Fund's prospectus provides details of the risks to which the Fund is subject.

The Fund may be exposed to additional risks when reinvesting cash collateral in money market funds that do not seek to maintain a stable NAV per share of \$1.00 and which may be subject to redemption gates or liquidity fees under certain circumstances.

Valuation Risk: The market values of equities, such as common stocks and preferred securities or equity related investments, such as futures and options, may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries. The Fund may invest in illiquid investments and may experience difficulty in selling those investments in a timely manner at the price that it believes the investments are worth. Prices may fluctuate widely over short or extended periods in response to company, market or economic news. Markets also tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising and falling prices. This volatility may cause the Fund's NAV to experience significant increases or decreases over short periods of time. If there is a general decline in the securities and other markets, the NAV of the Fund may lose value, regardless of the individual results of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests.

Counterparty Credit Risk: The Fund may be exposed to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that an entity may fail to or be unable to perform on its commitments related to unsettled or open transactions. The Fund manages counterparty credit risk by entering into transactions only with counterparties that the Manager believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties. Financial assets, which potentially expose the Fund to market, issuer and counterparty credit risks, consist principally of financial instruments and receivables due from counterparties. The extent of the Fund's exposure to market, issuer and counterparty credit risks with respect to these financial assets approximated by their value recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities, less any collateral held by the Fund.

Concentration Risk: The Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in fixed-income securities and/or uses derivatives tied to the fixed-income markets. Changes in market interest rates or economic conditions may affect the value and/or liquidity of such investments. Interest rate risk is the risk that prices of bonds and other fixed-income securities will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. The Fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low rates.

10. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in capital shares for each class were as follows:

	Year Ended 12/31/2017		Year Ended 12/31/2016	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class I				
Shares sold	267,737	\$ 2,911,781	601,734	\$ 6,360,317
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	38,005	423,375	37,058	376,139
Shares redeemed	(228,855)	(2,485,980)	(270,838)	(2,840,041)
Net increase	<u>76,887</u>	<u>\$ 849,176</u>	<u>367,954</u>	<u>\$ 3,896,415</u>
Class III				
Shares sold	533,162	\$ 5,813,619	773,886	\$ 8,159,220
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	27,804	308,626	19,552	197,864
Shares redeemed	(188,023)	(2,034,201)	(255,008)	(2,705,902)
Net increase	<u>372,943</u>	<u>\$ 4,088,044</u>	<u>538,430</u>	<u>\$ 5,651,182</u>
Total Net Increase	<u>449,830</u>	<u>\$ 4,937,220</u>	<u>906,384</u>	<u>\$ 9,547,597</u>

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring adjustment or additional disclosure in the consolidated financial statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders of BlackRock iShares Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund and the Board of Directors of BlackRock Variable Series Funds, Inc.:

Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of BlackRock iShares Alternative Strategies V.I. Fund, of BlackRock Variable Series Funds, Inc. (the "Fund"), as of December 31, 2017, the related consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended, the consolidated statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the consolidated financial highlights for each of the periods presented, and the related notes. In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and consolidated financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2017, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Deloitte & Touche LLP
Boston, Massachusetts
February 19, 2018

We have served as the auditor of one or more BlackRock investment companies since 1992.

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Director and Officer Information

Independent Directors ^(a)

Name ^(b) Year of Birth	Position(s) Held (Length of Service) ^(c)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of BlackRock-Advised Registered Investment Companies ("RICs") Consisting of Investment Portfolios ("Portfolios") Overseen	Public Company and Other Investment Company Directorships Held During Past Five Years
Robert M. Hernandez 1944	Chair of the Board and Director (Since 2007)	Director, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of USX Corporation (energy and steel business) from 1991 to 2001; Director and non-executive Chairman, RTI International Metals, Inc. from 1990 to 2015; Director, TE Connectivity (electronics) from 2006 to 2012.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	Chubb Limited (insurance company); Eastman Chemical Company
James H. Bodurtha 1944	Director (Since 2007)	Director, The China Business Group, Inc. (consulting and investing firm) from 1996 to 2013 and Executive Vice President thereof from 1996 to 2003; Chairman of the Board, Berkshire Holding Corporation since 1980; Director, ICI Mutual since 2010.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
Bruce R. Bond 1940	Director (Since 2007)	Trustee and Member of the Governance Committee, State Street Research Mutual Funds from 1997 to 2005; Board Member of Governance, Audit and Finance Committee, Avaya Inc. (computer equipment) from 2003 to 2007.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
Donald W. Burton 1944	Director (Since 2007)	Managing General Partner, The Burton Partnership, LP (an investment partnership) from 1979 to 2017; Managing General Partner, The Burton Partnership (QP), LP (an investment partnership) since 2000; Managing General Partner, The South Atlantic Venture Funds from 1983 to 2012; Director, IDology, Inc. (technology solutions) since 2006; Director, Knology, Inc. (telecommunications) from 1996 to 2012; Director, Capital Southwest (financial) from 2006 to 2012; Director, Burton Grill (restaurant) since 2013; Director, PDQ South Texas (restaurant) since 2013; Director, ITC/Talon (data) since 2015.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
Honorable Stuart E. Eizenstat 1943	Director (Since 2007)	Partner and Head of International Practice, Covington and Burling LLP (law firm) since 2001; International Advisory Board Member, The Coca-Cola Company from 2002 to 2011; Advisory Board Member, Veracity Worldwide, LLC (risk management) from 2007 to 2012; Member of the International Advisory Board GML Ltd. (energy) since 2003.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	Alcatel-Lucent (telecommunications); Global Specialty Metallurgical; UPS Corporation (delivery service); Ferroglobe (Metals)
Henry Gabbay 1947	Director (Since 2007)	Consultant, BlackRock, Inc. from 2007 to 2008; Managing Director, BlackRock, Inc. from 1989 to 2007; Chief Administrative Officer, BlackRock Advisors, LLC from 1998 to 2007; President of BlackRock Funds and BlackRock Allocation Target Shares (formerly, BlackRock Bond Allocation Target Shares) from 2005 to 2007 and Treasurer of certain closed-end funds in the BlackRock fund complex from 1989 to 2006.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
Lena G. Goldberg 1949	Director (Since 2016)	Senior Lecturer, Harvard Business School since 2008; Executive Vice President, FMR LLC/Fidelity Investments (financial services) from 2007 to 2008, Executive Vice President and General Counsel thereof from 2002 to 2007, Senior Vice President and General Counsel thereof from 1999 to 2002, Vice President and General Counsel thereof from 1997 to 1999, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel thereof in 1997, and Vice President and Corporate Counsel thereof from 1996 to 1997; Partner, Sullivan & Worcester LLP from 1985 to 1996 and Associate thereof from 1979 to 1985.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None

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Henry R. Keizer 1956	Director (Since 2016)	Director, Park Indemnity Ltd. (captive insurer) since 2010; Director, MUFG Americas Holdings Corporation and MUFG Union Bank, N.A. (financial and bank holding company) from 2014 to 2016; Director, Montpelier Re Holdings, Ltd. (publicly held property and casual reinsurance) from 2013 to 2015; Director, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants from 2009 to 2011; Director, KPMG LLP (audit, tax and advisory services) from 2004 to 2005 and 2010 to 2012; Director, KPMG International in 2012, Deputy Chairman and Chief Operating Officer thereof from 2010 to 2012 and U.S. Vice Chairman of Audit thereof from 2005 to 2010; Global Head of Audit, KPMGI (consortium of KPMG firms) from 2006 to 2010; Director, YMCA of Greater New York from 2006 to 2010.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	Hertz Global Holdings (car rental); WABCO (commercial vehicle safety systems)
John F O'Brien 1947	Director (Since 2007)	Trustee, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute since 2003 and Chairman thereof from 2009 to 2015; Co-Founder and Managing Director, Board Leaders LLC (director education) since 2005.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	Cabot Corporation (chemicals); LKQ Corporation (auto parts manufacturing); TJX Companies, Inc. (retailer)
Donald C. Opatrny 1952	Director (Since 2015)	Trustee, Member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Investment Committee, Cornell University since 2004; Member of the Board and Investment Committee, University School since 2007; Member of the Investment Committee, Mellon Foundation from 2009 to 2015; President and Trustee, the Center for the Arts, Jackson Hole since 2011; Director, Athena Capital Advisors LLC (investment management firm) since 2013; Trustee and Chair of the Investment Committee, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole since 2014; Trustee, Artst or (a Mellon Foundation affiliate) from 2010 to 2015; President, Trustee and Member of the Investment Committee, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum from 2007 to 2014.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
Roberta Cooper Ramo 1942	Director (Since 2007)	Shareholder and Attorney, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. (law firm) since 1993; Director, ECMC Group (service provider to students, schools and lenders) since 2001; President, The American Law Institute (non-profit) since 2008; Vice President, Santa Fe Opera (non-profit) since 2011; Chair, Think New Mexico (non-profit) since 2013; Chairman of the Board, Cooper's Inc. (retail) from 1999 to 2011.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None

Interested Directors ^{(a)(d)}

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Robert Fairbairn 1965	Director (Since 2015)	Senior Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2010; oversees BlackRock's Strategic Partner Program and Strategic Product Management Group; Member of BlackRock's Global Executive and Global Operating Committees; Co-Chair of BlackRock's Human Capital Committee; Global Head of BlackRock's Retail and iShares® businesses from 2012 to 2016; Head of BlackRock's Global Client Group from 2009 to 2012; Chairman of BlackRock's international businesses from 2007 to 2010.	27 RICs consisting of 98 Portfolios	None
John M. Perlowski 1964	Director (Since 2015), President and Chief Executive Officer (Since 2010)	Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2009; Head of BlackRock Global Accounting and Product Services since 2009; Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Global Product Group at Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. from 2003 to 2009; Treasurer of Goldman Sachs Mutual Funds from 2003 to 2009 and Senior Vice President thereof from 2007 to 2009; Director of Goldman Sachs Offshore Funds from 2002 to 2009; Advisory Director of Family Resource Network (charitable foundation) since 2009.	127 RICs consisting of 316 Portfolios	None

^(a) The address of each Director is c/o BlackRock, Inc., 55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055.

^(b) Each Independent Director holds office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement or removal as provided by the Company's by-laws or charter or statute, or until December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 75. The Board may determine to extend the terms of Independent Directors on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate. Interested Directors serve until their successor is duly elected and qualifies or until their earlier death, resignation, retirement or removal as provided by the Company's by-laws or statute, or until December 31 of the year in which they turn 72.

^(c) Following the combination of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P. ("MLIM") and BlackRock, Inc. in September 2006, the various legacy MLIM and legacy BlackRock fund boards were realigned and consolidated into three new fund boards in 2007. As a result, although the chart shows certain Independent Directors as joining the Corporation's board in 2007, those Directors first became members of the boards of other legacy MLIM or legacy BlackRock funds as follows: James H. Bodurtha, 1995; Bruce R. Bond, 2005; Donald W. Burton, 2002; Honorable Stuart E. Eizenstat, 2001; Robert M. Hernandez, 1996; John F. O'Brien, 2005; and Roberta Cooper Ramo, 1999.

^(d) Messrs. Fairbairn and Perlowski are both "interested persons," as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Company based on their positions with BlackRock, Inc. and its affiliates. Mr. Perlowski is also a board member of the BlackRock Closed-End Complex and the BlackRock Equity-Liquidity Complex.

Director and Officer Information (continued)

Officers Who Are Not Directors ^(a)

Name ^(b) Year of Birth	Position(s) Held (Length of Service)	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Jennifer McGovern 1977	Vice President (Since 2014)	Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2016; Director of BlackRock, Inc. from 2011 to 2015; Head of Product Structure and Oversight for BlackRock's U.S. Wealth Advisory Group since 2013; Vice President of BlackRock, Inc. from 2008 to 2010.
Neal J. Andrews 1966	Chief Financial Officer (Since 2007)	Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2006; Senior Vice President and Line of Business Head of Fund Accounting and Administration at PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc. from 1992 to 2006.
Jay M. Fife 1970	Treasurer (Since 2007)	Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2007; Director of BlackRock, Inc. in 2006; Assistant Treasurer of the MLIM and Fund Asset Management, L.P. advised funds from 2005 to 2006; Director of MLIM Fund Services Group from 2001 to 2006.
Charles Park 1967	Chief Compliance Officer (Since 2014)	Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer for the BlackRock-advised Funds in the Equity-Bond Complex, the Equity-Liquidity Complex and the Closed-End Complex from 2014 to 2015; Chief Compliance Officer of BlackRock Advisors, LLC and the BlackRock-advised Funds in the Equity-Bond Complex, the Equity-Liquidity Complex and the Closed-End Complex since 2014; Principal of and Chief Compliance Officer for iShares [®] Delaware Trust Sponsor LLC since 2012 and BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") since 2006; Chief Compliance Officer for the BFA-advised iShares [®] exchange traded funds since 2006; Chief Compliance Officer for BlackRock Asset Management International Inc. since 2012.
Fernanda Piedra 1969	Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer (Since 2015)	Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2014; Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer and Regional Head of Financial Crime for the Americas at BlackRock, Inc. since 2014; Head of Regulatory Changes and Remediation for the Asset Wealth Management Division of Deutsche Bank from 2010 to 2014; Vice President of Goldman Sachs (Anti-Money Laundering/ Suspicious Activities Group) from 2004 to 2010.
Benjamin Archibald 1975	Secretary (Since 2012)	Managing Director of BlackRock, Inc. since 2014; Director of BlackRock, Inc. from 2010 to 2013; Secretary of the iShares [®] exchange traded funds since 2015; Secretary of the BlackRock-advised mutual funds since 2012.

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^(b) Officers of the Company serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Further information about the Company's Officers and Directors is available in the Company's Statement of Additional Information, which can be obtained without charge by calling 1-800-441-7762.

Effective December 31, 2017, Roberta Cooper Ramo retired and Donald W. Burton resigned as Directors of the Company.

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^(a) For BlackRock International V.I. Fund and BlackRock Managed Volatility V.I. Fund.

^(b) For BlackRock Managed Volatility V.I. Fund.

^(c) For all Funds except BlackRock Global Allocation V.I. Fund, BlackRock International V.I. Fund and BlackRock Large Cap Growth V.I. Fund.

^(d) For BlackRock Global Allocation V.I. Fund, BlackRock International V.I. Fund and BlackRock Large Cap Growth V.I. Fund.

Additional Information

General Information

Availability of Quarterly Schedule of Investments

The Funds file their complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Funds' Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room or how to access documents on the SEC's website without charge may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330. The Funds' Forms N-Q may also be obtained upon request and without charge by calling (800) 441-7762.

Availability of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

A description of the policies and procedures that the Funds use to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available upon request and without charge (1) by calling (800) 441-7762; (2) at <http://www.blackrock.com/prospectus/insurance>; and (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Availability of Proxy Voting Record

Information about how the Funds voted proxies relating to securities held in the Funds' portfolios during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available upon request and without charge (1) at <http://www.blackrock.com/prospectus/insurance> or by calling (800) 441-7762 and (2) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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