

# FRANKLIN TEMPLETON VARIABLE INSURANCE PRODUCTS TRUST

May 1, 2019



## CLASS 4

### Franklin Allocation VIP Fund

(formerly, Franklin Founding Funds Allocation  
VIP Fund)

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## Investment Goal

Capital appreciation. Its secondary goal is income.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. **The table and the example do not include any fees or sales charges imposed by variable insurance contracts, qualified retirement plans or funds of funds.** If they were included, your costs would be higher.

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

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Management fees <sup>1</sup>	0.55%
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.35%
Other expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.03%
Acquired fund fees and expenses <sup>1,2</sup>	0.03%
Total annual Fund operating expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.96%
Fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement <sup>3</sup>	-0.04%
<b>Total annual Fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement<sup>1,2,3</sup></b>	<b>0.92%</b>

1. The fees and expenses in the table above have been restated to reflect changes in the management fee of the Fund, as well as changes in other expenses and acquired fund fees and expenses due to changes in the Fund's investment strategies effective on May 1, 2019. Consequently, the total annual Fund operating expenses differ from the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights.

2. Total annual Fund operating expenses differ from the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights, which reflect the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

3. The investment manager has contractually agreed to waive or assume certain expenses of the fund so that common expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees and certain non-routine expenses, but including acquired fund fees and expenses) do not exceed 0.57% until April 30, 2020. Contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreements may not be changed or terminated during the time period set forth above.

### Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of the period. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The Example reflects adjustments made

to the Fund's operating expenses due to the fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by management for the 1 Year numbers only. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>\$94</b>	<b>\$302</b>	<b>\$527</b>	<b>\$1,174</b>

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 2.23% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment goals by allocating its assets among the broad asset classes of equity and fixed income investments through a variety of investment strategies or "sleeves" managed by the investment manager or its affiliates, which include Franklin U.S. Smart Beta Equity Strategy, Franklin Total Return Strategy, Franklin Growth Strategy, Templeton Foreign Strategy, Franklin International Growth Strategy, Franklin U.S. Government Securities Strategy, Franklin Rising Dividends Strategy, Franklin Investment Grade Corporate Strategy and Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund Strategy. The Fund is structured as a multi-manager fund (meaning the Fund's assets are managed by multiple sub-advisors), with the investment manager having overall responsibility for the Fund's investments. The investment manager allocates assets among various asset classes and strategy sleeves to seek to diversify the Fund's portfolio, to add incremental return, and to reduce the Fund's risk of being significantly impacted by changes in a specific asset class or by changing market conditions. The investment manager may, at times, implement a risk overlay strategy, which seeks to neutralize certain market risks that may exist in the Fund primarily through the use of equity and interest rate/bond futures.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund allocates approximately 60% of its assets to the equity asset class and 40% of its assets to the fixed income asset class by allocating the Fund's assets among the various sleeves.

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The Fund's asset allocation may change from time to time based on market conditions and the investment manager's strategic and tactical asset allocation views. The Fund's equity and fixed income investments typically will not vary by more than 5% from the stated allocations; however, appreciation and/or depreciation in the value of the Fund's investments may cause the relative percentages to vary by more than 5%. The investment manager rebalances the Fund's portfolio to bring the Fund back to its typical allocation on a periodic basis, typically when market values deviate from target weights beyond predefined thresholds or when the manager's view on asset classes changes. In addition, during adverse market conditions, the investment manager, in its sole discretion, may tactically manage the Fund's risk exposure on a Fund level, which could cause the Fund's allocations to vary by more than 5% from the stated allocations. The investment manager uses a variety of techniques to adjust the Fund's exposure to certain asset classes to manage risk including allocating additional assets or reducing assets allocated to certain sleeves, holding additional cash and cash equivalents in the Fund's portfolio, or using certain equity, interest rate and currency derivative instruments.

The Fund may invest in securities of U.S. and foreign companies in both the equity and fixed income sleeves, although the Fund currently does not anticipate investing more than 30% of its net assets in securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States. Through its sleeves, the Fund may invest in a variety of equity securities of any capitalization size and a variety of government and corporate fixed income investments that have variable or fixed interest rates and may be of any duration or maturity. Through its sleeves, the Fund may invest in fixed income securities that could include bonds, notes, debentures, banker's acceptances and commercial paper; loans and loan participations; floating rate notes and mortgage-backed or asset-backed securities, including collateralized debt obligations. The Fund may also invest a small portion of its assets in other mutual funds, which include other Franklin Templeton mutual funds, and Franklin Templeton and third-party exchange-traded funds (ETFs) (underlying funds), in order to gain exposure to certain asset classes or for tactical positioning. The Fund generally invests in investment grade debt securities, but may invest a small portion its total assets in bonds rated below investment grade.

The Fund regularly uses currency-related derivatives, including forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps and currency options to hedge (protect) against currency risks. The Fund also may, from time to time, use a variety of equity-

related derivatives, which may include purchasing or selling call and put options on equity securities and equity security indices, futures on equity securities and equity indexes and options on equity index futures, for various purposes including enhancing Fund returns, increasing liquidity, gaining exposure to particular instruments in more efficient or less expensive ways and/or hedging risks relating to changes in certain equity markets. In addition, the Fund may, from time to time, use interest rate derivatives, including interest rate swaps and interest rate/bond futures contracts for various purposes including enhancing Fund returns, increasing liquidity, gaining exposure to particular instruments in more efficient or less expensive ways and/or hedging risks relating to changes in interest rates. The use of such derivative transactions may allow the Fund to obtain net long or net short exposures to selected markets, interest rates, countries, currencies or durations. The investment manager's risk overlay strategy may involve investing in derivatives in an effort to provide a hedge against negative market events. When implemented, the risk overlay strategy will reduce the Fund's ability to benefit from positive market movements.

In determining an optimal mix of the equity and fixed income asset classes for the Fund, the investment manager assesses changing economic, market and industry conditions. The investment manager allocates among strategy sleeves utilizing a top-down approach, generating the Fund's strategy weightings by taking into account market conditions, risk factors, diversification, liquidity, transparency and other investment options, among other things.

Allocations to the individually managed sleeves discussed below typically will not exceed 20%, but will vary with market conditions; however, under normal market conditions, no sleeve constitutes a majority of the Fund's assets. Unless indicated, the individual strategy sleeves are managed by the investment manager.

**Franklin U.S. Smart Beta Equity Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing substantially in U.S. equities using a proprietary, systematic model to screen, weight and select securities, starting with those in a broad-market U.S. equity index (currently the Russell 1000 Index).

**Franklin Total Return Strategy.** The strategy seeks to provide high current income consistent with preservation of capital while capital appreciation over the long term is a secondary focus

**Franklin Growth Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing substantially in the equity securities of companies that are leaders in their industries, and which the managers believe are suitable for a buy-and-hold strategy.

**Templeton Foreign Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital growth by investing predominantly in foreign securities which are predominantly equity securities of companies located outside of the U.S., including developing markets.

**Franklin International Growth Strategy.** The strategy seeks capital appreciation by investing predominantly in the equity securities of mid-and large capitalization companies outside the U.S. with long-term growth potential.

**Franklin U.S. Government Securities Strategy.** The strategy seeks income by investing substantially in Government National Mortgage Association securities (Ginnie Maes).

**Franklin Rising Dividends Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation and preservation of capital by investing primarily in equity securities of companies that the investment manager believes have a history of consistent and substantial dividend increases. The strategy may focus on companies in any capitalization range.

**Franklin Investment Grade Corporate Strategy.** The strategy seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with prudent investing, while seeking preservation of capital, by investing predominantly in investment grade corporate debt securities and investments.

**Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund Strategy.** The Fund invests directly in the Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund, which seeks current income with capital appreciation and growth of income, by investing at least 80% of its net assets in bonds of governments, government related entities and government agencies located anywhere in the world.

## Principal Risks

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Mutual fund shares are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency of the U.S. government.

**Market** The market values of securities or other investments owned by the Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. The market value of a security or other investment may be reduced by market activity or other results of supply and demand unrelated to the issuer. This is a basic risk associated with all investments. When there are more sellers than buyers, prices tend to fall. Likewise, when there are more buyers than sellers, prices tend to rise.

Stock prices tend to go up and down more dramatically than those of debt securities. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the prices of the various stocks held by the Fund.

**Growth Style Investing** Growth stock prices reflect projections of future earnings or revenues, and can, therefore, fall dramatically if the company fails to meet those projections. Prices of these companies' securities may be more volatile than other securities, particularly over the short term.

**Foreign Securities (non-U.S.)** Investing in foreign securities typically involves more risks than investing in U.S. securities, and includes risks associated with: (i) internal and external political and economic developments – e.g., the political, economic and social policies and structures of some foreign countries may be less stable and more volatile than those in the U.S. or some foreign countries may be subject to trading restrictions or economic sanctions; (ii) trading practices – e.g., government supervision and regulation of foreign securities and currency markets, trading systems and brokers may be less than in the U.S.; (iii) availability of information – e.g., foreign issuers may not be subject to the same disclosure, accounting and financial reporting standards and practices as U.S. issuers; (iv) limited markets – e.g., the securities of certain foreign issuers may be less liquid (harder to sell) and more volatile; and (v) currency exchange rate fluctuations and policies. The risks of foreign investments may be greater in developing or emerging market countries.

**Currency Management Strategies** Currency management strategies may substantially change the Fund's exposure to currency exchange rates and could result in losses to the Fund if currencies do not perform as the investment manager expects. In addition, currency management strategies, to the extent that they reduce the Fund's exposure to currency risks, may also reduce the Fund's ability to benefit from favorable changes in currency exchange rates. Using currency management strategies for purposes other than hedging further increases the Fund's exposure to foreign investment losses. Currency

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markets generally are not as regulated as securities markets. In addition, currency rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time, and can reduce returns.

**Smaller and Midsize Companies** Securities issued by smaller and midsize companies may be more volatile in price than those of larger companies, involve substantial risks and should be considered speculative. Such risks may include greater sensitivity to economic conditions, less certain growth prospects, lack of depth of management and funds for growth and development, and limited or less developed product lines and markets. In addition, smaller and midsize companies may be particularly affected by interest rate increases, as they may find it more difficult to borrow money to continue or expand operations, or may have difficulty in repaying any loans.

**Derivative Instruments** The performance of derivative instruments depends largely on the performance of an underlying instrument, such as a currency, security, interest rate or index, and such instruments often have risks similar to the underlying instrument, in addition to other risks. Derivatives involve costs and can create economic leverage in the Fund's portfolio which may result in significant volatility and cause the Fund to participate in losses (as well as gains) in an amount that exceeds the Fund's initial investment. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. Other risks include illiquidity, mispricing or improper valuation of the derivative instrument, and imperfect correlation between the value of the derivative and the underlying instrument so that the Fund may not realize the intended benefits. When a derivative is used for hedging, the change in value of the derivative may also not correlate specifically with the currency, security, interest rate, index or other risk being hedged. Derivatives also may present the risk that the other party to the transaction will fail to perform.

**Interest Rate** When interest rates rise, debt security prices generally fall. The opposite is also generally true: debt security prices rise when interest rates fall. Interest rate changes are influenced by a number of factors, including government policy, monetary policy, inflation expectations, perceptions of risk, and supply of and demand for bonds. In general, securities with longer maturities or durations are more sensitive to interest rate changes.

**Credit** An issuer of debt securities may fail to make interest payments or repay principal when due, in whole or in part. Changes in an issuer's financial strength or in a security's credit rating may affect a security's value.

**Income** The Fund's distributions to shareholders may decline when prevailing interest rates fall, when the Fund experiences defaults on debt securities it holds, or when the Fund realizes a loss upon the sale of a debt security.

### **Mortgage Securities and Asset-Backed**

**Securities** Mortgage securities differ from conventional debt securities because principal is paid back periodically over the life of the security rather than at maturity. The Fund may receive unscheduled payments of principal due to voluntary prepayments, refinancings or foreclosures on the underlying mortgage loans. Because of prepayments, mortgage securities may be less effective than some other types of debt securities as a means of "locking in" long-term interest rates and may have less potential for capital appreciation during periods of falling interest rates. A reduction in the anticipated rate of principal prepayments, especially during periods of rising interest rates, may increase or extend the effective maturity of mortgage securities, making them more sensitive to interest rate changes, subject to greater price volatility, and more susceptible than some other debt securities to a decline in market value when interest rates rise.

Issuers of asset-backed securities may have limited ability to enforce the security interest in the underlying assets, and credit enhancements provided to support the securities, if any, may be inadequate to protect investors in the event of default. Like mortgage securities, asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment and extension risks.

**Prepayment** Prepayment risk occurs when a debt security can be repaid in whole or in part prior to the security's maturity and the Fund must reinvest the proceeds it receives, during periods of declining interest rates, in securities that pay a lower rate of interest. Also, if a security has been purchased at a premium, the value of the premium would be lost in the event of prepayment. Prepayments generally increase when interest rates fall.

**Management and Asset Allocation** The Fund is actively managed and could experience losses if the investment manager's or sub-advisors' judgment about markets, future volatility, interest rates, industries, sectors and regions or the attractiveness, relative values, liquidity, effectiveness or potential appreciation of particular investments made for the Fund's portfolio prove to be incorrect. The investment manager's allocation of Fund assets among different asset classes and strategy sleeves may not prove beneficial in light of subsequent market events. There can be no guarantee that these techniques or the investment manager's or sub-advisors' investment decisions will produce the desired results.



The investment manager and sub-advisors may use modeling systems to implement one or more investment strategies for the Fund. There is no assurance that the modeling systems are complete or accurate, or representative of future market cycles, nor will they necessarily be beneficial to the Fund even if they are accurate. They may negatively affect Fund performance and the ability of the Fund to meet its investment goal for various reasons including human judgment, inaccuracy of historical data and non-quantitative factors (such as market or trading system dysfunctions, investor fear or over-reaction).

**Focus** To the extent that the Fund focuses on particular countries, regions, industries, sectors or types of investment from time to time, the Fund may be subject to greater risks of adverse developments in such areas of focus than a fund that invests in a wider variety of countries, regions, industries, sectors or investments.

**Floating Rate Corporate Investments** Floating rate corporate loans and corporate debt securities generally have credit ratings below investment grade and may be subject to resale restrictions. They are often issued in connection with highly leveraged transactions, and may be subject to greater credit risks than other investments including the possibility of default or bankruptcy. In addition, a secondary market in corporate loans may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may impair the ability to accurately value existing and prospective investments and to realize in a timely fashion the full value on sale of a corporate loan. A significant portion of floating rate investments may be “covenant lite” loans that may contain fewer or less restrictive constraints on the borrower or other borrower-friendly characteristics.

**Investing in Underlying Investment Companies** To the extent the Fund invests in underlying investment companies, including ETFs, the Fund’s performance is related to the performance of the underlying investment companies held by it. In addition, shareholders of the Fund will indirectly bear the fees and expenses of the underlying investment companies and such investments may be more costly than if a Fund had owned the underlying securities directly. In addition, the Fund pays brokerage commissions in connection with the purchase and sale of shares of ETFs.

**Liquidity** From time to time, the trading market for a particular security or type of security or other investments in which the Fund invests may become less liquid or even illiquid. Reduced liquidity will have an adverse impact on the Fund’s ability to sell such securities or other investments when necessary to meet the Fund’s

liquidity needs, which may arise or increase in response to a specific economic event or because the investment manager wishes to purchase particular investments or believes that a higher level of liquidity would be advantageous. Reduced liquidity will also generally lower the value of such securities or other investments. Market prices for such securities or other investments may be relatively volatile.

**High-Yield Debt Securities** Issuers of lower-rated or “high-yield” debt securities (also known as “junk bonds”) are not as strong financially as those issuing higher credit quality debt securities. High-yield debt securities are generally considered predominantly speculative by the applicable rating agencies as their issuers are more likely to encounter financial difficulties because they may be more highly leveraged, or because of other considerations. In addition, high yield debt securities generally are more vulnerable to changes in the relevant economy, such as a recession or a sustained period of rising interest rates, that could affect their ability to make interest and principal payments when due. The prices of high-yield debt securities generally fluctuate more than those of higher credit quality. High-yield debt securities are generally more illiquid (harder to sell) and harder to value.

**Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs)** The risks of an investment in a CDO, a type of asset backed security, depend largely on the type of collateral held by the special purpose entity (SPE) and the tranche of the CDO in which the Fund invests. CDOs may be deemed to be illiquid securities and subject to the Fund’s restrictions on investments in illiquid securities. In addition to the normal risks associated with debt securities and asset backed securities (e.g., interest rate risk, credit risk and default risk), CDOs carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from collateral securities will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or quality or go into default or be downgraded; (iii) the Fund may invest in tranches of a CDO that are subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment.

**Portfolio Turnover** The investment manager will sell a security when it believes it is appropriate to do so, regardless of how long the Fund has held the security. Because of the nature of portfolio investments held by the Fund, the Fund’s turnover rate may exceed 100% per year. The rate of portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor for the investment manager in making decisions on when

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to buy or sell securities. High turnover may increase the Fund's transaction costs and may increase your tax liability if the transactions result in capital gains.

## Performance

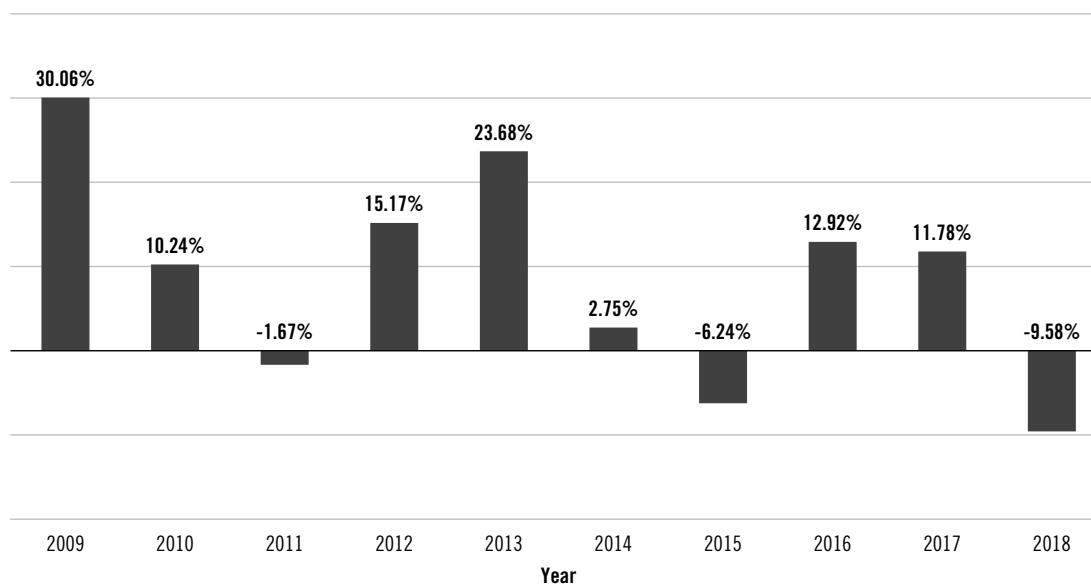
The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year for Class 4 shares. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1 year, 5 years, 10 years or since inception, as applicable, compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. On May 1, 2019, the Fund's investment strategies changed. The performance below prior to May 1, 2019 is attributable to the Fund's performance before the strategy changes.

The inclusion of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index shows how the Fund's performance compares to a group of securities in a leading bond index. The inclusion

of the MSCI World ex-US Index shows how the Fund's performance compares to a group of securities in an additional leading equity index. The Linked Allocation VIP Fund Index, which is comprised of 40% S&P 500® Index, 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index and 20% MSCI World ex-US Index, is included to show the Fund's performance against its benchmarks in a way that corresponds to the Fund's asset allocation.

Performance reflects all Fund expenses but does not include any fees or sales charges imposed by variable insurance contracts, qualified plans or funds of funds. If they had been included, the returns shown below would be lower. Investors should consult the variable insurance contract prospectus, or the disclosure documents for qualified plans or funds of funds for more information.

### Annual Total Returns



<b>Best Quarter:</b>	Q2'09	17.58%
<b>Worst Quarter:</b>	Q3'11	-14.88%

As of March 31, 2019, the Fund's year-to-date return was 9.13%.

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### Average Annual Total Returns

For the periods ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Franklin Allocation VIP Fund - Class 4</b>	-9.58%	1.92%	8.24%
S&P 500® Index (index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-4.38%	8.50%	13.12%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index (index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	0.01%	2.52%	3.48%
MSCI World ex-US Index (index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-13.64%	0.83%	6.76%
Linked Allocation VIP Fund Benchmark (index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-4.43%	4.69%	8.19%

No one index is representative of the Fund's portfolio.

Historical performance for Class 4 shares prior to their inception in 2008 is based on the performance of Class 1 shares, which do not assess a rule 12b-1 plan fee.

### Investment Manager

Franklin Advisers, Inc. (Advisers)

#### Sub-Advisors

Templeton Global Advisors Limited (Global Advisors)  
Franklin Templeton Institutional, LLC (FT Institutional)

### Portfolio Managers

#### Thomas A. Nelson, CFA

Portfolio Manager of Advisers and portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019.

#### Wylie Tollette, CFA, CPA

Portfolio Manager of Advisers and portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019.

#### May Tong, MBA, CFA

Portfolio Manager of Advisers and portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019.

#### Edward D. Perks, CFA

President and Director of Advisers and portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019.

### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Shares of the Fund are sold to insurance companies' separate accounts (Insurers) to fund variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts and to qualified plans. Insurance companies offer variable annuity and variable life insurance products through separate accounts. Shares of the Fund may also be sold to other mutual

funds, either as underlying funds in a fund of funds or in other structures. In addition, Fund shares are held by a limited number of Insurers, qualified retirement plans and, when applicable, funds of funds. Substantial withdrawals by one or more Insurers, qualified retirement plans or funds of funds could reduce Fund assets, causing total Fund expenses to become higher than the numbers shown in the fees and expenses table above.

The terms of the offering of interests in separate accounts are included in the variable annuity or variable life insurance product prospectus. The terms of offerings of funds of funds are included in those funds' prospectuses. The terms of offering of qualified retirement plans are described in their disclosure documents. Investors should consult the variable contract prospectus, fund of fund prospectus, or plan disclosure documents for more information on fees and expenses imposed by variable insurance contracts, funds of funds or qualified retirement plans, respectively.

### Taxes

Because shares of the Fund are generally purchased through variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance contracts, the Fund's distributions (which the Fund expects, based on its investment goals and strategies to consist of ordinary income, capital gains or some combination of both) will be exempt from current taxation if left to accumulate within the variable contract. You should refer to your contract prospectus for more information on these tax consequences.

## Payments to Sponsoring Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

The Fund or its distributor (and related companies) may pay broker/dealers or other financial intermediaries (such as banks and insurance companies, or their related companies) for the sale and retention of variable

contracts which offer Fund shares and/or for other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary or be a factor in the insurance company's decision to include the Fund as an investment option in its variable contract. For more information, ask your financial advisor, visit your intermediary's website, or consult the Contract prospectus or this Fund prospectus.

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# FRANKLIN TEMPLETON VARIABLE INSURANCE PRODUCTS TRUST

## Overview

Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (the Trust) currently consists of multiple series (Funds), offering a wide variety of investment choices. Funds may be available in multiple classes: Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5. The classes are identical except that Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5 each has a distribution plan (see “Share Classes” under Fund Account Information). The Funds are not offered to the public; they are offered and sold only to: (1) insurance company separate accounts to serve as the underlying investment vehicle for variable contracts; (2) certain qualified plans; and (3) other funds of funds.

### Investment Considerations

- The following give a general sense of the level of fund assets associated with a particular investment or strategy: “small portion” (less than 10%); “portion” (10% to 25%); “significant” (25% to 50%); “substantial” (50% to 66%); “primary” (66% to 80%); and “predominant” (80% or more). The percentages are not limitations unless specifically stated as such in this prospectus or in the Trust’s Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

### Risks

- Fund shares are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency of the U.S. government. Fund shares involve investment risks, including the possible loss of principal.

- Because you could lose money by investing in a Fund, take the time to read each Fund description and consider all risks before investing.

### Additional Information

More detailed information about each Fund, its investment policies, and its particular risks can be found in the SAI.

### Investment Management

The Funds’ investment managers and their affiliates manage as of February 28, 2019, over \$714 billion in assets, and have been in the investment management business since 1947. In 1992, Franklin joined forces with Templeton, a pioneer in international investing. The Mutual Series organization became part of the Franklin Templeton organization four years later. In 2001, the Fiduciary Trust team, known for providing global investment management to institutions and high net worth clients worldwide, joined the organization.

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**Investment Goal**

The Fund's principal investment goal is capital appreciation. Its secondary goal is income. The Fund's investment goals are non-fundamental, which means they may be changed by the board of trustees without shareholder approval. Shareholders will be given at least 60 days' advance notice of any change to the Fund's investment goal.

**Principal Investment Policies and Practices**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment goals by allocating its assets among the broad asset classes of equity and fixed income investments through a variety of investment strategies or "sleeves" managed by the investment manager or its affiliates, which include Franklin U.S. Smart Beta Equity Strategy, Franklin Total Return Strategy, Franklin Growth Strategy, Templeton Foreign Strategy, Franklin International Growth Strategy, Franklin U.S. Government Securities Strategy, Franklin Rising Dividends Strategy, Franklin Investment Grade Corporate Strategy and Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund Strategy, each of which is described in more detail below. The Fund is structured as a multi-manager fund (meaning the Fund's assets are managed by multiple sub-advisors), with the investment manager having overall responsibility for the Fund's investments. The investment manager allocates assets among various asset classes and strategy sleeves to seek to diversify the Fund's portfolio, to add incremental return, and to reduce the Fund's risk of being significantly impacted by changes in a specific asset class or by changing market conditions. The investment manager may, at times, implement a risk overlay strategy, which seeks to neutralize certain market risks that may exist in the Fund primarily through the use of equity and interest rate/bond futures.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund allocates approximately 60% of its assets to the equity asset class and 40% of its assets to the fixed income asset class by allocating the Fund's assets among the various sleeves. The Fund's asset allocation may change from time to time based on market conditions and the investment manager's strategic and tactical asset allocation views. The Fund's equity and fixed income investments typically will not vary by more than 5% from the stated allocations; however, appreciation and/or depreciation in the value of the Fund's investments may cause the relative percentages to vary by more than 5%. The investment manager rebalances the Fund's portfolio to bring the Fund back to its typical allocation on a periodic basis, typically when market values deviate from target weights beyond predefined thresholds or when the manager's

view on asset classes changes. In addition, during adverse market conditions, the investment manager, in its sole discretion, may tactically manage the Fund's risk exposure on a Fund level, which could cause the Fund's allocations to vary by more than 5% from the stated allocations. The investment manager uses a variety of techniques to adjust the Fund's exposure to certain asset classes to manage risk including allocating additional assets or reducing assets allocated to certain sleeves, holding additional cash and cash equivalents in the Fund's portfolio, or using certain equity, interest rate and currency derivative instruments.

The Fund may invest in securities of U.S. and foreign companies in both the equity and fixed income sleeves, although the Fund currently does not anticipate investing more than 30% of its net assets in securities of issuers domiciled outside the United States. For purposes of this Fund's investment strategies, U.S. companies are those that are economically tied to the United States including when: (1) the issuer's principal securities trading market is in the United States; (2) the issuer derives 50% or more of its annual revenues or annual profits from either goods produced, sales made or services performed in the United States; (3) the issuer has 50% or more of its assets located in the United States; or (4) the issuer is organized under the laws of, and has a principal office in, the United States. Through its sleeves, the Fund may invest in a variety of equity securities of any capitalization size and a variety of government and corporate fixed income investments that have variable or fixed interest rates and may be of any duration or maturity. Through its sleeves, the Fund may invest in fixed income securities that could include bonds, notes, debentures, banker's acceptances and commercial paper; floating rate notes; loans and loan participations; and mortgage-backed or asset-backed securities, including collateralized debt obligations. The Fund may also invest a small portion of its assets in other mutual funds, which include other Franklin Templeton mutual funds, and Franklin Templeton and third-party exchange-traded funds (ETFs) (underlying funds), in order to gain exposure to certain asset classes or for tactical positioning.

An equity security represents a proportionate share, or right to acquire a proportionate share, of the ownership of a company; its value is based on the success of the company's business and the value of its assets, as well as general market conditions. Common stocks and preferred stocks are examples of equity securities. Debt securities obligate the issuer to repay a loan of money

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at a future date and generally provide for the payment of interest on the amount borrowed. These include bonds, notes and debentures.

Mortgage-backed securities represent an interest in a pool of mortgage loans made and packaged or “pooled” together by banks, mortgage lenders, various governmental agencies and other financial institutions for sale to investors to finance purchases of homes, commercial buildings and other real estate. Most mortgage-backed securities are pass-through securities, which means they provide investors with monthly payments consisting of a pro rata share of both regular interest and principal payments, as well as unscheduled early prepayments, on the underlying mortgage loans. Asset-backed securities are securities backed by loans, leases, and other receivables.

The Fund generally invests in investment grade debt securities, but may invest a small portion its total assets in bonds rated below investment grade. Securities rated in the top four ratings categories by at least one independent rating agency such as Standard & Poor’s (S&P®) (rated BBB or better), Moody’s Investors Service (Moody’s) (rated Baa or higher) are considered investment grade. Securities rated Ba or lower by Moody’s or BB or lower by S&P® are considered to be below investment grade. Such lower rated but higher yielding securities are sometimes referred to as “junk bonds.”

Collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) are generally types of asset-backed securities. Collateralized bond obligations (CBOs) and collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) are generally considered two types of CDOs. CBOs represent interests in a special purpose, bankruptcy-remote vehicle, typically a trust, collateralized by a pool of fixed income securities, some of which may be below investment grade, including commercial mortgage-backed securities, residential mortgage-backed securities, corporate bonds and emerging market debt securities. CLOs are similar to CBOs except that the underlying pool for a CLO is generally comprised of corporate and/or sovereign loans, which may include, among others, senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, and subordinate corporate loans made to domestic and foreign borrowers, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. For the broader category of CDOs, the pool of debt instruments held by a trust may include debt instruments of any type, including mortgage-backed or other asset-backed securities issued in securitization transactions. In all types of CDOs, the interests in the trust are split into two or more portions, called tranches, varying in risk,

maturity, payment priority and yield. The riskiest portion is the “equity” tranche which is the first loss position to observe defaults from the collateral in the trust. Because they are partially protected from defaults, senior tranches of a CDO trust typically have higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying collateral securities held by the trust, and can be rated investment grade. The Fund may invest in any tranche of a CDO excluding the “equity” tranche.

The Fund regularly uses currency-related derivatives, including forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps and currency options to hedge (protect) against currency risks. The Fund also may, from time to time, use a variety of equity-related derivatives, which may include purchasing or selling call and put options on equity securities and equity security indices, futures on equity securities and equity indexes and options on equity index futures, for various purposes including enhancing Fund returns, increasing liquidity, gaining exposure to particular instruments in more efficient or less expensive ways and/or hedging risks relating to changes in certain equity markets. In addition, the Fund may, from time to time, use interest rate derivatives, including interest rate swaps and interest rate/bond futures contracts for various purposes including enhancing Fund returns, increasing liquidity, gaining exposure to particular instruments in more efficient or less expensive ways and/or hedging risks relating to changes in interest rates. The use of such derivative transactions may allow the Fund to obtain net long or net short exposures to selected markets, interest rates, countries, currencies or durations. The investment manager’s risk overlay strategy may involve investing in derivatives in an effort to provide a hedge against negative market events. When implemented, the risk overlay strategy will reduce the Fund’s ability to benefit from positive market movements.

A currency forward contract is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific foreign currency at an agreed exchange rate (price) at a future date, which is typically individually negotiated and privately traded by currency traders and their customers in the interbank market. A futures contract is a standard binding agreement to buy or sell a specified quantity of an underlying instrument or asset, such as a specific currency, at a specified price at a specified later date that trade on an exchange.

A futures contract is a standard binding agreement that trades on an exchange to buy or sell a specified quantity of an underlying instrument or asset at a specified price at a specified later date. A “sale” of a futures contract means the acquisition of a contractual obligation to deliver the

underlying instrument called for by the contract at a specified price on a specified date. A “purchase” of a futures contract means the acquisition of a contractual obligation to acquire a specified quantity of the underlying instrument called for by the contract at a specified price on a specified date. The purchase or sale of a futures contract will allow the Fund to increase or decrease its exposure to the underlying instrument or asset. Although most futures contracts used by the Fund allow for a cash payment of the net gain or loss on the contract at maturity in lieu of delivery of the underlying instruments, some require the actual delivery or acquisition of the underlying instrument or asset. The Fund may buy and sell futures contracts that trade on U.S. and foreign exchanges.

Swap agreements, such as interest rate, currency and credit default swaps, are contracts between the Fund and another party (the swap counterparty) involving the exchange of payments on specified terms over periods ranging from a few days to multiple years. A swap agreement may be negotiated bilaterally and traded over-the-counter (OTC) between two parties (for an uncleared swap) or, in some instances, must be transacted through a futures commission merchant (FCM) and cleared through a clearinghouse that serves as a central counterparty (for a cleared swap). In a basic swap transaction, the Fund agrees with the swap counterparty to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) and/or cash flows earned or realized on a particular “notional amount” of underlying instruments. The notional amount is the set amount selected by the parties as the basis on which to calculate the obligations that they have agreed to exchange. The parties typically do not actually exchange the notional amount. Instead, they agree to exchange the returns that would be earned or realized if the notional amount were invested in given instruments or at given interest rates.

An interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange interest rate payment obligations. Typically, one rate is based on an interest rate fixed to maturity while the other is based on an interest rate that changes in accordance with changes in a designated benchmark (for example, LIBOR, prime, commercial paper, or other benchmarks).

A currency swap is generally a contract between two parties to exchange one currency for another currency at the start of the contract and then exchange periodic floating or fixed rates during the term of the contract based upon the relative value differential between the two currencies. Unlike other types of swaps, currency swaps typically involve the delivery of the entire principal (notional) amounts of the two currencies at the time the

swap is entered into. At the end of the swap contract, the parties receive back the principal amounts of the two currencies.

A call option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to buy, and the seller the obligation to sell, the underlying instrument at the exercise price. Conversely, a put option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to sell, and the seller of the option the obligation to buy, the underlying instrument at the exercise price. For example, when the investment manager expects the price of a stock held by the Fund to decline in value, the Fund may also purchase put options that are expected to increase in value as the market price of the stock declines to hedge against such anticipated decline in value.

In determining an optimal mix of the equity and fixed income asset classes for the Fund, the investment manager assesses changing economic, market and industry conditions. The investment manager allocates among strategy sleeves utilizing a top-down approach, generating the Fund’s strategy weightings by taking into account market conditions, risk factors, diversification, liquidity, transparency and other investment options, among other things.

### Information about the Strategy Sleeves

Allocations to the individually managed sleeves discussed below typically will not exceed 20%, but will vary with market conditions; however, under normal market conditions, no sleeve constitutes a majority of the Fund’s assets. Unless indicated, the individual strategy sleeves are managed by the investment manager.

**Franklin U.S. Smart Beta Equity Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing substantially in U.S. equities using a proprietary, systematic model to screen, weight and select securities, starting with those in a broad-market U.S. equity index (currently the Russell 1000 Index). The strategy uses a multi-factor approach, emphasizing quality and value, while also considering low volatility and momentum. The manager’s analysis of how these factors apply to stocks in the U.S. equity index is used to select what the manager views as approximately the top one-quarter of such stocks.

**Franklin Total Return Strategy.** The strategy seeks to provide high current income consistent with preservation of capital while capital appreciation over the long term is a secondary focus. The strategy invests predominantly in investment grade debt securities and investments. The

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debt securities in which the strategy may invest include government and corporate debt securities, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, floating interest rate corporate loans and debt securities and certain derivatives that provide exposure to such investments. The Fund may also invest to a limited extent in non-investment grade securities (“junk bonds”), foreign securities and collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”).

**Franklin Growth Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing substantially in the equity securities of companies that are leaders in their industries based on criteria such as historical and potential growth in revenues and earnings, strength and quality of management, and strategic position in the industry, and which the managers believe are suitable for a buy-and-hold strategy.

**Templeton Foreign Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital growth by investing predominantly in foreign securities which are predominantly equity securities of companies located outside of the U.S., including developing markets. The strategy may invest in companies of any capitalization.

**Franklin International Growth Strategy.** The strategy seeks capital appreciation by investing predominantly in the equity securities of mid-and large capitalization companies outside the U.S. (typically with market capitalizations greater than \$2 billion) with long-term growth potential.

**Franklin U.S. Government Securities Strategy.** The strategy seeks income by investing substantially in Government National Mortgage Association securities (Ginnie Maes). These securities carry a guarantee backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government as to timely payment of principal and interest.

**Franklin Rising Dividends Strategy.** The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation and preservation of capital by investing primarily in equity securities of companies that the investment manager believes have a history of consistent and substantial dividend increases. The strategy may focus on companies in any capitalization range.

**Franklin Investment Grade Corporate Strategy.** The strategy seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with prudent investing, while seeking preservation of capital, by investing predominantly in investment grade corporate debt securities and investments. The strategy may invest a significant part of its net assets in foreign securities, including those in developing markets, and a portion of its net assets in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. A “top-down”

analysis of macroeconomic trends is used, combined with a “bottom-up” fundamental analysis of market sectors, industries, and issuers. Securities are chosen based on characteristics including duration and yield curve exposure, total return potential, as well as the appropriate diversification and risk profile at the issue, company, industry, and country levels.

**Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund Strategy.** The Fund accesses this strategy by investing directly in the Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund. The Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund seeks current income with capital appreciation and growth of income, by investing at least 80% of its net assets in bonds of governments, government related entities and government agencies located anywhere in the world. The Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund may invest in bonds denominated and issued in the local currency or another currency and securities or structured products that are linked to or derive their value from another security, asset or currency of any nation. It regularly enters into various currency-related and other transactions involving derivative instruments.

At the discretion of the investment manager, the allocations to asset classes and sleeves may vary from time to time without shareholder approval, based on market conditions, the investment managers’ assessment of an asset class’ relative attractiveness as an investment opportunity, the investment managers’ assessment of a strategy sleeve’s effectiveness in changing economic environments, or as part of a risk management strategy.

### **Exclusion from Commodity Pool Operator Definition**

An exclusion from the definition of “commodity pool operator” (CPO) under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and the rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) has been claimed with respect to the Fund and, therefore, neither the Fund nor any person deemed to operate the Fund is subject to CFTC registration or regulation as a CPO.

The terms of the CPO exclusion require the Fund, among other things, to adhere to certain limits on its investments in commodity futures, commodity options and swaps, which in turn include non-deliverable currency forward contracts, as further described in the Fund’s Statement of Additional Information. Because the Fund intends to comply with the terms of the CPO exclusion, the Fund may, in the future, need to adjust its investment strategies, consistent with its investment goal, to limit its investments in these types of instruments.

The Fund is not intended as a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures, commodity options, or swaps markets. The CFTC has neither reviewed nor approved reliance on these exclusions, or the Fund, its investment strategies or this prospectus.

### Temporary Investments

When the investment manager believes market or economic conditions are unfavorable for investors, the investment manager may invest up to 100% of the Fund's assets in a temporary defensive manner by holding all or a substantial portion of its assets in cash, cash equivalents or other high quality short-term investments. Temporary defensive investments generally may include short-term U.S. government securities, high grade commercial paper, bank obligations, repurchase agreements, money market fund shares (including shares of an affiliated money market fund) and other money market instruments. The investment manager also may invest in these types of securities or hold cash while looking for suitable investment opportunities, to maintain liquidity or to segregate on the Fund's books in connection with its derivatives strategies. In these circumstances, the Fund may be unable to achieve its investment goal.

## Principal Risks

### Market

The market values of securities or other investments owned by the Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities or other investments may decline in value due to factors affecting individual issuers, markets generally or sectors within the markets. The value of a security or other investment may go up or down due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in interest rates or exchange rates, or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value may also go up or down due to factors that affect an individual issuer or a particular sector. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value. When markets perform well, there can be no assurance that securities or other investments held by the Fund will participate in or otherwise benefit from the advance.

Stock prices tend to go up and down more dramatically than those of debt securities. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the prices of the various stocks held by the Fund.

### Growth Style Investing

Growth stock prices reflect projections of future earnings or revenues, and can, therefore, fall dramatically if the company fails to meet those projections. Growth stocks may be more expensive relative to their current earnings or assets compared to value or other stocks, and if earnings growth expectations moderate, their valuations may return to more typical norms, causing their stock prices to fall. Prices of these companies' securities may be more volatile than other securities, particularly over the short term.

### Foreign Securities (non-U.S.)

Investing in foreign securities, including sovereign debt securities, typically involves more risks than investing in U.S. securities. Certain of these risks also may apply to securities of U.S. companies with significant foreign operations.

**Currency exchange rates.** Foreign securities may be issued and traded in foreign currencies. As a result, their market values in U.S. dollars may be affected by changes in exchange rates between such foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar, as well as between currencies of countries other than the U.S. For example, if the value of the U.S. dollar goes up compared to a foreign currency, an investment traded in that foreign currency will go down in value because it will be worth fewer U.S. dollars. The Fund accrues additional expenses when engaging in currency exchange transactions, and valuation of the Fund's foreign securities may be subject to greater risk because both the currency (relative to the U.S. dollar) and the security must be considered.

**Currency management strategies.** Currency management strategies may substantially change the Fund's exposure to currency exchange rates and could result in losses to the Fund if currencies do not perform as the investment manager expects. In addition, currency management strategies, to the extent that they reduce the Fund's exposure to currency risks, may also reduce the Fund's ability to benefit from favorable changes in currency exchange rates. There is no assurance that the investment manager's use of currency management strategies will benefit the Fund or that they will be, or can be, used at appropriate times. Furthermore, there may not be perfect correlation between the amount of

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exposure to a particular currency and the amount of securities in the Fund's portfolio denominated in that currency. Investing in foreign currencies for purposes of gaining from projected changes in exchange rates, as opposed to hedging currency risks applicable to the Fund's holdings, further increases the Fund's exposure to foreign investment losses.

**Political and economic developments.** The political, economic and social policies or structures of some foreign countries may be less stable and more volatile than those in the United States. Investments in these countries may be subject to greater risks of internal and external conflicts, expropriation, nationalization of assets, foreign exchange controls (such as suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a given country), restrictions on removal of assets, political or social instability, military action or unrest, diplomatic developments, currency devaluations, foreign ownership limitations, and substantial, punitive or confiscatory tax increases. It is possible that a government may take over the assets or operations of a company or impose restrictions on the exchange or export of currency or other assets. Some countries also may have different legal systems that may make it difficult or expensive for the Fund to vote proxies, exercise shareholder rights, and pursue legal remedies with respect to its foreign investments. Diplomatic and political developments could affect the economies, industries, and securities and currency markets of the countries in which the Fund is invested. These developments include rapid and adverse political changes; social instability; regional conflicts; sanctions imposed by the United States, other nations or other governmental entities, including supranational entities; terrorism; and war. In addition, such developments could contribute to the devaluation of a country's currency, a downgrade in the credit ratings of issuers in such country, or a decline in the value and liquidity of securities of issuers in that country. An imposition of sanctions upon certain issuers in a country could result in an immediate freeze of that issuer's securities, impairing the ability of the Fund to buy, sell, receive or deliver those securities. These factors would affect the value of the Fund's investments and are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to predict and take into account with respect to the Fund's investments.

**Trading practices.** Brokerage commissions, withholding taxes, custodial fees, and other fees generally are higher in foreign markets. The policies and procedures followed by foreign stock exchanges, currency markets, trading systems and brokers may differ from those applicable in the United States, with possibly negative consequences

to the Fund. The procedures and rules governing foreign trading, settlement and custody (holding of the Fund's assets) also may result in losses or delays in payment, delivery or recovery of money or other property. Foreign government supervision and regulation of foreign securities and currency markets and trading systems may be less than or different from government supervision in the United States, and may increase the Fund's regulatory and compliance burden and/or decrease the Fund's investor rights and protections.

**Availability of information.** Foreign issuers may not be subject to the same disclosure, accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices as U.S. issuers. Thus, there may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than about most U.S. issuers. In addition, information provided by foreign issuers may be less timely or less reliable than information provided by U.S. issuers.

**Limited markets.** Certain foreign securities may be less liquid (harder to sell) and their prices may be more volatile than many U.S. securities. Illiquidity tends to be greater, and valuation of the Fund's foreign securities may be more difficult, due to the infrequent trading and/or delayed reporting of quotes and sales.

**Regional.** Adverse conditions in a certain region or country can adversely affect securities of issuers in other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated. To the extent that the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in a specific geographic region or a particular country, the Fund will generally have more exposure to the specific regional or country economic risks. In the event of economic or political turmoil or a deterioration of diplomatic relations in a region or country where a substantial portion of the Fund's assets are invested, the Fund may experience substantial illiquidity or reduction in the value of the Fund's investments.

The risk of investments in Europe may be heightened due to the 2016 referendum in which the United Kingdom voted to exit the European Union (EU). Political, economic and legal uncertainty may cause increased market volatility. In addition, if one or more countries were to exit the EU or abandon the use of the Euro as a currency, the value of investments associated with those countries or the Euro could decline significantly and unpredictably and it would likely cause additional market disruption globally and introduce new legal and regulatory uncertainties.

### Developing Markets

The risks of foreign investments typically are greater in less developed countries, sometimes referred to as developing or emerging markets. For example, the political, social, market regulation and economic structures and institutions in these countries, including those supporting the regulatory and legal systems and financial markets, may be less established and more vulnerable to corruption and fraud, and may change rapidly. These countries are more likely to experience high levels of inflation, deflation or currency devaluation, which can harm their economies and securities markets and increase volatility. In fact, short-term volatility in these markets and declines of 50% or more are not uncommon. Investments in less developed markets generally are subject to higher fees and expenses and exhibit greater price volatility and valuation challenges. They may be subject to greater risk of expropriation, nationalization, confiscatory or punitive taxation, and foreign investment and divestment restrictions. In addition, a developing market country may experience a devaluation of its currency, a downgrade in the credit ratings of issuers in the country, or a decline in the value and liquidity of securities of issuers in that country if the United States, other nations or other governmental entities (including supranational entities) impose sanctions on issuers that limit or restrict foreign investment, the movement of assets or other economic activity in the country due to political, military or regional conflicts or due to terrorism or war.

Restrictions on currency trading that may be imposed by developing market countries will have an adverse effect on the value of the securities of companies that trade or operate in such countries. Finally, such securities markets are smaller, relatively less liquid and may not be as efficient or established in terms of settlement, custody and securities registration.

### Smaller and Midsize Companies

While smaller and midsize companies may offer substantial opportunities for capital growth, they also involve substantial risks and should be considered speculative. Historically, smaller and midsize company securities have been more volatile in price than larger company securities, especially over the short term. Among the reasons for the greater price volatility are the less certain growth prospects of smaller and midsize companies, the lower degree of liquidity in the markets for such securities, and the greater sensitivity of smaller and midsize companies to changing economic conditions.

In addition, smaller and midsize companies may lack depth of management, be unable to generate funds necessary for growth or development, have limited product lines or be developing or marketing new products or services for which markets are not yet established and may never become established. Smaller and midsize companies may be particularly affected by interest rate increases, as they may find it more difficult to borrow money to continue or expand operations, or may have difficulty in repaying loans, particularly those with floating interest rates.

### Derivative Instruments

The performance of derivative instruments depends largely on the performance of an underlying instrument, such as a currency, security, interest rate or index, and such instruments often have risks similar to the underlying instrument, in addition to other risks. Derivative instruments involve costs and can create economic leverage in the Fund's portfolio, which may result in significant volatility and cause the Fund to participate in losses (as well as gains) in an amount that significantly exceeds the Fund's initial investment. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. Other risks include illiquidity, mispricing or improper valuation of the derivative instrument, and imperfect correlation between the value of the derivative and the underlying instrument so that the Fund may not realize the intended benefits. Their successful use will usually depend on the investment manager's ability to accurately forecast movements in the market relating to the underlying instrument. Should a market or markets, or prices of particular classes of investments move in an unexpected manner, especially in unusual or extreme market conditions, the Fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the transaction, and it may realize losses, which could be significant. If the investment manager is not successful in using such derivative instruments, the Fund's performance may be worse than if the investment manager did not use such derivative instruments at all. When a derivative is used for hedging, the change in value of the derivative instrument also may not correlate specifically with the currency, security, interest rate, index or other risk being hedged. There is also the risk, especially under extreme market conditions, that an instrument, which usually would operate as a hedge, provides no hedging benefits at all.

Use of these instruments could also result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised, including because of such counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency. This risk is heightened with

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respect to over-the-counter (OTC) instruments, such as certain swap agreements, and may be greater during volatile market conditions. Other risks include the inability to close out a position because the trading market becomes illiquid (particularly in the OTC markets) or the availability of counterparties becomes limited for a period of time. In addition, the presence of speculators in a particular market could lead to price distortions. To the extent that the Fund is unable to close out a position because of market illiquidity, the Fund may not be able to prevent further losses of value in its derivatives holdings and the Fund's liquidity may be impaired to the extent that it has a substantial portion of its otherwise liquid assets marked as segregated to cover its obligations under such derivative instruments. Some derivatives can be particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates or other market prices. Investors should bear in mind that, while the Fund intends to use derivative strategies on a regular basis, it is not obligated to actively engage in these transactions, generally or in any particular kind of derivative, if the investment manager elects not to do so due to availability, cost or other factors.

Many swaps currently are, and others eventually are expected to be, required to be cleared through a central counterparty. Central clearing is designed to reduce counterparty credit risk and increase liquidity compared to OTC swaps, but it does not eliminate those risks completely. With cleared swaps, there is also a risk of loss by the Fund of its initial and variation margin deposits in the event of bankruptcy of the FCM with which the Fund has an open position, or the central counterparty in a swap contract. With cleared swaps, the Fund may not be able to obtain as favorable terms as it would be able to negotiate for a bilateral, uncleared swap. In addition, an FCM may unilaterally amend the terms of its agreement with the Fund, which may include the imposition of position limits or additional margin requirements with respect to the Fund's investment in certain types of swaps. The regulation of cleared and uncleared swaps, as well as other derivatives, is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action. In addition, the SEC, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the exchanges are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of a market emergency. It is not possible to predict fully the effects of current or future regulation.

The use of derivative strategies may also have a tax impact on the Fund. The timing and character of income, gains or losses from these strategies could impair the ability of the investment manager to use derivatives when it wishes to do so.

### **Interest Rate**

Interest rate changes can be sudden and unpredictable, and are influenced by a number of factors, including government policy, monetary policy, inflation expectations, perceptions of risk, and supply of and demand for bonds. Changes in government or central bank policy, including changes in tax policy or changes in a central bank's implementation of specific policy goals, may have a substantial impact on interest rates. There can be no guarantee that any particular government or central bank policy will be continued, discontinued or changed, nor that any such policy will have the desired effect on interest rates. Debt securities generally tend to lose market value when interest rates rise and increase in value when interest rates fall. A rise in interest rates also has the potential to cause investors to rapidly sell fixed income securities. A substantial increase in interest rates may also have an adverse impact on the liquidity of a security, especially those with longer maturities or durations. Securities with longer maturities or durations or lower coupons or that make little (or no) interest payments before maturity tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes.

### **Credit**

The Fund could lose money on a debt security if the issuer or borrower is unable or fails to meet its obligations, including failing to make interest payments and/or to repay principal when due. Changes in an issuer's financial strength, the market's perception of the issuer's financial strength or an issuer's or security's credit rating, which reflects a third party's assessment of the credit risk presented by a particular issuer or security, may affect debt securities' values. The Fund may incur substantial losses on debt securities that are inaccurately perceived to present a different amount of credit risk by the market, the investment manager or the rating agencies than such securities actually do.

### **Income**

Because the Fund can only distribute what it earns, the Fund's distributions to shareholders may decline when prevailing interest rates fall, when dividend income from investments in stocks decline, or when the Fund experiences defaults on debt securities it holds.

### **Mortgage Securities and Asset-Backed Securities**

Mortgage securities differ from conventional debt securities because principal is paid back over the life of the security rather than at maturity. The Fund may



receive unscheduled prepayments of principal due to voluntary prepayments, refinancing or foreclosure on the underlying mortgage loans. To the Fund this means a loss of anticipated interest, and a portion of its principal investment represented by any premium the Fund may have paid. Mortgage prepayments generally increase when interest rates fall. Because of prepayments, mortgage securities may be less effective than some other types of debt securities as a means of “locking in” long-term interest rates and may have less potential for capital appreciation during periods of falling interest rates. When the Fund reinvests the prepayments of principal it receives, it may receive a rate of interest that is lower than the rate on the existing security.

Mortgage securities also are subject to extension risk. An unexpected rise in interest rates could reduce the rate of prepayments on mortgage securities and extend their life. This could cause the price of the mortgage securities and the Fund’s share price to fall and would make the mortgage securities more sensitive to interest rate changes.

Since September 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), an agency of the U.S. government, has acted as the conservator to operate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac until they are stabilized. It is unclear how long the conservatorship will last or what effect this conservatorship will have on the securities issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac for the long-term.

Issuers of asset-backed securities may have limited ability to enforce the security interest in the underlying assets, and credit enhancements provided to support the securities, if any, may be inadequate to protect investors in the event of default. Like mortgage securities, asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment and extension risks.

### **Prepayment**

Debt securities are subject to prepayment risk when the issuer can “call” the security, or repay principal, in whole or in part, prior to the security’s maturity. When the Fund reinvests the prepayments of principal it receives, it may receive a rate of interest that is lower than the rate on the existing security, potentially lowering the Fund’s income, yield and its distributions to shareholders. Securities subject to partial or complete prepayment(s) may offer less potential for gains during a declining interest rate environment and have greater price volatility. Prepayment risk is greater in periods of falling interest rates for fixed-

rate assets, and for floating or variable rate securities, rising interest rates generally increase the risk of refinancings or prepayments.

### **Management and Asset Allocation**

The Fund is actively managed and could experience losses if the investment manager’s or sub-advisors’ judgment about markets, future volatility, interest rates, industries, sectors and regions or the attractiveness, relative values, liquidity, effectiveness or potential appreciation of particular investments made for the Fund’s portfolio prove to be incorrect. The investment manager’s allocation of Fund assets among different asset classes and strategy sleeves may not prove beneficial in light of subsequent market events. There can be no guarantee that these techniques or the investment manager’s or sub-advisors’ investment decisions will produce the desired results.

The investment manager and sub-advisors may use modeling systems to implement one or more investment strategies for the Fund. There is no assurance that the modeling systems are complete or accurate, or representative of future market cycles, nor will they necessarily be beneficial to the Fund even if they are accurate. The results generated by these models may perform differently than in the past, or as expected. They may negatively affect Fund performance and the ability of the Fund to meet its investment goal for various reasons. For example, human judgment plays a role in building, using, testing, and modifying the financial algorithms and formulas used in these models. Additionally, there is a possibility that the historical data may be imprecise or become stale due to new events or changing circumstances which the models may not promptly detect. Market performance can be affected by non-quantitative factors (for example, market or trading system dysfunctions, investor fear or over-reaction or other emotional considerations) that are not easily integrated into the investment manager’s or sub-advisors’ risk models. There may also be technical issues with the construction and implementation of quantitative models (for example, software or other technology malfunctions, or programming inaccuracies).

### **Focus**

The greater the Fund’s exposure to any single type of investment – including investment in a given industry, sector, region, country, issuer, or type of security – the greater the losses the Fund may experience upon any

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single economic, business, political, regulatory, or other occurrence. As a result, there may be more fluctuation in the price of the Fund's shares.

### **Floating Rate Corporate Investments**

**Certain corporate loans may not be considered "securities," and investors, such as the Fund, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the antifraud protections of the federal securities laws and may have limited legal remedies.**

The senior secured corporate loans and corporate debt securities in which the Fund invests are often issued in connection with highly leveraged transactions. Such transactions include leveraged buyout loans, leveraged recapitalization loans, and other types of acquisition financing. Loan investments issued in such transactions are subject to greater credit risks than other investments including a greater possibility that the borrower may default or enter bankruptcy. Such floating rate investments may be rated below investment grade (i.e., also known as "junk bonds"). Although loan investments are generally subject to certain restrictive covenants in favor of the investors, many of these loans may from time to time be reissued or offered as "covenant lite" loans, which may entail potentially increased risk, because they may have fewer or no financial maintenance covenants or restrictions that would normally allow for early intervention and proactive mitigation of credit risk.

In the event of a breach of a covenant in non-covenant lite loans or debt securities, lenders may have the ability to intervene and either prevent or restrict actions that may potentially compromise the company's ability to pay or lenders may be in a position to obtain concessions from the borrowers in exchange for a waiver or amendment of the specific covenant(s). In contrast, covenant lite loans do not always or necessarily offer the same ability to intervene or obtain additional concessions from borrowers. This risk is offset to varying degrees by the fact that the same financial and performance information may be available with or without covenants to lenders and the public alike and can be used to detect such early warning signs as deterioration of a borrower's financial condition or results. With such information, the portfolio managers are normally able to take appropriate actions without the help of covenants in the loans or debt securities. Covenant lite corporate loans and debt securities, however, may foster a capital structure designed to avoid defaults by giving borrowers or issuers increased financial flexibility when they need it the most.

### **Investing in Underlying Investment Companies**

To the extent the Fund invests in underlying investment companies, including ETFs, the Fund's performance is related to the performance of the underlying investment companies held by it. In addition, shareholders of the Fund will indirectly bear the fees and expenses of the underlying investment companies and such investments may be more costly than if a Fund had owned the underlying securities directly. In addition, the Fund pays brokerage commissions in connection with the purchase and sale of shares of ETFs.

### **Liquidity**

Liquidity risk exists when the markets for particular securities or types of securities or other investments are or become relatively illiquid so that the Fund is unable, or it becomes more difficult for the Fund, to sell the security or other investment at the price at which the Fund has valued the security. Illiquidity may result from political, economic or issuer specific events; supply/demand imbalances; changes in a specific market's size or structure, including the number of participants; or overall market disruptions. Securities or other investments with reduced liquidity or that become illiquid may involve greater risk than securities with more liquid markets. Market prices or quotations for illiquid securities may be volatile, and there may be large spreads between bid and ask prices. Reduced liquidity may have an adverse impact on market price and the Fund's ability to sell particular securities when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs, which may arise or increase in response to a specific economic event or because the investment manager wishes to purchase particular investments or believes that a higher level of liquidity would be advantageous. An investment may become illiquid if the Fund and its affiliates receive material non-public information about the issuer or the investment. To the extent that the Fund and its affiliates hold a significant portion of an issuer's outstanding securities, the Fund may be subject to greater liquidity risk than if the issuer's securities were more widely held.

### **High-Yield Debt Securities**

High-yield debt securities (including loans) and unrated securities of similar credit quality (high-yield debt instruments or junk bonds) involve greater risk of a complete loss of the Fund's investment, or delays of interest and principal payments, than higher-quality debt securities or loans. Issuers of high-yield debt instruments are not as strong financially as those issuing securities of higher credit quality. High-yield debt instruments are

generally considered predominantly speculative by the applicable rating agencies as these issuers are more likely to encounter financial difficulties because they may be more highly leveraged, or because of other considerations. In addition, high yield debt securities generally are more vulnerable to changes in the relevant economy, such as a recession or a sustained period of rising interest rates, that could affect their ability to make interest and principal payments when due. If an issuer stops making interest and/or principal payments, payments on the securities may never resume. These instruments may be worthless and the Fund could lose its entire investment.

The prices of high-yield debt instruments generally fluctuate more than higher-quality securities. Prices are especially sensitive to developments affecting the issuer's business or operations and to changes in the ratings assigned by rating agencies. In addition, the entire high-yield debt market can experience sudden and sharp price swings due to changes in economic conditions, stock market activity, large sustained sales by major investors, a high-profile default, or other factors. Prices of corporate high-yield debt instruments often are closely linked with the company's stock prices and typically rise and fall in response to factors that affect stock prices.

High-yield debt instruments are generally less liquid than higher-quality securities. Many of these securities are not registered for sale under the federal securities laws and/or do not trade frequently. When they do trade, their prices may be significantly higher or lower than expected. At times, it may be difficult to sell these securities promptly at an acceptable price, which may limit the Fund's ability to sell securities in response to specific economic events or to meet redemption requests. As a result, certain high-yield debt instruments may pose greater illiquidity and valuation risks.

Substantial declines in the prices of high-yield debt instruments can dramatically increase the yield of such bonds or loans. The decline in market prices generally reflects an expectation that the issuer(s) may be at greater risk of defaulting on the obligation to pay interest and principal when due. Therefore, substantial increases in yield may reflect a greater risk by the Fund of losing some or part of its investment rather than reflecting any increase in income from the higher yield that the debt security or loan may pay to the Fund on its investment.

### **Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs)**

The risks of an investment in a CDO depend largely on the type of collateral held by the special purpose entity (SPE) and the tranche of the CDO in which the Fund invests. Investment risk may also be affected by the performance of a CDO's collateral manager (the entity responsible for selecting and managing the pool of collateral securities held by the SPE trust), especially during a period of market volatility. CDOs may be deemed to be illiquid securities and subject to the Fund's restrictions on investments in illiquid securities. The Fund's investment in CDOs will not receive the same investor protection as an investment in registered securities.

In addition, prices of CDO tranches can decline considerably. In addition to the normal risks associated with debt securities and asset backed securities (e.g., interest rate risk, credit risk and default risk), CDOs carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from collateral securities will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or quality or go into default or be downgraded; (iii) the Fund may invest in tranches of a CDO that are subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer, difficulty in valuing the security or unexpected investment results.

### **Portfolio Turnover**

The investment manager will sell a security when it believes it is appropriate to do so, regardless of how long the Fund has held the security. Because of the nature of portfolio investments held by the Fund, the Fund's turnover rate may exceed 100% per year. The rate of portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor for the investment manager in making decisions on when to buy or sell securities. High turnover may increase the Fund's transaction costs and may increase your tax liability if the transactions result in capital gains.

More detailed information about the Fund and its policies and risks can be found in the Fund's SAI.

## Management

On May 1, 2019, Franklin Advisers, Inc. (Advisers), One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403-1906, began providing investment advisory services to the Fund. Prior to May 1, 2019, the Fund did not have an investment manager and no fees were paid for investment advisory services.

Under a separate agreement with Advisers, each of the following Sub-Advisors serves as a sub-advisor to the Fund and manages a portion of the Fund's portfolio:

Name of Sub-Advisor	Strategy	Address of Sub-Advisor
Templeton Global Advisors Limited	Foreign	Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas
Franklin Templeton Institutional, LLC	International Growth Investment Grade Corporate	280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017

For purposes of the Fund's investment strategies, techniques and risks, the term "investment manager" includes the Sub-Advisors.

The Fund is managed by a team of dedicated professionals focused on multi-asset investment strategies. The portfolio managers of the team are as follows:

### **Thomas A. Nelson, CFA**

Portfolio Manager of Advisers

Mr. Nelson has been a lead portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019. He joined Franklin Templeton in 2007.

### **Wylie Tollette, CFA, CPA**

Portfolio Manager of Advisers

Mr. Tollette has been a co-lead portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019. He first joined Franklin Templeton in 1994, left the company in 2014 and rejoined again in 2018.

### **May Tong, MBA, CFA**

Portfolio Manager of Advisers

Ms. Tong has been a portfolio manager of the Fund since February 2019, providing support to the lead portfolio managers as needed. She joined Franklin Templeton in June 2018. Prior to joining Franklin Templeton, Ms. Tong was a portfolio manager and head of portfolio implementation and management for Voya Investment Management's Multi-Asset Strategies and Solutions Team.

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The Fund's SAI provides additional information about portfolio manager compensation, other accounts that they manage and their ownership of Fund shares.

Effective May 1, 2019, the Fund pays Advisers a fee for managing the Fund's assets, including investment advisory services and Fund administration services, equal to an annual rate of 0.55% of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

Advisers has agreed to waive or limit its fees and to assume as its own certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund so that expenses (i.e., a combination of investment management fees and other expenses, including acquired fund fees and expenses but excluding Rule 12b-1 fees) do not exceed 0.57% (other than certain non-routine expenses or costs, including those relating to litigation, indemnification, reorganizations and liquidations) until April 30, 2020.

Advisers compensates each sub-advisor for providing investment advice and analysis and for managing that portion(s) of the Fund's assets allocated to it from time to time by Advisers. The separate portions of the Fund's assets managed by Advisers are allocated fees that are retained from, and not in addition to, the overall investment management fee paid to Advisers by the Fund.

A discussion regarding the basis for the board of trustees approving the investment management and sub-advisory contracts of the Fund is available in the Fund's annual report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31.

### **Manager of Managers Structure**

The investment manager and the Trust have received an exemptive order from the SEC that allows the Fund to operate in a "manager of managers" structure whereby the investment manager can appoint and replace both wholly-owned and unaffiliated sub-advisors, and enter into, amend and terminate sub-advisory agreements with such sub-advisors, each subject to board approval but without obtaining prior shareholder approval (Manager of Managers Structure). The Fund will, however, inform shareholders of the hiring of any new sub-advisor within 90 days after the hiring. The SEC exemptive order provides the Fund with greater flexibility and efficiency by preventing the Fund from incurring the expense and delays associated with obtaining shareholder approval of such sub-advisory agreements.

The use of the Manager of Managers Structure with respect to the Fund is subject to certain conditions that are set forth in the SEC exemptive order. Under the Manager of Managers Structure, the investment manager has the ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Fund's board of trustees, to oversee sub-advisors and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. The investment manager will also, subject to the review and approval of the Fund's board of trustees: set the Fund's overall investment strategy; evaluate, select and recommend sub-advisors to manage all or a portion of the Fund's assets; and implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that each sub-advisor complies with the Fund's investment goal, policies and restrictions. Subject to review by the Fund's board of trustees, the investment manager will allocate and, when appropriate, reallocate the Fund's assets among sub-advisors and monitor and evaluate the sub-advisors' performance.

### **Administration Fees**

Prior to May 1, 2019, under a Fund Administration Agreement, Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services) monitored the percentage of the Fund's assets allocated to underlying funds and sought to rebalance the Fund's portfolio whenever the percentage of assets allocated to one or more underlying funds was below or above 3% of the applicable fixed percentage.

FT Services could receive assistance, at no charge to the Fund, from its corporate affiliate, Advisers, in monitoring the underlying funds and the Fund's investment in the underlying funds. FT Services made certain payments to insurance companies out of its own resources for certain administrative services. The Fund did not receive rule 12b-1 service or distribution fees from any of the underlying funds in connection with its investments in them.

The administrator contractually agreed to waive or assume as its own certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund so that common expenses (i.e., a combination of administration fees and other expenses but excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, acquired fund fees and expenses and certain non-routine expenses or costs, including those related to litigation, indemnification, reorganizations and liquidations) for each class of the Fund did not exceed 0.10% until April 30, 2019. The administration fees before and after such waiver for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 were 0.10% and 0.08%, respectively. As of May 1, 2019, the Fund no longer pays these administration fees.

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### Financial Highlights

This table presents the financial performance of Class 4 shares for the past five years or since inception. The table shows certain information on a single Fund share basis (per share performance). It also shows some key Fund statistics, such as total return (past performance) and expense ratios. Total return represents the annual change in value of a share assuming reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. This information has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Their report, along with the Fund's financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

Class 4	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Per share operating performance (for a share outstanding throughout the year)</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$7.53	\$7.21	\$6.87	\$7.54	\$7.54
Income from investment operations: <sup>a</sup>					
Net investment income <sup>b,c</sup>	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.23	0.20
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(0.89)	0.64	0.64	(0.68)	0.02
Total from investment operations	(0.69)	0.82	0.83	(0.45)	0.22
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.26)	(0.21)	(0.21)
Net realized gains	(0.17)	(0.31)	(0.23)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Total distributions	(0.38)	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.22)	(0.22)
<b>Net asset value, end of year</b>	<b>\$6.46</b>	<b>\$7.53</b>	<b>\$7.21</b>	<b>\$6.87</b>	<b>\$7.54</b>
Total return <sup>d</sup>	(9.58%)	11.78%	12.92%	(6.24%)	2.75%
<b>Ratios to average net assets</b>					
Expenses before waiver and payments by affiliates <sup>e</sup>	0.47%	0.47%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%
Expenses net of waiver and payments by affiliates <sup>e</sup>	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Net investment income <sup>e</sup>	2.78%	2.40%	2.74%	3.16%	2.53%
<b>Supplemental data</b>					
Net assets, end of year (000's)	\$393,385	\$528,862	\$530,403	\$550,825	\$702,324
Portfolio turnover rate	2.23%	1.28%	0.10%	0.26%	4.80%

a. The amount shown for a share outstanding throughout the period may not correlate with the Statement of Operations in the annual report for the period due to the timing of sales and repurchases of the Fund's shares in relation to income earned and/or fluctuating fair value of the investments of the Fund.

b. Based on average daily shares outstanding.

c. Recognition of net investment income by the Fund is affected by the timing of declaration of dividends by the Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests.

d. Total return does not include fees, charges or expenses imposed by the variable annuity and life insurance contracts for which Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust serves as an underlying investment vehicle.

e. Does not include expenses of the Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests. The weighted average indirect expenses of the Underlying Funds was 0.66% for the year ended December 31, 2018.

## Additional Information, All Funds

### Dealer Compensation

Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. (Distributors) and/or its affiliates may provide financial support to securities dealers that sell shares of Franklin Templeton funds, or participate in the offering of variable insurance products that invest in the Trust (VIP Qualifying Dealers); such financial support may be made by payments from Distributors' and/or its affiliates' resources, including from Distributors' retention of underwriting concessions and, in the case of Rule 12b-1 share classes, from payments to Distributors under such plans.

Distributors makes these payments in connection with VIP Qualifying Dealers' efforts to educate financial advisors about our funds. A number of factors will be considered in determining payments, including such dealer's sales, assets and redemption rates, and the quality of the dealer's relationship with Distributors. Distributors will, on an annual basis, determine the advisability of continuing these payments. To the extent permitted by SEC and FINRA rules and other applicable laws and regulations, Distributors and/or its affiliates may pay or allow other promotional incentives or payments to dealers. Sale of shares of the Funds, as well as shares of other Franklin Templeton funds, is not considered a factor in the selection of securities dealers to execute the Funds' portfolio transactions. Accordingly, the allocation of portfolio transactions for execution by VIP Qualifying Dealers is not considered marketing support payments.

You can find further details in the SAI about the payments made by Distributors and/or its affiliates and the services provided by your VIP Qualifying Dealer. While your insurance company's fees and charges are generally disclosed in the insurance contract prospectus, your VIP Qualifying Dealer may charge you additional fees or commissions other than those disclosed in this prospectus. You can ask your insurance company and VIP Qualifying Dealer for information about any payments they receive from Distributors and/or its affiliates and any services they provide, as well as about fees and/or commissions they charge. These payments and other fees and charges are not reflected in the fee table included in this prospectus. Additional disclosure may be included in the insurance contract prospectus.

### Portfolio Holdings

A description of the Trust's policies and procedures regarding the release of portfolio holdings information for each Fund of the Trust (collectively, the "Fund") is also available in the Trust's SAI. Portfolio holdings information can be viewed online at [franklintempleton.com](http://franklintempleton.com).

### Statements and Reports

Contract Owners should receive financial reports for the Fund related to their Contract from the sponsoring Insurer every six months.

### Administrative Services

Franklin Templeton Services, LLC (FT Services) has an agreement with the investment managers to provide certain administrative services and facilities for each Fund.

FT Services, on behalf of itself and other affiliates of the managers, makes certain payments to insurance companies out of its own resources for certain services provided to the Funds by insurance companies relating to their investment in the Funds on behalf of variable contract owners. See the SAI for more information.

## Distributions and Taxes

### Income and Capital Gains Distributions

As a regulated investment company, a Fund generally pays no federal income tax on the income and gains it distributes to its shareholders. Each Fund (sometimes referred to as "the Fund") intends to pay income dividends at least annually from its net investment income. Capital gains, if any, may be paid at least annually. The Fund may distribute income dividends and capital gains more frequently, if necessary, in order to reduce or eliminate federal excise or income taxes on the Fund. The amount of any distribution will vary, and there is no guarantee the Fund will pay either income dividends or capital gain distributions.

### Tax Considerations

The Trust consists of multiple Funds each of which for federal income tax purposes is treated separately from any other. Each Fund expects to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Accordingly, the assets, income and distributions of the Fund are considered separately for purposes of determining whether the Fund qualifies as a regulated

investment company. If the Fund so qualifies, it will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of its income and gains that it distributes to shareholders. Additionally, each Fund intends to comply with the diversification requirements imposed by Section 817(h) of the Code.

For federal income tax purposes, the insurance companies and their separate accounts are treated as the owners of the shares of the Fund selected as an investment option rather than the purchasers of a variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy (variable contracts). In light of the tax-favored status of life insurance company separate accounts, there should be no adverse federal income tax consequences to them as a result of their buying, holding, exchanging or selling Fund shares or on their receipt of Fund distributions, subject to applicable limitations under the Code.

Insurance companies offer variable annuity and variable life insurance products to investors including pension plans (Contracts), through separate accounts (Insurers). When shares of the Fund are investment options of Contracts, separate accounts, and not the owners of the Contracts including group contract and pension plan certificate holders (Contract Owners), are generally the shareholders of the Fund. As a result, it is anticipated that any income dividends or capital gains distributions paid by the Fund will be exempt from current taxation to the purchaser of such variable contracts if left to accumulate within a variable contract. Withdrawals from such contracts may be subject to ordinary income tax and, if such withdrawals are made before age 59 ½, a 10% penalty tax. For more information on taxes, please refer to the accompanying prospectus of the annuity or life insurance program through which shares of the Fund are underlying investment options.

**Other tax information.** This discussion of “Distributions and Taxes” is for general information only and is not tax advice. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding your particular circumstances and about any federal, state or local tax consequences before making an investment in a variable contract or the Fund.

## Fund Account Information

### Buying Shares

Insurance companies offer variable annuity and variable life insurance products to investors including pension plans (Contracts), through separate accounts (Insurers). When shares of the Fund are investment options of Contracts, separate accounts, and not the owners of the Contracts including group contract and pension plan

certificate holders (Contract Owners), are generally the shareholders of the Fund. Shares of the Fund may also be purchased by other mutual funds (funds of funds).

Shares of the Fund are sold at net asset value (NAV). When sold in connection with Contracts, the Fund corresponds with the investment options offered by the Insurer to Contract Owners. The board of trustees monitors the Fund for the existence of any material irreconcilable conflicts of interest between different types of their separate account investors. If there were any such conflicts, the board of trustees will determine what action, if any, shall be taken in response. Please refer to the accompanying contract prospectus for information on how to select the Fund as an investment option.

Contract Owners' payments will be allocated by the insurance company separate account to sub-accounts that purchase shares of the Fund corresponding with the sub-account chosen by the Contract Owner, and are subject to any limits or conditions in the contract. Requests to buy shares are processed at the NAV next calculated after we or our designees receive the request in proper form. Please refer to your Contract prospectus or other disclosure document for further information. The Fund does not issue share certificates.

### Selling Shares

An Insurer that holds shares of the Fund in connection with a Contract sells shares of the Fund to make benefit or surrender payments or to execute exchanges (transfers) between investment options under the terms of the Contract.

### Exchanging Shares

Contract Owners may exchange interests in sub-accounts of an insurance company separate account that corresponds with shares of any one class or Fund, for interests in sub-accounts that correspond with shares of other classes or Funds, subject to the terms and any specific limitations on the exchange (or “transfer”) privilege described in the Contract prospectus.

Frequent exchanges or excessive trading can harm performance and interfere with Fund portfolio management or operations and increase Fund costs. The Funds discourage short-term or excessive trading and may seek to restrict or reject such trading (please see “Fund Account Information - Market Timing Trading Policy,” below).



### Market Timing Trading Policy

The board of trustees has adopted the following policies and procedures with respect to market timing (Market Timing Trading Policy):

**Market timing generally.** The Fund discourages and does not intend to accommodate short-term or frequent purchases and redemptions of fund shares, often referred to as “market timing,” and asks its Fund of Fund investors and participating Insurers for their cooperation in trying to discourage such activity in their separate accounts by Contract Owners and their financial advisors. The Fund intends to seek to restrict or reject such trading or take other action, as described below, if in the judgment of the Fund manager or transfer agent such trading may interfere with the efficient management of the Fund’s portfolio, may materially increase the Fund’s transaction costs, administrative costs or taxes, or may otherwise be detrimental to the interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

**Market timing consequences.** If information regarding trading activity in the Fund or in any other Franklin Templeton fund or non-Franklin Templeton fund is brought to the attention of the Fund’s investment manager or transfer agent and based on that information the Fund or its investment manager or transfer agent in their sole discretion conclude that such trading may be detrimental to the Fund as described in this Market Timing Trading Policy, the Fund may temporarily or permanently bar future purchases into the Fund or, alternatively, may limit the amount, number or frequency of any future purchases and/or the method by which an Insurer or a Fund of Funds may request future purchases and redemptions (including purchases and/or redemptions by an exchange or transfer between the Fund and any other mutual fund). In determining what actions should be taken, the Fund’s transfer agent may consider a variety of factors, including the potential impact of such remedial actions on the Fund or its shareholders. If the Fund is a “fund of funds,” the Fund’s transfer agent may take into account the impact of the trading activity and of any proposed remedial action on both the Fund and the underlying funds in which the Fund invests.

In considering trading activity, the Fund may consider, among other factors, trading history both directly and, if known, through financial intermediaries, in the Fund, in other Franklin Templeton funds, in non-Franklin Templeton mutual funds, or in accounts under common control or ownership.

**Market timing through Insurers.** *As a Contract Owner you are also subject to this policy.* An Insurer’s order for purchases and/or redemptions pursuant to a Contract Owner’s instructions (including purchases and/or redemptions by an exchange or transfer between the Fund and any mutual fund) are submitted pursuant to aggregated orders (Aggregated Orders). A fund of fund’s order for purchases and/or redemptions pursuant to its investors’ instructions are also submitted pursuant to Aggregated Orders. While the Fund will encourage Insurers and funds of funds to apply the Fund’s Market Timing Trading Policy to their investors, the Fund is limited in its ability to monitor the trading activity or enforce the Fund’s Market Timing Trading Policy because Insurers and funds of funds have the relationships with, and are responsible for maintaining the account records of, the individual investors. For example, should it occur, the Fund may not be able to detect market timing that may be facilitated by financial intermediaries or made difficult to identify in the Aggregated Orders used by Insurers and Fund of Fund investors.

Therefore, the Fund or its agent selectively monitor the Aggregated Orders used by Insurers and Fund of Fund investors for purchases, exchanges and redemptions in respect of all their investors and seek the cooperation of Insurers and Fund of Fund investors to apply the Fund’s Market Timing Trading Policy. There may be legal and technological limitations on the ability of an Insurer or Fund of Fund to impose trading restrictions and to apply the Fund’s Market Timing Trading Policy to their investors through such methods as implementing short-term trading limitations or restrictions, assessing the Fund’s redemption fee (if applicable) and monitoring trading activity for what might be market timing. As a result, the Fund may not be able to determine whether trading by Insurers or funds of funds in respect of their investors is contrary to the Fund’s Market Timing Trading Policy.

**Risks from market timers.** Depending on various factors, including the size of the Fund, the amount of assets the portfolio manager typically maintains in cash or cash equivalents and the dollar amount and number and frequency of trades and the types of securities in which the Fund typically invests, short-term or frequent trading may interfere with the efficient management of the Fund’s portfolio, increase the Fund’s transaction costs, administrative costs and taxes and/or impact Fund performance.

In addition, if the nature of the Fund’s portfolio holdings exposes the Fund to “arbitrage market timers,” the value of the Fund’s shares may be diluted if redeeming shareholders receive proceeds (and buying shareholders

receive shares) based upon net asset values which do not reflect appropriate fair value prices. Arbitrage market timing occurs when an investor seeks to take advantage of the possible delay between the change in the value of a mutual fund's portfolio holdings and the reflection of the change in the fund's net asset value per share. A fund that invests significantly in foreign securities may be particularly vulnerable to arbitrage market timing. Arbitrage market timing in foreign investments may occur because of time zone differences between the foreign markets on which the Fund's international portfolio securities trade and the time as of which the Fund's NAV is calculated. Arbitrage market timers may purchase shares of the Fund based on events occurring after foreign market closing prices are established, but before calculation of the Fund's NAV. One of the objectives of the Trust's fair value pricing procedures is to minimize the possibilities of this type of arbitrage market timing (please see "Fund Account Information - Valuation - Foreign Securities – Potential Impact of Time Zones and Market Holidays").

Since the Fund may invest significantly in securities that are, or may be, restricted, unlisted, traded infrequently, thinly traded, or relatively illiquid (relatively illiquid securities), the Fund may be particularly vulnerable to arbitrage market timing. An arbitrage market timer may seek to take advantage of a possible differential between the last available market prices for one or more of these relatively illiquid securities that are used to calculate the Fund's net asset value and the latest indications of market values for those securities. One of the objectives of the Fund's fair value pricing procedures is to minimize the possibilities of this type of arbitrage market timing (please see "Fund Account Information - Fair Valuation – Individual Securities" under the heading "Fund Account Policies", below).

The Fund is currently using several methods to reduce the risk of market timing. These methods include:

- seeking the cooperation of Insurers and funds of funds to assist the Fund in identifying potential market timing activity;
- committing staff to selectively review on a continuing basis recent trading activity in order to identify trading activity that may be contrary to the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy;
- monitoring potential price differentials following the close of trading in foreign markets to determine whether the application of fair value pricing procedures is warranted; and

- seeking the cooperation of financial intermediaries to assist the Fund in identifying market timing activity.

Though these methods involve judgments that are inherently subjective and involve some selectivity in their application, the Fund seeks to make judgments and applications that are consistent with the interests of the Fund's shareholders. There is no assurance that the Fund or its agents will gain access to any or all information necessary to detect market timing in Insurers' separate accounts. While the Fund will seek to take actions (directly and with the assistance of Insurers) that will detect market timing, it cannot represent that such trading activity can be minimized or completely eliminated.

**Revocation of market timing trades.** Transactions placed in violation of a Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy or exchange limit guidelines are not necessarily deemed accepted by the Fund and may be cancelled or revoked by the Fund, in full or in part, as soon as practicable following receipt by the Fund and prompt inquiry of the intermediary.

#### **Involuntary Redemptions**

The Fund reserves the right to close an account (and involuntarily redeem any investment) if it is deemed to have engaged in activities that are illegal (such as late trading) or otherwise believed to be detrimental to the Fund (such as market timing), to the fullest extent permitted by law and consistent with the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Thus, for example, if upon inquiry the Fund and insurance company identify a contract owner that has engaged in late trading or market timing activities, the Fund may advise the insurance company that it will not accept future investments, or is redeeming any investment related to that contract owner. Involuntary redemptions may be in cash or in kind.

#### **Fund Account Policies**

**CALCULATING SHARE PRICE** When they buy and sell shares, the Fund's shareholders pay and receive the net asset value (NAV) per share.

The value of a mutual fund is determined by deducting the fund's liabilities from the total assets of the portfolio. The NAV per share of a class of the Fund is determined by dividing the net asset value of the Fund's share class by the applicable number of shares outstanding of that share class. The Fund's NAV does not include any fee or sales charge imposed by variable insurance contracts for which the Fund is an investment option or funds of

funds that purchase shares of the Fund. Investors should consult the contract prospectus, disclosure document or Fund of Funds prospectus for more information.

The Fund calculates the NAV per share each business day as of 1 p.m. Pacific time or the regularly scheduled close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), whichever is earlier. The Fund does not calculate the NAV on days the NYSE is closed for trading, which include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the NYSE has a scheduled early close, the Fund's share price would be determined as of the time of the close of the NYSE. If, due to weather or other special or unexpected circumstances, the NYSE has an unscheduled early close on a day that it has opened for business, the Fund reserves the right to consider that day as a regular business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate its share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE.

When determining the NAV, the Fund values cash and receivables at their realizable amounts, and records interest as accrued and dividends on the ex-dividend date. The Fund generally utilizes two independent pricing services to assist in determining a current market value for each security. If market quotations are readily available for portfolio securities listed on a securities exchange (including exchange-traded funds), the Fund values those securities at the last quoted sale price or the official closing price of the day, respectively, or, if there is no reported sale, within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. The Fund values over-the-counter portfolio securities within the range of the most recent bid and ask prices. If portfolio securities trade both in the over-the-counter market and on a stock exchange, the Fund values them according to the broadest and most representative market. Prices received by the Fund for securities may be based on institutional "round lot" sizes, but the Fund may hold smaller, "odd lot" sizes. Odd lots may trade at lower prices than round lots.

Generally, trading in corporate bonds, U.S. government securities and money market instruments is substantially completed each day at various times before 1 p.m. Pacific time. The value of these securities used in computing the NAV is determined as of such times. Occasionally, events affecting the values of these securities may occur between the times at which they are determined and 1:00 p.m. Pacific time that will not be reflected in the computation of the NAV. The Fund relies on third party pricing vendors to provide evaluated prices that reflect current fair market value at 1 p.m. Pacific time.

To the extent that a Fund is invested in one or more open-end investment management companies (mutual funds), the Fund values shares of a mutual fund at the mutual fund's last determined NAV.

**FAIR VALUATION - INDIVIDUAL SECURITIES** Since the Fund may invest in securities that are restricted, unlisted, traded infrequently, thinly traded, or relatively illiquid, there is the possibility of a differential between the last available market prices for one or more of those securities and the latest indications of market values for those securities. The Fund has procedures, approved by the board of trustees, to determine the fair value of individual securities and other assets for which market prices are not readily available (such as certain restricted or unlisted securities and private placements) or which may not be reliably priced (such as in the case of trade suspensions or halts, price movement limits set by certain foreign markets, and thinly traded or illiquid securities). Some methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis (earnings multiple, etc.), matrix pricing, discounts from market prices of similar securities, or discounts applied due to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities. The board of trustees oversees the application of fair value pricing procedures.

The application of fair value pricing procedures represents a good faith determination based upon specifically applied procedures. There can be no assurance that the Funds could obtain the fair value assigned to a security if they were able to sell the security at approximately the time at which a Fund determines its NAV per share.

**SECURITY VALUATION - U.S. PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES, CMO, ABS, MBS** Mortgage pass-through securities (such as Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac), other mortgage-backed securities (MBS), collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) and asset-backed securities (ABS), generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund may value these portfolio securities by utilizing quotations from bond dealers, information with respect to bond and note transactions and may rely on independent pricing services. The Fund's pricing services use valuation models or matrix pricing to determine current value. In general, they use information with respect to comparable bond and note transactions, quotations from bond dealers or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as rating, interest rate, maturity date, option adjusted spread

models, prepayment projections, interest rate spreads and yield curves. Matrix pricing is considered a form of fair value pricing.

**SECURITY VALUATION - CORPORATE DEBT**

**SECURITIES** Corporate debt securities generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund may value these portfolio securities by utilizing quotations from bond dealers, information with respect to bond and note transactions and may rely on independent pricing services to assist in determining a current market value for each security. The Fund's pricing services uses independent quotations from bond dealers and bond market activity to determine current value.

**SECURITY VALUATION - SENIOR SECURED**

**CORPORATE LOANS** Senior secured corporate loans with floating or variable interest rates generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund may value these portfolio securities by utilizing quotations from loan dealers and other financial institutions, information with respect to bond and note transactions and may rely on independent pricing services to assist in determining a current market value for each security. These pricing services may utilize independent market quotations from loan dealers or financial institutions and may incorporate valuation methodologies that incorporate multiple bond characteristics. These characteristics may include dealer quotes, issuer type, coupon, maturity, weighted average maturity, interest rate spreads and yield curves, cash flow and credit risk/quality analysis.

**SECURITY VALUATION – MUNICIPAL SECURITIES – MATRIX PRICING (FAIR VALUATION)**

Municipal securities generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Fund's pricing services use valuation models or matrix pricing to determine current value. In general, they use information with respect to comparable bond and note transactions, quotations from bond dealers or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as rating, interest rate and maturity date. Matrix pricing is considered a form of fair value pricing.

**SECURITY VALUATION - OPTIONS** The Fund values traded call options at their market price as determined above. The current market value of any option the Fund holds is its last sale price on the relevant exchange before the Fund values its assets. If there are no sales that day or if the last sale price is outside the bid and ask prices, the Fund values options within the range of the current closing bid and ask prices if the Fund believes the valuation fairly reflects the contract's market value.

**VALUATION - FOREIGN SECURITIES - COMPUTATION OF U.S. EQUIVALENT VALUE**

The Fund generally determines the value of a foreign security as of the close of trading on the foreign stock exchange on which the security is primarily traded, or as of 1 p.m. Pacific time, if earlier. The value is then converted into its U.S. dollar equivalent at the foreign exchange rate in effect at 1 p.m. Pacific time on the day that the value of the foreign security is determined. If no sale is reported at that time, the foreign security will be valued within the range of the most recent quoted bid and ask prices. Occasionally events (such as repatriation limits or restrictions) may impact the availability or reliability of foreign exchange rates used to convert the U.S. dollar equivalent value. If such an event occurs, the foreign exchange rate will be valued at fair value using procedures established and approved by the board of trustees.

**VALUATION – FOREIGN SECURITIES – POTENTIAL IMPACT OF TIME ZONES AND MARKET HOLIDAYS**

Trading in securities on foreign securities stock exchanges and over-the-counter markets, such as those in Europe and Asia, may be completed before 1 p.m. Pacific time on each day that the Fund is open. Occasionally, events occur between the time at which trading in a foreign security is completed and 1 p.m. Pacific time that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the value of a foreign portfolio security held by the Fund. As a result, the Fund may be susceptible to what is referred to as "time zone arbitrage." Certain investors in the Fund may seek to take advantage of discrepancies in the value of the Fund's portfolio securities as determined by the foreign market at its close and the latest indications of value attributable to the portfolio securities at the time the Fund's NAV is computed. Trading by these investors, often referred to as "arbitrage market timers," may dilute the value of the Fund's shares, if such discrepancies in security values actually exist. To attempt to minimize the possibilities for time zone arbitrage, and in accordance with procedures established and approved by the board of trustees, the investment managers monitor price movements following the close of trading in foreign stock markets through a series of country specific market proxies (such as baskets of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), futures contracts and exchange-traded funds).

These price movements are measured against established trigger thresholds for each specific market proxy to assist in determining if an event has occurred that might call into question the availability (including the reliability) of the values of foreign securities between

the times at which they are determined and the time of the NAV calculation (1:00 p.m. Pacific time). If such an event occurs, the foreign securities may be valued using fair value procedures established and approved by the board of trustees. In certain circumstances these procedures include the use of independent pricing services. The intended effect of applying fair value pricing is to compute an NAV that accurately reflects the value of a Fund's portfolio at the time that the NAV is calculated, to discourage potential arbitrage market timing in Fund shares, to mitigate the dilutive impact of such attempted arbitrage market timing and to be fair to purchasing, redeeming and existing shareholders. However, the application of fair value pricing procedures may, on occasion, worsen rather than mitigate the potential dilutive impact of shareholder trading.

In addition, trading in foreign portfolio securities generally, or in securities markets in a particular country or countries, may not take place on every Fund business day. Furthermore, trading takes place in various foreign markets on days that are not business days for the Fund, and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated (in which case, the net asset value of the Fund's shares may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem Fund shares). Thus, the calculation of the Fund's NAV does not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of many of the foreign portfolio securities used in the calculation. If events affecting the last determined values of these foreign securities occur (determined through the monitoring process described above), the securities will be valued at fair value determined in good faith in accordance with the Fund's fair value procedures established and approved by the board of trustees.

**SHARE CLASSES** Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5 shares of the Funds are identical except that Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5 each have a distribution plan or "rule 12b-1" plan, as described below for Class 4 shares and in their respective prospectuses for Class 2, and Class 5 shares.

Subject to applicable law, the board of trustees may from time to time, without the approval, vote or consent of shareholders of the Fund or any class, combine, merge or otherwise consolidate the shares of two or more classes of shares of the Fund with and/or into a single class of shares of the Fund, with such designation, preference, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, terms and conditions of redemption and other characteristics as the board of trustees may determine. Such transactions may be effected through

share-for-share exchanges, transfers or sales of assets, shareholder in-kind redemptions and purchases, exchange offers, or any other method approved by the board of trustees.

Distribution and service (12b-1) fees.

Class 4 has a distribution plan, sometimes known as a rule 12b-1 plan, that allows the Fund to pay distribution fees to those who sell and distribute Class 4 shares and provide services to shareholders and Contract Owners. Because these fees are paid out of Class 4's assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of an investment, and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges. The maximum amount payable under the Fund's Class 4 rule 12b-1 plan is 0.35% per year of the Fund's Class 4 average daily net assets. A portion of the fees payable to Franklin Templeton Distributors, Inc. (Distributors) or others under the rule 12b-1 plan may be retained by Distributors for distribution expenses.

**REDEMPTIONS** Typically, the Fund uses cash and cash equivalents held in its portfolio or sells portfolio assets to meet all redemption needs. In unusual circumstances or under stressed market conditions, the Fund may use other methods to meet redemptions, such as the use of lines of credit or interfund lending in reliance on exemptive relief from the SEC.

**ADDITIONAL POLICIES** Please note that the Fund maintains additional policies and reserves certain rights, including:

- The Fund may restrict, reject or cancel any purchase orders, including an exchange request.
- Typically, redemptions are processed by the next business day provided the redemption request is received in proper form and good order, but may take up to seven days to be processed if making immediate payment would adversely affect the Fund or there is another cause for delay (for example, if you sell shares recently purchased, proceeds may be delayed until your check, draft or wire/electronic funds transfer has cleared).
- At any time, the Fund may establish or change investment minimums.
- The Fund may make material changes to or discontinue the exchange privilege on 60 days' notice to insurance company or Fund of Fund shareholders, or as otherwise provided by law.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ALL FUNDS

- Purchases of shares of the Fund (including the purchase side of an exchange) may be made only when such shares are eligible for sale in the appropriate state or jurisdiction.
- In unusual circumstances, we may temporarily suspend redemptions or postpone the payment of proceeds, as allowed by federal securities laws.
- For redemptions over a certain amount, the Fund may pay redemption proceeds in securities or other assets rather than cash if the investment manager determines it is in the best interest of the Fund, consistent with applicable law. Investors should expect to incur transaction costs upon the disposition of the securities received in the distribution.

- To permit their investors to obtain the current price, participating insurance companies and funds of funds are responsible for transmitting all orders to the Fund promptly.

### **Questions**

More detailed information about the Trust and the Fund's account policies can be found in the Fund's SAI. If you have any questions about the Fund, you can write to us at One Franklin Parkway, P.O. Box 7777, San Mateo, CA 94403-7777. You can also call us at 1-800/362-6243 (a toll-free number). For your protection and to help ensure we provide you with quality service, all calls may be monitored or recorded.



### **For More Information**

**For information on the Fund, including a free copy of the Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, and the Fund's Annual and Semiannual Reports, contact your financial advisor or the insurance company offering your Contract.**

Shares of the insurance funds of Franklin Templeton Variable Insurance Products Trust (FTVIPT) are not offered to the public; they are offered and sold only to: (1) insurance company separate accounts to serve as the underlying investment vehicles for variable contracts; (2) certain qualified plans; and (3) other mutual funds (funds of funds).

Not all Funds and classes are available in all Contracts. For information on the terms of investment in a Contract, please consult the Contract prospectus that accompanies this Fund prospectus.

You can learn more about the Fund in the following documents:

#### **Annual/Semiannual Fund Reports to Shareholders**

Include a discussion of recent market conditions and Fund strategies that significantly affected Fund performance during its last fiscal year, financial statements, detailed performance information, portfolio holdings and, in the annual report only, the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's report.

#### **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)**

Contains more information about the Fund, its investments, policies, and risks. It is incorporated by reference into (is legally a part of) this prospectus.

Reports and other information about the Fund are available on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

