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FRANKLIN SMALL CAP VALUE VIP FUND

Effective June 20, 2021, the Fund was closed to new insurance company subaccounts. Existing insurance company subaccounts that had open accounts on June 20, 2021 may continue to make additional purchases. The Fund may restrict, reject or cancel any purchase order and reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.

Investment Goal

Long-term total return.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell 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)

| | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 4 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Management fees | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| Distribution and service (12b-1) fees | None | 0.25% | 0.35% |
| Other expenses ¹ | 0.02% | 0.02% | 0.02% |

challenges, or are experiencing temporary setbacks, diminished expectations, mismanagement or undermanagement, or are financially stressed. Environmental, social and governance (ESG) related assessments of companies may also be considered. The investment manager does not assess every investment for ESG factors and, when it does, not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated.

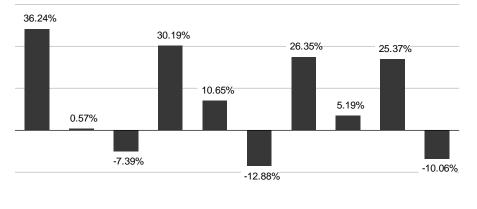
The Fund, from time to time, may have significant positions

FUND SUMMARIES

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 2 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

Class 2 Annual Total Returns



2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

| Best Quarter: | 2020, Q4 | 27.53% |
|----------------|----------|---------|
| Worst Quarter: | 2020, Q1 | -33.62% |

As of March 31, 2023, the Fund's year-to-date return was 2.00%.

Average Annual Total Returns

For periods ended December 31, 2022

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
| Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 1 | -9.82% | 5.74% | 9.36% |
| Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 2 | -10.06% | 5.48% | 9.09% |
| Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 4 | -10.11% | 5.37% | 8.98% |
| Russell 2000 Value Index (index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) | -14.48% | 4.13% | 8.48% |

performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

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. Investment Manager

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON VARIABLE INSURANCE PRODUCTS TRUS

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

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, 2023, \$1.42 trillion in assets, and have been in the investment management business since 1947. 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.

FRANKLIN SMALL CAP VALUE VIP FUND

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Investment Goal

The Fund's investment goal is long-term total return.

Principal Investment Policies and Practices

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments of small-capitalization (small-cap) companies. Shareholders will be given at least 60 days' advance notice of any change to this 80% policy. Small-cap companies are companies with market capitalizations (the total market value of a company's outstanding stock) not exceeding either: 1) the highest market capitalization in the Russell 2000 Index; or 2) the 12-month average of the highest market capitalization in the Russell 2000 Index; or 2) the 12-month average of the most recent reconstitution, the highest market capitalization in the Russell 2000 Index, whichever is greater, at the time of purchase. As of the most recent reconstitution, the highest market capitalization in the Russell 2000 Index was \$6.4 billion.

The Fund generally invests in equity securities of companies that the Fund's investment manager believes are undervalued at the time of purchase and have the potential for capital appreciation. An equity security represents a

management requirements. The degree to which he may perform these functions, and the nature of these functions, may change from time to time. He joined Franklin Templeton in 2005. FUND DETAILS

Financial Highlights

Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 2

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 201 |
| Per share operating performance (for a share outstanding throughout the year) | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of year | \$17.54 | \$14.50 | \$15.05 | \$14.60 | \$19.80 |
| Income from investment operations ^a : | | | | | |
| Net investment income ^b | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.20 ^c | 0.16 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | (1.97) | 3.53 | 0.30 | 3.20 | (2.20) |
| Total from investment operations | (1.89) | 3.67 | 0.46 | 3.40 | (2.04) |
| Less distributions from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.16) | (0.17) | (0.19) | (0.17) | (0.18) |
| Net realized gains | (2.96) | (0.46) | (0.82) | (2.78) | (2.98) |
| Total distributions | (3.12) | (0.63) | (1.01) | (2.95) | (3.16) |
| Net asset value, end of year | \$12.53 | \$17.54 | \$14.50 | \$15.05 | \$14.60 |
| Total return ^d | (10.06)% | 25.37% | 5.19% | 26.35% | (12.88)% |
| Ratios to average net assets | | | | | |
| Expenses before waiver and payments by affiliates | 0.88% | 0.91% | 0.93% | 0.92% | 0.91% |
| Expenses net of waiver and payments by affiliates | 0.87% ^f | 0.91% ^e | 0.93% ^{e,f} | 0.92% ^{e,f} | 0.90% ^f |
| Net investment income | 0.56% | 0.83% | 1.28% | 1.33% ^c | 0.88% |
| Supplemental data | | | | | |
| Net assets, end of year (000's) | \$943,928 | \$1,135,623 | \$1,103,373 | \$1,123,093 | \$978,675 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 54.83% | 60.41% | 69.40% | 54.36% | 47.82% |

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. Net investment income per share includes approximately \$0.05 per share related to income received in the form of special dividends in connection with certain Fund holdings. Excluding this amount, the ratio of net investment income to average net assets would have been 0.98%.

A. 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. Benefit of waiver and payments by affiliates rounds to less than 0.01%.

f. Benefit of expense reduction rounds to less than 0.01%.

Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 4

| 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|------|------|-----------|----------------|
| | 2021 | 2021 2020 | 2021 2020 2019 |

Additional Information, All Funds

Dealer Compensation

Franklin Distributors, LLC (Distributors) and/or its affiliates

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ALL FUNDS

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- 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 Frequent 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 frequent trading 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 frequent trading in Insurers' separate accounts. While the Fund will 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-thecounter 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 byTI

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 "timezone 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

- F 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). In certain circumstances, however, the Fund may not have the ability to delay a redemption request or may not have the time to determine whether a particular redemption would have an adverse effect on the Fund before the redemption request is paid.
- ∉ 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.
- 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, but is not required to, pay redemption proceeds in securities or other assets rather than cash (also known as a redemption in-kind) if the investment manager determines it is in the best interest of the Fund, consistent with applicable law. The investment manager will, in its sole discretion, determine whether a redemption in-kind will be considered for a particular redemption request or type of redemption request. In

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 fing 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)