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Schwab Funds<sup>®</sup>

# Schwab<sup>®</sup> S&P 500 Index Portfolio

Ticker Symbol    **SWP1Z**

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## Investment Objective

The fund's goal is to track the total return of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and Example below. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses of any insurance company separate account or variable insurance contract issued by such insurance company. If they were reflected, fees would be higher.

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

None

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a % of the value of your investment)

Management fees	0.03
Other expenses	None
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>0.03</b>

## Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other 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 those time periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the fund's operating expenses remain the same. This example does not reflect the fees and expenses of any insurance company separate account or variable insurance contract issued by such insurance company. If they were reflected, costs would be higher. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

### Expenses on a \$10,000 Investment

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$3	\$10	\$17	\$39

## 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 may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in the 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 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

**To pursue its goal, the fund generally invests in stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index<sup>†</sup>.** It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances it will invest at least 80% of its net assets (including, for this purpose, any borrowings for investment purposes) in these stocks; typically, the actual percentage is considerably higher. The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy.

The fund generally seeks to replicate the performance of the index by giving the same weight to a given stock as the index does. However, when the investment adviser believes it is in the best interest of the fund, such as to avoid purchasing odd-lots (i.e., purchasing less than the usual number of shares traded for a security), for tax considerations, or to address liquidity considerations with respect to a stock, the investment adviser may cause the fund's weighting of a stock to be more or less than the index's weighting of the stock. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index.

The S&P 500 Index includes the stocks of 500 leading U.S. publicly-traded companies from a broad range of industries. Standard & Poor's, the company that maintains the index, uses a variety of measures to determine which stocks are listed in the index. Each stock is represented in the index in proportion to its total market value.

The fund may invest in derivatives, principally futures contracts, and lend its securities to minimize the gap in performance that naturally exists between any index fund and its corresponding index. This gap occurs mainly because, unlike the index, the fund incurs expenses and must keep a small portion of its assets in cash for business operations. By using futures, the fund potentially can offset a portion of the gap attributable to its cash holdings. In addition, any income realized through securities lending may help reduce the portion of the gap attributable to expenses.

The fund may concentrate its investments in an industry or group of industries to the extent that its comparative index is also so concentrated.

## Principal Risks

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. The fund's principal risks include:

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**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. In addition, equity markets tend to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Investment Style Risk.** The fund primarily follows the large-cap portion of the U.S. stock market, as measured by the index. It follows these stocks during upturns as well as downturns. Because of its indexing strategy, the fund does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. In addition, because of the fund's expenses, the fund's performance may be below that of the index. Market disruptions could cause delays in the index's rebalancing schedule which may result in the index and, in turn, the fund experiencing returns different than those that would have been achieved under a normal rebalancing schedule.

A significant percentage of the index may be composed of securities in a single industry or sector of the economy. If the fund is focused in an industry or sector, it may present more risks than if it were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of its benchmark index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of a fund and its benchmark index, positive or negative, is called "tracking error." Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant.

**Market Capitalization Risk.** Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Large-Cap Company Risk.** Large-cap companies are generally more mature and the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

**Concentration Risk.** To the extent that the fund's or the index's portfolio is concentrated in the securities of issuers in a particular market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more vulnerable to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory occurrences affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase its volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested. In addition, investments in derivatives may involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** The fund may be unable to sell certain securities, such as illiquid securities, readily at a favorable time or price, or the fund may have to sell them at a loss.

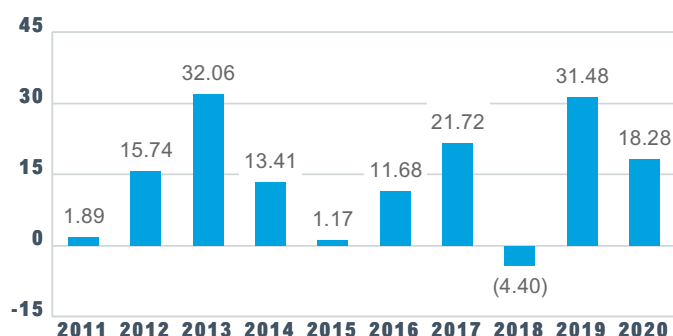
**Securities Lending Risk.** Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent.

For more information on the risks of investing in the fund, please see the "Fund Details" section in the prospectus.

## Performance

The bar chart below shows how the fund's investment results have varied from year to year, and the following table shows how the fund's average annual total returns for various periods compared to that of the index. This information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund. All figures assume distributions were reinvested. The figures do not reflect the fees and expenses of any insurance company separate account or variable insurance contract issued by such insurance company. Such expenses, if included, would lower the figures shown. Keep in mind that future performance may differ from past performance. For current performance information, please see [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds_prospectus).

Annual Total Returns (%) as of 12/31



**Best Quarter:** 20.54% Q2 2020

**Worst Quarter:** (19.67%) Q1 2020

Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/20

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
S&P 500 Index Portfolio	18.28%	15.11%	13.70%
<b>Comparative Index</b> (reflects no deduction for expenses or taxes)			
S&P 500 Index	18.40%	15.22%	13.88%

## Investment Adviser

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Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc.

## Portfolio Managers

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**Christopher Bliss, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Ferian Juwono, CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2013.

**Sabya Sinha**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2017.

**Jeremy Brown**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. He has managed the fund since 2019.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

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Shares of the fund are sold on a continuous no load basis and are currently available exclusively for variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts, and in the future may be offered to tax-qualified retirement plans (tax qualified plans). Variable life insurance and variable annuity contract (variable contract(s)) investors should review the variable contract prospectus prepared by their insurance company for information on how to allocate premiums to the fund and to transfer to, and redeem amounts from, the fund.

The fund is open for business each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the fund reserves the right to treat such day as a 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 for that day.

## Tax Information

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The fund will distribute substantially all of its net investment income and capital gains, if any, to the participating insurance companies' separate accounts each year in June. Distributions are normally reinvested pursuant to elections by the separate accounts. Since the fund's shareholders are insurance company separate accounts, the tax treatment of dividends and distributions will depend on the tax status of the insurance company. Accordingly, no discussion is included about the personal income tax consequences to variable contract holders. For this information, such persons should consult the appropriate variable contract prospectus.

## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

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The fund is currently available solely as an underlying investment for variable contracts issued by insurance companies. The investment adviser and its related companies may make payments to insurance companies (or their affiliates), and to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries, for distribution and/or other services. These

payments may be a factor that the insurance company considers in including the fund as an underlying investment option for its variable contracts. Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary to recommend a variable contract and the fund over another investment. Ask your financial adviser or visit the website of the insurance company or the financial intermediary for more information. The disclosure document for your variable contract may contain additional information about these payments.

# Fund Details

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There can be no assurance that the fund will achieve its objective. Except as explicitly described otherwise, the strategies and policies of the fund may be changed without shareholder approval.

The principal investment strategies and the main risks associated with investing in the fund are summarized in the fund summary at the front of this prospectus. This section takes a more detailed look at some of the types of securities, the associated risks, and the various investment strategies that may be used in the day-to-day portfolio management of the fund, as described below. In addition to the particular types of securities and strategies that are described in this prospectus, the fund may use strategies that are not described herein in support of its overall investment goal. These additional strategies and the risks associated with them are described in the “Investment Strategies” and “Investments, Securities and Risks” sections in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

## Investment Objectives and More About Principal Risks

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### Investment Objective

The fund’s goal is to track the total return of the S&P 500® Index.

### Index

**The S&P 500 Index includes the stocks of 500 leading U.S. publicly traded companies from a broad range of industries.** Standard & Poor’s, the company that maintains the index, uses a variety of measures to determine which stocks are listed in the index. Each stock is represented in the index in proportion to its total market value.

Although the 500 companies in the index constitute only about 13% of all the publicly traded companies in the United States, they represent approximately 86% of the total value of the U.S. stock market, as of December 31, 2020.

Companies included in the index are generally considered large-cap stocks. Their performance is widely followed, and the index itself is popularly seen as a measure of overall U.S. stock market performance.

Because the index weights a stock according to its market capitalization (total market value of all shares outstanding), larger stocks have more influence on the performance of the index than do the index’s smaller stocks.

### More Information About Principal Investment Risks

The fund is subject to risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money.

Investors should be aware that the investments made by the fund and the results achieved by the fund at any given time are not expected to be the same as those made by other mutual funds for which Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. serves as investment adviser, including mutual funds with names, investment objectives and policies similar to the fund.

**Market Risk.** Financial markets rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets may be impacted by economic, political, regulatory and other conditions, including economic sanctions and other government actions. In addition, the occurrence of global events, such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters and epidemics, may also negatively affect the financial markets. These events could reduce consumer demand or economic output; result in market closures, low or negative interest rates, travel restrictions or quarantines; and significantly adversely impact the economy. Governmental and quasi-governmental authorities and regulators throughout the world have in the past often responded to serious economic disruptions with a variety of significant fiscal and monetary policy changes which could have an unexpected impact on financial markets and the fund’s investments. As with any investment whose performance is tied to these markets, the value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate, which means that an investor could lose money over short or long periods.

**Equity Risk.** The prices of equity securities rise and fall daily. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, industries or the securities market as a whole. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. Governmental action, including the imposition of trade embargoes or tariffs, may also impact individual companies or markets as a whole. In addition, the equity market tends to move in cycles, which may cause stock prices to fall over short or extended periods of time.

**Tracking Error Risk.** As an index fund, the fund seeks to track the performance of its comparative index, although it may not be successful in doing so. The divergence between the performance of the fund and its index, positive or negative, is called “tracking error.” Tracking error can be caused by many factors and it may be significant. For example, the fund may not invest in certain securities in its index, match the

securities' weighting to the index, or the fund may invest in securities not in the index, due to regulatory, operational, custodial or liquidity constraints; corporate transactions; asset valuations; transaction costs and timing; tax considerations; and index rebalancing, which may result in tracking error. The fund may attempt to offset the effects of not being invested in certain index securities by making substitute investments, but these efforts may not be successful. In addition, cash flows into and out of the fund, operating expenses and trading costs all affect the ability of the fund to match the performance of its index, because the index does not have to manage cash flows and does not incur any costs.

**Market Capitalization Risk.** Securities issued by companies of different market capitalizations tend to go in and out of favor based on market and economic conditions. In addition, there may be less trading volume in securities issued by mid- and small-cap companies than those issued by larger companies and, as a result, trading volatility may have a greater impact on the value of securities of mid- and small-cap companies. Securities issued by large-cap companies, on the other hand, may not be able to attain the high growth rates of some mid- and small-cap companies. During a period when securities of a particular market capitalization fall behind other types of investments, the fund's performance could be impacted.

**Large-Cap Company Risk.** Large-cap companies are generally more mature than smaller companies. They also may have fewer new market opportunities for their products or services, may focus resources on maintaining their market share, and may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. As a result, the securities issued by these companies may not be able to reach the same levels of growth as the securities issued by small- or mid-cap companies.

**Derivatives Risk.** The fund may use derivatives to enhance returns or hedge against market declines. Examples of derivatives are futures and options on futures. An option is the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an instrument at a specific price on or before a specific date. A future is an agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a specific price on a specific day. The use of derivatives, that are subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), could cause the fund to become a commodity pool, which would require the fund to comply with certain CFTC rules.

The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain of these risks, such as liquidity risk and market risk, are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus. The fund's use of derivatives is also subject to counterparty risk, lack of availability risk, leverage risk, valuation risk, correlation risk and tax risk. Counterparty risk is the risk that the counterparty to a derivatives transaction may not fulfill its obligations either because the financial condition of the counterparty declines, or because the counterparty is otherwise unable or unwilling to perform under the contract. Lack of availability risk is the risk that suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Leverage risk is the risk that a small percentage of assets invested in derivatives can have a disproportionately large impact on the fund. Valuation risk is the risk that a particular derivative may be valued incorrectly. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Tax risk is the risk that the use of derivatives may cause the fund to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains. The fund's use of derivatives could reduce the fund's performance, increase its volatility, and could cause the fund to lose more than the initial amount invested.

**Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments may be difficult to purchase, sell or value, especially during stressed market conditions. The market for certain investments may become illiquid due to specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or under adverse market or economic conditions independent of the issuer. In such cases, the fund, due to limitations on investments in illiquid securities and the difficulty in readily purchasing and selling such securities at favorable times or prices, may decline in value, experience lower returns and/or be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain issuer or sector. Further, transactions in illiquid securities may entail transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk that market conditions or large shareholder redemptions, which may occur rapidly or unexpectedly, may impact the ability of the fund to meet redemption requests within the required time period. In order to meet such redemption requests, the fund may be forced to sell securities at inopportune times or prices.

**Securities Lending Risk.** The fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. When the fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the fund will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in, or delay in recovery of, the loaned securities if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The fund will also bear the risk of any decline in the value of securities acquired with cash collateral. The fund may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan.

**Operational Risk.** The fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures. The fund seeks to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures believed to be reasonably designed to address these risks. However, these controls and procedures cannot address every possible risk and may not fully mitigate the risks that they are intended to address.

## Portfolio Holdings

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A description of the fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the fund's portfolio securities is available in the fund's SAI. The fund's portfolio holdings information is available on the Schwab Funds website at [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds_prospectus), under "Prospectus & Reports", typically 60-80 days after the end of the fund's fiscal quarter.



# Financial Highlights

This section provides further details about the fund's financial history for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. "Total return" shows the percentage that an investor in the fund would have earned or lost during a given period, assuming all distributions were reinvested. The figures do not reflect the fees and expenses of any insurance company separate account or variable insurance contract issued by such insurance company. Such expenses, if included, would lower the figures shown. This information for fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 through December 31, 2019 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte). Deloitte's full report is included in the fund's annual report (see back cover).

## Schwab S&P 500 Index Portfolio

	1/1/20- 12/31/20	1/1/19- 12/31/19	1/1/18- 12/31/18	1/1/17- 12/31/17	1/1/16- 12/31/16
<b>Per-Share Data</b>					
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$47.48	\$37.10	\$39.51	\$33.01	\$30.09
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.96	0.91	0.82	0.71	0.62
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	7.58	10.64	(2.51)	6.39	2.85
Total from investment operations	8.54	11.55	(1.69)	7.10	3.47
Less distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.53)	(0.78)	(0.68)	(0.59)	(0.55)
Distributions from net realized gains	(0.08)	(0.39)	(0.04)	(0.01)	—
Total distributions	(0.61)	(1.17)	(0.72)	(0.60)	(0.55)
Net asset value at end of period	\$55.41	\$47.48	\$37.10	\$39.51	\$33.01
Total return	18.28%	31.48%	(4.40%)	21.72%	11.68%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Ratios to average net assets:					
Total expenses	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.06% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.22%
Net operating expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.22%
Net investment income (loss)	2.03%	2.13%	2.03%	1.97%	2.00%
Portfolio turnover rate	14%	6%	5%	3%	2%
Net assets, end of period (x 1,000,000)	\$ 947	\$ 588	\$ 340	\$ 346	\$ 282

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated based on the average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective March 1, 2017, the annual operating expense ratio was reduced. The ratio presented for period ended 12/31/17 is a blended ratio.

<sup>(3)</sup> Effective March 1, 2017, the fund instituted a new fee structure and the contractual expense limitation was terminated.

# Fund Management

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The investment adviser for the fund is Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. (CSIM), 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. CSIM was founded in 1989 and as of February 28, 2021, managed approximately \$594.2 billion in assets.

As the investment adviser, CSIM oversees the asset management and administration of the fund. As compensation for these services, CSIM receives a management fee from the fund. For the 12 months ended December 31, 2020, this fee was 0.03% for the fund. This figure, which is expressed as a percentage of the fund's average daily net assets, represents the actual amounts paid.

Pursuant to an Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement between CSIM and the fund, CSIM pays the operating expenses of the fund, excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes, any brokerage expenses, and extraordinary or non-routine expenses. For its advisory and administrative services to the fund, payable monthly, CSIM receives a management fee of 0.03%, which is expressed as a percentage of the fund's average daily net assets.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the fund's investment advisory agreement is available in the fund's 2020 semiannual report, which covers the period from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

**Christopher Bliss, CFA**, Vice President and Head of Passive Equity Strategies, leads the portfolio management team for Schwab's passive equity mutual funds and ETFs. He also has overall responsibility for all aspects of the management of the fund. Before joining CSIM in 2016, Mr. Bliss spent 12 years at BlackRock (formerly Barclays Global Investors) managing and leading institutional index teams, most recently as a managing director and the head of the Americas institutional index team. Prior to BlackRock, he worked as an equity analyst and portfolio manager for Harris Bretall and before that, as a research analyst for JP Morgan.

**Ferian Juwono, CFA**, Senior Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2010, Mr. Juwono worked at BlackRock (formerly Barclays Global Investors), where he spent more than three years as a portfolio manager, managing equity index funds for institutional clients, and two years as a senior business analyst. Prior to that, Mr. Juwono worked for more than four years as a senior financial analyst with Union Bank of California.

**Sabya Sinha**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2015, Mr. Sinha spent a year at F-Squared Investments on the product development and analytics team. Prior to F-Squared, he worked at IndexIQ Advisors as a senior index portfolio manager for three years and for Bank of America's Columbia Management subsidiary as a portfolio manager for three years.

**Jeremy Brown**, Portfolio Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day co-management of the fund. Prior to joining CSIM in 2017, Mr. Brown spent six years with ALPS Advisors, Inc. in Denver, most recently as a senior analyst on the ETF portfolio management and research team where he performed portfolio management, trading and analytics/research functions for ALPS ETFs and passive funds. Additionally, Mr. Brown led a number of investment research, commentary, industry trend analysis, and sales and marketing support initiatives.

Additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in the fund is available in the SAI.

# Investing in the Fund

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## Investing Through a Financial Intermediary

Shares of the fund are sold on a continuous no load basis and are currently available exclusively for variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts, and in the future may be offered to tax-qualified retirement plans (tax qualified plans). Variable life and variable annuity contract (variable contract(s)) investors also should review the variable contract prospectus prepared by their insurance company.

Although shares of the fund are not available for purchase directly by the general public, you may nevertheless allocate account value under your variable contract to and from the fund in accordance with the terms of your variable contract. Please refer to the appropriate variable contract prospectus for further information on how to make an allocation and how to purchase or surrender your variable contract.

Shares of the fund are expected to be offered to participating insurance companies and their separate accounts to fund benefits under variable contracts as well as to tax qualified plans. The relationships of tax qualified plans and plan participants to the fund would be subject, in part, to the provisions of the individual tax qualified plans and applicable law. Accordingly, such relationships could be different from those described in this prospectus for separate accounts and variable contract owners in such areas, for example, as tax matters and voting privileges.

The fund does not foresee any disadvantage to variable contract owners or plan participants arising out of these arrangements. Nevertheless, differences in treatment under tax and other laws, as well as other considerations, could cause the interests of various purchasers of variable contracts (and the interests of any plan participants) to conflict. For example, violation of the federal tax laws by one separate account investing in the fund could cause the variable contracts funded through another separate account to lose their tax-deferred status, unless remedial action were taken. The fund, the participating insurance companies, and any tax qualified plans investing in the fund may be subject to conditions imposed by the SEC that are designed to prevent or remedy any such conflicts. These conditions would require the fund's Board of Trustees to monitor events in order to identify the existence of any material irreconcilable conflict that may possibly arise and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response to any such conflict. If a material irreconcilable conflict arises involving separate accounts or tax qualified plans, a separate account or tax qualified plan may be required to withdraw its participation in the fund.

The investment adviser or its affiliates make cash payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain brokerage firms, banks, retirement plan service providers, insurance companies and other financial intermediaries that perform shareholder, recordkeeping, subaccounting and other administrative services in connection with investments in fund shares. These payments or discounts are separate from, and may be in addition to, any shareholder service fees or other administrative fees the fund may pay to those intermediaries. The investment adviser or its affiliates also make cash payments out of their own resources, or provide products and services at a discount, to certain financial intermediaries that perform distribution, marketing, promotional or other distribution-related services. The payments or discounts described by this paragraph may be substantial; however, distribution-related services provided by such intermediaries are paid by the investment adviser or its affiliates, not by the fund or its shareholders.

## Share Price

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The fund is open for business each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open. The fund calculates its share price each business day as of the close of the NYSE (generally 4 p.m. Eastern time). If the NYSE is closed due to weather or other extenuating circumstances on a day it would typically be open for business, or the NYSE has an unscheduled early closing on a day it has opened for business, the fund reserves the right to treat such day as a business day and accept purchase and redemption orders and calculate their share price as of the normally scheduled close of regular trading on the NYSE for that day. The fund's share price is its net asset value per share, or NAV, which is the fund's net assets divided by the number of its shares outstanding. Purchase and redemption orders from separate accounts investing in the fund that are received and accepted by a participating insurance company, as the fund's designee, will be executed at the fund's next calculated NAV. The fund typically expects to pay sales proceeds to a participating insurance company within two business days following receipt of a shareholder redemption order. However, the fund may take up to seven days to pay sales proceeds to a participating insurance company.

All orders to purchase shares of the fund are subject to acceptance by the fund and are not binding until confirmed or accepted in writing.

In valuing its securities, the fund uses market quotes or official closing prices if they are readily available. In cases where quotes are not readily available or the adviser deems them unreliable, the fund may value securities based on fair values developed using methods approved by the fund's Board of Trustees.

# Additional Policies Affecting Your Investment

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## The fund reserves certain rights, including the following:

- To suspend the right to sell shares back to the fund, and delay sending proceeds, during times when trading on the NYSE is restricted or halted, or otherwise as permitted by the SEC.
- To withdraw or suspend any part of the offering made by this prospectus.

## Policy Regarding Short-Term or Excessive Trading and Trade Activity Monitoring

The fund is intended for long-term investment and not for short-term or excessive trading (collectively, market timing). Market timing may adversely impact the fund's performance by disrupting the efficient management of the fund and increasing the fund's transaction costs, causing the fund to maintain higher cash balances, and diluting the value of the fund's shares.

To discourage market timing, the fund's Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to reduce the risk of market timing by fund shareholders. The fund seeks to deter market timing through several methods. These methods may include fair value pricing and trade activity monitoring. Fair value pricing is discussed more thoroughly in the subsequent pages of this prospectus and is considered an element of the fund's policy regarding short term or excessive trading. Trade activity monitoring is risk based and seeks to identify patterns of activity in amounts that might be detrimental to the fund.

The fund or its service providers maintain risk-based surveillance procedures designed to detect market timing in fund shares in amounts that might be detrimental to the fund. Under these procedures, the fund has requested that service providers to the fund monitor transactional activity in amounts and frequency determined by the fund to be significant to the fund and in a pattern of activity that potentially could be detrimental to the fund. Generally, excessive trading activity in the fund is measured by the number of roundtrip transactions in a shareholder's account. A roundtrip transaction occurs when a shareholder completes a purchase of shares and then sells the same fund's shares (including exchanges). If an investor engages in multiple roundtrips in the fund within a 60-day period or the fund, in its sole discretion based on these or other factors, determines that a shareholder has engaged in market timing, it may refuse to process future purchases or exchanges into the fund by that shareholder for a period of 90 days. Subsequent violations within a 12 month period will be evaluated to determine whether a permanent block is appropriate. These procedures may be modified from time to time as appropriate to improve the detection of market timing and to comply with applicable laws. However, because the fund is sold only through variable contracts offered through separate accounts, the detection and deterrence of market timing activities in some instances may be more efficient at the separate account level than at the fund level.

The fund may also defer to an insurance company's (or its agent's) frequent trading policies with respect to those fund investors who invest in the fund through such insurance company. The fund will defer to an insurance company's policies only after the fund determines that the insurance company's frequent trading policies are reasonably designed to reduce the risk of market timing. Transactions by fund investors investing through such insurance company will be subject to the restrictions of the insurance company's frequent trading policies, which may differ from those of the fund. Fund investors should consult with their insurance company to determine the frequent trading restrictions that apply to their fund transactions.

The fund typically receives purchase, redemption and exchange orders from variable contracts through omnibus accounts. Omnibus accounts are accounts that aggregate customer transaction orders. Under these circumstances, it may be difficult or impossible for the fund to identify individual underlying account holder activity. It may not be clear when a person purchases a contract or policy that he or she is a market timer or might engage in excessive trading activity. In addition, certain contracts and policies by their terms may permit a minimum number of transfers per year. Moreover, inappropriate transfers may involve both the fund and a fund managed by a totally separate trust, with the result that the fund may not be best positioned to identify inappropriate transfers. The fund anticipates that it will work actively with the issuers of contracts and policies to monitor and regulate trading activity. In the event that the fund detects what it believes may constitute inappropriate trading, the fund typically would notify the insurance company issuing the variable contract that is engaging in this trading. At that point, the fund may require the insurance company to provide certain fund investor transaction information and require the insurance company to restrict the fund investor from future purchases or exchanges in the fund.

Although these methods are designed to discourage market timing, there can be no guarantee that the fund will be able to identify and restrict investors that engage in such activities. In addition, some of these methods are inherently subjective and involve judgment in their application. The fund and its service providers seek to make these judgments and applications uniformly and in a manner that they believe is consistent with interests of the fund's long-term shareholders. The fund may amend these policies and procedures in response to changing regulatory requirements or to enhance the effectiveness of the program.

The fund reserves the right to restrict, reject or cancel within a reasonable time, without prior notice, any purchase order for any reason.

## Fair Value Pricing

The Board of Trustees has adopted procedures to fair value the fund's securities when market prices are not "readily available" or are unreliable. For example, the fund may fair value a security when a security is de-listed or its trading is halted or suspended; when a security's primary pricing source is unable or unwilling to provide a price; when a security's primary trading market is closed during regular market hours; or when a security's value is materially affected by events occurring after the close of the security's primary trading market.

By fair valuing securities whose prices may have been affected by events occurring after the close of trading, the fund seeks to establish prices that investors might expect to realize upon the current sales of these securities. This methodology is designed to deter "arbitrage" market timers, who seek to exploit delays between the change in the value of the fund holdings and the net asset value of the fund's shares, and help ensure that the prices at which the fund's shares are purchased and redeemed are fair and do not result in dilution of shareholder interest or other harm to shareholders.

The fund makes fair value determinations in good faith in accordance with fund's valuation procedures. Due to the subjective and variable nature of fair value pricing, there can be no assurance that the fund could obtain the fair value assigned to the security upon the sale of such security.

## Methods to Meet Redemptions

Under normal market conditions, the fund expects to meet redemption orders by using holdings of cash/cash equivalents or by the sale of portfolio investments. In unusual or stressed market conditions or as CSIM determines appropriate, the fund may borrow through the fund's bank lines of credit or through the fund's interfund lending facility to meet redemption requests. The fund may also utilize its custodian overdraft facility to meet redemptions, if necessary. The fund also reserves the right to honor redemptions in liquid portfolio securities instead of cash when your redemptions over a 90-day period exceed \$250,000 or 1% of the fund's assets, whichever is less. You may be subject to market risk and you may incur transaction expenses and taxable gains in converting the securities to cash. In addition, a redemption in liquid portfolio securities would be treated as a taxable event for you and may result in the recognition of gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. Please note that this ability to make in-kind redemptions may be affected by agreements with participating insurance companies.

## Large Shareholder Redemptions

Certain accounts or Schwab affiliates may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) or control a significant percentage of the fund's shares. Redemptions by these shareholders of their holdings in the fund may impact the fund's liquidity and NAV. These redemptions may also force the fund to sell securities, which may negatively impact the fund's brokerage costs.

## Distributions and Taxes

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The fund will distribute substantially all of its net investment income and capital gains, if any, to the participating insurance companies' separate accounts each year in June. Distributions are normally reinvested pursuant to elections by the separate accounts.

The fund has elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). The Code relieves a regulated investment company from certain Federal income tax and excise tax, if the company distributes substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains.

In order to qualify as a regulated investment company, the fund must meet certain income limitation and asset diversification requirements under Section 851 of the Code. The fund must also meet asset diversification requirements under Section 817(h) of the Code and the related regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service in order to be offered to life insurance company separate accounts supporting variable contracts. The fund intends to comply with these diversification requirements.

For more information regarding the federal income tax consequences of investing in the fund, see "Federal Tax Information for the Fund" in the SAI. For information concerning the tax consequences of variable contract ownership, variable contract owners should consult the appropriate variable contract prospectus.

# Schwab S&P 500 Index Portfolio

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## To Learn More

This prospectus contains important information on the fund and should be read and kept for reference. You also can obtain more information from the following sources:

**Annual and semiannual reports**, which are sent to current fund investors, contain more information about the fund's holdings and detailed financial information about the fund. Annual reports also contain information from the fund's manager(s) about strategies, recent market conditions and trends and their impact on fund performance during the fund's last fiscal period.

The **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)** includes a more detailed discussion of investment policies and the risks associated with various investments. The SAI is incorporated by reference into the prospectus, making it legally part of the prospectus.

For a free copy of any of these documents or to request other information or ask questions about the fund, call Schwab Funds at 1-877-824-5615. In addition, you may visit the Schwab Funds' website at [www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds\\_prospectus](http://www.schwabfunds.com/schwabfunds_prospectus) for a free copy of a prospectus, SAI or an annual or semiannual report.

The SAI, the fund's annual and semiannual reports and other related materials are available from the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). You can obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by sending a request by e-mail to [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).