

# AllianceBernstein Variable Products Series Fund, Inc.

Class A Prospectus

AllianceBernstein VPS

➤ Small Cap Growth Portfolio

VARIABLE PRODUCTS SERIES FUND

This Prospectus describes the Portfolio that is available as an underlying investment through your variable contract. For information about your variable contract, including information about insurance-related expenses, see the prospectus for your variable contract which accompanies this Prospectus.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.



**Investment Products Offered**

- ▶ Are Not FDIC Insured
- ▶ May Lose Value
- ▶ Are Not Bank Guaranteed

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

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### AllianceBernstein VPS Small Cap Growth Portfolio

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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Portfolio's investment objective is long-term growth of capital.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Portfolio. The operating expenses information below is designed to assist Contractholders of variable products that invest in the Portfolio in understanding the fees and expenses that they may pay as an investor. Because the information does not reflect deductions at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract, Contractholders that invest in the Portfolio should refer to the variable contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses that apply to Contractholders. Inclusion of these charges would increase the fees and expenses provided below.

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

N/A

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

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Management Fees                    | .75%         |
| Other Expenses                     | .87%         |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses | <u>1.62%</u> |

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#### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

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|----------------|---------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 165  |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 511  |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 881  |
| After 10 Years | \$1,922 |

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#### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transactions costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 106% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES

The Portfolio invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities with relatively smaller capitalizations as compared to the overall U.S. market. Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of smaller companies. For these purposes, "smaller companies" are those that, at the time of investment, fall within the lowest 20% of the total U.S. equity market capitalization (excluding, for purposes of this calculation, companies with market capitalizations of less than \$10 million). As of December 31, 2009, there were approximately 4,400 smaller companies, and those smaller companies had market capitalizations ranging up to approximately \$7.7 billion. Because the Portfolio's definition of smaller companies is dynamic, the limits on market capitalization will change with the markets.

The Portfolio may invest in any company and industry and in any type of equity security with potential for capital appreciation. It invests in well-known and established companies and in new and less-seasoned companies. The Portfolio's investment policies emphasize investments in companies that are demonstrating improving financial results and a favorable earnings outlook. The Portfolio may invest in foreign securities.

When selecting securities, the Adviser typically looks for companies that have strong, experienced management teams, strong market positions, and the potential to support greater than expected earnings growth rates. In making specific investment decisions for the Portfolio, the Adviser combines fundamental and quantitative analysis in its stock selection process. The Portfolio may periodically invest in the securities of companies that are expected to appreciate due to a development particularly or uniquely applicable to that company regardless of general business conditions or movements of the market as a whole. Normally, the Portfolio invests in about 95-125 companies.

**PRINCIPAL RISKS**

- **Market Risk:** The value of the Portfolio’s assets will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. The value of its investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events that affect large portions of the market. It includes the risk that a particular style of investing, such as growth, may underperform the market generally.
- **Capitalization Risk:** Investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile than investments in large-cap companies. Investments in small-cap companies may have additional risks because these companies have limited product lines, markets or financial resources.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Risk:** Investment in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve more risk than those of U.S. issuers. These securities may fluctuate more widely in price and may be less liquid due to adverse market, economic, political, regulatory or other factors.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the intended results.

As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

**BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

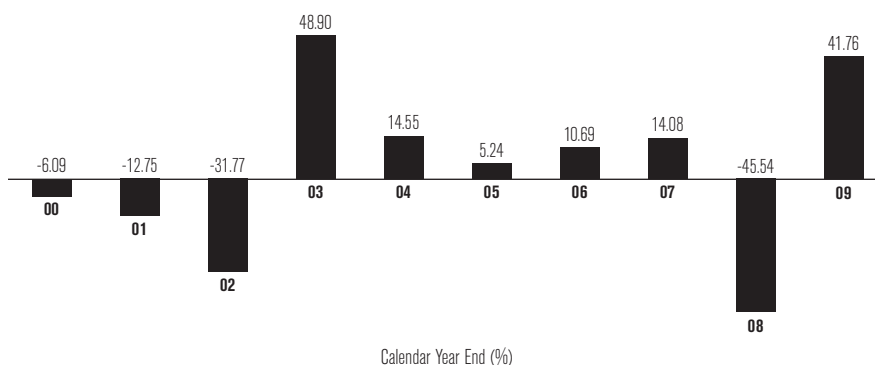
The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio’s performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio’s average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information on the Portfolio’s website at [www.AllianceBernstein.com](http://www.AllianceBernstein.com) (click on “Pricing & Performance”).

The performance information does not take into account separate account charges. If separate account charges were included, an investor’s return would be lower. The Portfolio’s past performance, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

**Bar Chart**



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio’s:

**Best Quarter was up 25.28%, 4th quarter, 2001; and Worst Quarter was down -29.52%, 4th quarter, 2008.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2009)

|   | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--------|---------|----------|
| Portfolio   | 41.76% | 0.51%   | -0.22%   |
| Russell 2000® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) | 34.47% | 0.87%   | -1.37%   |

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment adviser for the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio:

| Employee           | Length of Service | Title                                |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bruce K. Aronow    | Since 2000        | Senior Vice President of the Adviser |
| N. Kumar Kirpalani | Since 2005        | Senior Vice President of the Adviser |
| Samantha S. Lau    | Since 2005        | Senior Vice President of the Adviser |
| Wen-Tse Tseng      | Since 2006        | Vice President of the Adviser        |

- **PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES**

The Portfolio offers its shares through the separate accounts of life insurance companies (“Insurers”). You may only purchase and sell shares through these separate accounts. See the prospectus of the separate account of the participating insurance company for information on the purchase and sale of the Portfolio’s shares.

- **TAX INFORMATION**

The Portfolio may make income dividends or capital gains distribution. The income and capital gains distribution will be made in shares of the Portfolio. See the prospectus of the separate account of the participating insurance company for federal income tax information.

- **PAYMENTS TO INSURERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through an Insurer or other financial intermediary, the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the Insurer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO'S RISKS AND INVESTMENTS

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This section of the Prospectus provides additional information about the Portfolio's investment practices and risks. Most of these investment practices are discretionary, which means that the Adviser may or may not decide to use them. This Prospectus does not describe all of the Portfolio's investment practices and additional descriptions of the Portfolio's strategies, investments, and risks can be found in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

### DERIVATIVES

The Portfolio may, but is not required to, use derivatives for risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The Portfolio may use derivatives to earn income and enhance returns, to hedge or adjust the risk profile of a portfolio, to replace more traditional direct investments and to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets.

There are four principal types of derivatives, including options, futures, forwards and swaps, which are described below. Derivatives may be (i) standardized, exchange-traded contracts or (ii) customized, privately negotiated contracts. Exchange-traded derivatives tend to be more liquid and subject to less credit risk than those that are privately negotiated.

The Portfolio's use of derivatives may involve risks that are different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities or other more traditional instruments. These risks include the risk that the value of a derivative instrument may not correlate perfectly, or at all, with the value of the assets, reference rates, or indices that they are designed to track. Other risks include: the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for a particular instrument and possible exchange-imposed price fluctuation limits, either of which may make it difficult or impossible to close out a position when desired; and the risk that the counterparty will not perform its obligations. Certain derivatives may have a leverage component and involve leverage risk. Adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, note or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the Portfolio's investment (in some cases, the potential loss is unlimited).

The Portfolio's investments in derivatives may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Forward Contracts.** A forward contract is a customized, privately negotiated agreement for one party to buy, and the other party to sell, a specific quantity of an underlying commodity or other tangible asset for an agreed upon price at a future date. A forward contract is either settled by physical delivery of the commodity or tangible asset to an agreed-upon location at a future date, rolled forward into a new forward contract or, in the case of a non-deliverable forward, by a cash payment at maturity. The Portfolio invests in forward contracts for hedging purposes. The Portfolio's investments in forward contracts may include the following:
  - Forward Currency Exchange Contracts. The Portfolio may purchase or sell forward currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes to minimize the risk from adverse changes in the relationship between the U.S. Dollar and other currencies or for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under "Currency Transactions". The Portfolio, for example, may enter into a forward contract as a transaction hedge (to "lock in" the U.S. Dollar price of a non-U.S. Dollar security), as a position hedge (to protect the value of securities the Portfolio owns that are denominated in a foreign currency against substantial changes in the value of the foreign currency) or as a cross-hedge (to protect the value of securities the Portfolio owns that are denominated in a foreign currency against substantial changes in the value of that foreign currency by entering into a forward contract for a different foreign currency that is expected to change in the same direction as the currency in which the securities are denominated).
- **Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts.** A futures contract is an agreement that obligates the buyer to buy and the seller to sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset (or settle for cash the value of a contract based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specific price on the contract maturity date. Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. The Portfolio may purchase or sell futures contracts and options thereon to hedge against changes in interest rates, securities (through index futures or options) or currencies. The Portfolio may also purchase or sell futures contracts for foreign currencies or options thereon for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under "Currency Transactions".
- **Options.** An option is an agreement that, for a premium payment or fee, gives the option holder (the buyer) the right but not the obligation to buy (a "call option") or sell (a "put option") the underlying asset (or settle for cash an amount based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specified price (the exercise price) during a period of time or on a specified date. Investments in options are considered speculative. The Portfolio may lose the premium paid for them if the price of the underlying security or other asset decreased or remained the same (in the case of a call option) or increased or remained the same (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Portfolio were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio's investments in options include the following:
  - Options on Foreign Currencies. The Portfolio may invest in options on foreign currencies that are privately negotiated or traded on U.S. or foreign exchanges for hedging purposes to protect against declines in the U.S. Dollar

value of foreign currency denominated securities held by the Portfolio and against increases in the U.S. Dollar cost of securities to be acquired. The purchase of an option on a foreign currency may constitute an effective hedge against fluctuations in exchange rates, although if rates move adversely, the Portfolio may forfeit the entire amount of the premium plus related transaction costs. The Portfolio may also invest in options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions”.

- Options on Securities. The Portfolio may purchase or write a put or call option on securities. The Portfolio will only exercise an option it purchased if the price of the security was less (in the case of a put option) or more (in the case of a call option) than the exercise price. If the Portfolio does not exercise an option, the premium it paid for the option will be lost. The Portfolio may write covered options, which means writing an option for securities the Portfolio owns, and uncovered options.
- **Swap Transactions.** A swap is a customized, privately negotiated agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals (payment dates) based upon, or calculated by, reference to changes in specified prices or rates (interest rates in the case of interest rate swaps, currency exchange rates in the case of currency swaps) for a specified amount of an underlying asset (the “notional” principal amount). Except for currency swaps, the notional principal amount is used solely to calculate the payment stream, but is not exchanged. Swaps are entered into on a net basis (i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments).
- **Other Derivatives and Strategies.**
  - Currency Transactions. The Portfolio may invest in non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities on a currency hedged or unhedged basis. The Adviser may actively manage the Portfolio’s currency exposures and may seek investment opportunities by taking long or short positions in currencies through the use of currency-related derivatives, including forward currency exchange contracts, futures and options on futures, swaps and options. The Adviser may enter into transactions for investment opportunities when it anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. Such transactions may also be used when the Adviser believes that it may be more efficient than a direct investment in a foreign currency-denominated security. The Portfolio may also conduct currency exchange contracts on a spot basis (i.e., for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the currency exchange market for buying or selling currencies).

## DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

Depositary receipts may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the underlying securities into which they may be converted. In addition, the issuers of the stock of unsponsored depositary receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States and, therefore, there may not be a correlation between such information and the market value of the depositary receipts. American Depositary Receipts, or ADRs, are depositary receipts typically issued by a U.S. bank or trust company that evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. Global Depositary Receipts, or GDRs, European Depositary Receipts, or EDRs, and other types of depositary receipts are typically issued by non-U.S. banks or trust companies and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by either a U.S. or a non-U.S. company. Generally, depositary receipts in registered form are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets, and depositary receipts in bearer form are designed for use in securities markets outside of the United States. For purposes of determining the country of issuance, investments in depositary receipts of either type are deemed to be investments in the underlying securities.

## ILLIQUID SECURITIES

Under current Commission guidelines, the Portfolio limits its investments in illiquid securities to 15% of its net assets. The term “illiquid securities” for this purpose means securities that cannot be disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the amount the Portfolio has valued the securities. The Portfolio invests in illiquid securities and it may not be able to sell such securities and may not be able to realize their full value upon sale. Restricted securities (securities subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale) may be illiquid. Some restricted securities (such as securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) or certain commercial paper) may be treated as liquid, although they may be less liquid than registered securities traded on established secondary markets.

## INVESTMENT IN OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES

The Portfolio may invest in other investment companies as permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”) or the rules and regulations thereunder. If the Portfolio acquires shares in investment companies, shareholders would bear, indirectly, the expenses of such investment companies (which may include management and advisory fees), which are in addition to the Portfolio’s expenses. The Portfolio may also invest in exchange traded funds, subject to the restrictions and limitations of the 1940 Act.

## LOANS OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

For the purposes of achieving income, the Portfolio may make secured loans of portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and financial institutions, provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. Securities lending involves the possible loss of rights in the collateral or delay in the recovery of collateral if the borrower fails to return the securities loaned or becomes insolvent. When the Portfolio

lends securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the Portfolio will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. The Portfolio may pay reasonable finders', administrative, and custodial fees in connection with a loan.

### **SHORT SALES**

The Portfolio may make short sales as a part of overall portfolio management or to offset a potential decline in the value of a security. A short sale involves the sale of a security that the Portfolio does not own, or if the Portfolio owns the security, is not to be delivered upon consummation of the sale. When the Portfolio makes a short sale of a security that it does not own, it must borrow from a broker-dealer the security sold short and deliver the security to the broker-dealer upon conclusion of the short sale.

If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Portfolio replaces the borrowed security, the Portfolio will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Portfolio will realize a short-term capital gain. Although the Portfolio's gain is limited to the price at which it sold the security short, its potential loss is theoretically unlimited.

### **FOREIGN (NON-U.S.) SECURITIES**

Investing in foreign securities involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. The securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with the majority of market capitalization and trading volume concentrated in a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. If the Portfolio invests in foreign securities, it may experience greater price volatility and significantly lower liquidity than a portfolio invested solely in securities of U.S. companies. These markets may be subject to greater influence by adverse events generally affecting the market, and by large investors trading significant blocks of securities, than is usual in the United States.

Securities registration, custody, and settlement may in some instances be subject to delays and legal and administrative uncertainties. Foreign investment in the securities markets of certain foreign countries is restricted or controlled to varying degrees. These restrictions or controls may at times limit or preclude investment in certain securities and may increase the cost and expenses of the Portfolio. In addition, the repatriation of investment income, capital or the proceeds of sales of securities from certain countries is controlled under regulations, including in some cases the need for certain advance government notification or authority, and if a deterioration occurs in a country's balance of payments, the country could impose temporary restrictions on foreign capital remittances.

The Portfolio also could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for repatriation, as well as by the application to it of other restrictions on investment. Investing in local markets may require the Portfolio to adopt special procedures or seek local governmental approvals or other actions, any of which may involve additional costs to the Portfolio. These factors may affect

the liquidity of the Portfolio's investments in any country and the Adviser will monitor the effect of any such factor or factors on the Portfolio's investments. Transaction costs, including brokerage commissions for transactions both on and off the securities exchanges, in many foreign countries are generally higher than in the U.S.

Issuers of securities in foreign jurisdictions are generally not subject to the same degree of regulation as are U.S. issuers with respect to such matters as insider trading rules, restrictions on market manipulation, shareholder proxy requirements, and timely disclosure of information. The reporting, accounting, and auditing standards of foreign countries may differ, in some cases significantly, from U.S. standards in important respects, and less information may be available to investors in foreign securities than to investors in U.S. securities. Substantially less information is publicly available about certain non-U.S. issuers than is available about most U.S. issuers.

The economies of individual foreign countries may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product or gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency, and balance of payments position. Nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, currency blockage, political changes, government regulation, political or social instability, revolutions, wars or diplomatic developments could affect adversely the economy of a foreign country. In the event of nationalization, expropriation, or other confiscation, the Portfolio could lose its entire investment in securities in the country involved. In addition, laws in foreign countries governing business organizations, bankruptcy and insolvency may provide less protection to security holders such as the Portfolio than that provided by U.S. laws.

### **FOREIGN (NON-U.S.) CURRENCIES**

The Portfolio invests some portion of its assets in securities denominated in, and receives revenues in, foreign currencies and will be adversely affected by reductions in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. Dollar. Foreign currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly. They are determined by supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets, the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, and other complex factors. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks or by currency controls or political developments. In light of these risks, the Portfolio may engage in certain currency hedging transactions, as described above, which involve certain special risks. The Portfolio may also invest directly in foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes directly on a spot basis (*i.e.*, cash) or through derivative transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, futures and options thereon, swaps and options as described above. These investments will be subject to the same risks. In addition, currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time, causing the Portfolio's net asset value, or NAV, to fluctuate.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Portfolio may take advantage of other investment practices that are not currently contemplated for use by the Portfolio, or are not available but may yet be developed, to the extent such investment practices are consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective and legally permissible for the Portfolio. Such investment practices, if they arise, may involve risks that are different from or exceed those involved in the practices described above.

## **CHANGES IN INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The **AllianceBernstein® Variable Products Series (VPS) Fund's** (the "Fund") Board of Directors (the "Board") may change the Portfolio's investment objective without shareholder approval. The Portfolio will provide shareholders with 60 days' prior written notice of any change to the Portfolio's

investment objective. Unless otherwise noted, all other investment policies of the Portfolio may be changed without shareholder approval.

## **TEMPORARY DEFENSIVE POSITION**

For temporary defensive purposes to attempt to respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the Portfolio may invest in certain types of short-term, liquid, investment grade or high quality debt securities. While the Portfolio is investing for temporary defensive purposes, it may not meet its investment objectives.

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Portfolio's SAI includes a description of the policies and procedures that apply to disclosure of the Portfolio's portfolio holdings.

## INVESTING IN THE PORTFOLIO

### HOW TO BUY AND SELL SHARES

The Portfolio offers its shares through the separate accounts of life insurance companies (the “Insurers”). You may only purchase and sell shares through these separate accounts. See the prospectus of the separate account of the participating insurance company for information on the purchase and sale of the Portfolio’s shares. AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (“ABI”) may from time to time receive payments from Insurers in connection with the sale of the Portfolio’s shares through the Insurer’s separate accounts.

The purchase or sale of the Portfolio’s shares is priced at the next determined NAV after the order is received in proper form.

The Insurers maintain omnibus account arrangements with the Fund in respect of the Portfolio and place aggregate purchase, redemption and exchange orders for shares of the Portfolio corresponding to orders placed by the Insurer’s customers (“Contractholders”) who have purchased contracts from the Insurers, in each case, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant contract. Omnibus account arrangements maintained by the Insurers are discussed below under “Limitations on Ability to Detect and Curtail Excessive Trading Practices.”

ABI may refuse any order to purchase shares. The Portfolio reserves the right to suspend the sale of its shares to the public in response to conditions in the securities markets or for other reasons.

### PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Financial intermediaries, such as the Insurers, market and sell shares of the Portfolio and typically receive compensation for selling shares of the Portfolio. This compensation is paid from various sources.

Insurers or your financial intermediary receive compensation from the Portfolios, ABI and/or the Adviser in several ways from various sources, which include some or all of the following:

- defrayal of costs for educational seminars and training;
- additional distribution support; and
- payments related to providing Contractholder record-keeping and/or administrative services.

ABI and/or the Adviser may pay Insurers or other financial intermediaries to perform record-keeping and administrative services in connection with the Portfolio. Such payments will generally not exceed 0.35% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio attributable to the Insurer.

### Other Payments for Educational Support and Distribution Assistance

In addition to the fees described above, ABI, at its expense, currently provides additional payments to the Insurers that sell shares of the Portfolio. These sums include payments to

reimburse directly or indirectly the costs incurred by the Insurers and their employees in connection with educational seminars and training efforts about the Portfolio for the Insurers’ employees and/or their clients and potential clients. The costs and expenses associated with these efforts may include travel, lodging, entertainment and meals.

For 2010, ABI’s additional payments to these firms for educational support and distribution assistance related to the Portfolios are expected to be approximately \$400,000. In 2009, ABI paid additional payments of approximately \$400,000 for the Portfolios.

**If one mutual fund sponsor that offers shares to separate accounts of an Insurer makes greater distribution assistance payments than another, the Insurer may have an incentive to recommend or offer the shares of funds of one fund sponsor over another.**

**Please speak with your financial intermediary to learn more about the total amounts paid to your financial intermediary by the Adviser, ABI and by other mutual fund sponsors that offer shares to Insurers that may be recommended to you. You should also consult disclosures made by your financial intermediary at the time of purchase.**

As of the date of this Prospectus, ABI anticipates that the Insurers or their affiliates that will receive additional payments for educational support include:

AXA Advisors  
AIG SunAmerica  
Genworth Financial  
Lincoln Financial Distributors  
Merrill Lynch  
Pacific Life Insurance Co.  
Prudential  
RiverSource Distributors  
SunLife Financial  
Transamerica Capital

Although the Portfolio may use brokers and dealers who sell shares of the Portfolio to effect portfolio transactions, the Portfolio does not consider the sale of AllianceBernstein Mutual Fund shares as a factor when selecting brokers or dealers to effect portfolio transactions.

### FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The Fund’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) has adopted policies and procedures designed to detect and deter frequent purchases and redemptions of Portfolio shares or excessive or short-term trading that may disadvantage long-term Contractholders. These policies are described below. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will be able to detect excessive or

short-term trading and to identify Contractholders engaged in such practices, particularly with respect to transactions in omnibus accounts. Contractholders should be aware that application of these policies may have adverse consequences, as described below, and avoid frequent trading in Portfolio shares through purchases, sales and exchanges of shares. The Portfolio reserves the right to restrict, reject, or cancel, without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange order for any reason, including any purchase or exchange order accepted by any Insurer or a Contractholder's financial intermediary.

**Risks Associated With Excessive Or Short-Term Trading Generally.** While the Fund will try to prevent market timing by utilizing the procedures described below, these procedures may not be successful in identifying or stopping excessive or short-term trading in all circumstances. By realizing profits through short-term trading, Contractholders that engage in rapid purchases and sales or exchanges of the Portfolio's shares dilute the value of shares held by long-term Contractholders. Volatility resulting from excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of shares of the Portfolio, especially involving large dollar amounts, may disrupt efficient portfolio management. In particular, the Portfolio may have difficulty implementing its long-term investment strategies if it is forced to maintain a higher level of its assets in cash to accommodate significant short-term trading activity. Excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of shares of the Portfolio may force the Portfolio to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times to raise cash to accommodate short-term trading activity. In addition, the Portfolio may incur increased expenses if one or more Contractholders engage in excessive or short-term trading. For example, the Portfolio may be forced to liquidate investments as a result of short-term trading and incur increased brokerage costs without attaining any investment advantage. Similarly, the Portfolio may bear increased administrative costs due to asset level and investment volatility that accompanies patterns of short-term trading activity. All of these factors may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance.

Investments in foreign securities may be particularly susceptible to short-term trading strategies. This is because foreign securities are typically traded on markets that close well before the time the Portfolio calculates its NAV at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, which gives rise to the possibility that developments may have occurred in the interim that would affect the value of these securities. The time zone differences among international stock markets can allow a Contractholder engaging in a short-term trading strategy to exploit differences in share prices that are based on closing prices of foreign securities established some time before the Portfolio calculates its own share price (referred to as "time zone arbitrage"). The Portfolio has procedures, referred to as fair value pricing, designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign securities to reflect what is believed to be fair value of those securities at the time the Portfolio calculates its NAV. While there is no assurance, the Portfolio expects that the use of fair value pricing, in addition to the short-term trading policies discussed below, will significantly reduce a Contractholder's ability to engage in time zone arbitrage to the detriment of other Contractholders.

Contractholders engaging in a short-term trading strategy may also target a Portfolio that does not invest primarily in foreign securities. If the Portfolio invests in securities that are, among other things, thinly traded, traded infrequently, or relatively illiquid, it has the risk that the current market price for the securities may not accurately reflect current market values. Contractholders may seek to engage in short-term trading to take advantage of these pricing differences (referred to as "price arbitrage"). The Portfolio may be adversely affected by price arbitrage.

**Policy Regarding Short-Term Trading.** Purchases and exchanges of shares of the Portfolio should be made for investment purposes only. The Fund seeks to prevent patterns of excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of shares of the Portfolio. The Fund will seek to prevent such practices to the extent they are detected by the procedures described below. Insurers utilizing omnibus account arrangements may not identify to the Fund, ABI or ABIS Contractholders' transaction activity relating to shares of the Portfolio on an individual basis. Consequently, the Fund, ABI and ABIS may not be able to detect excessive or short-term trading in shares of the Portfolio attributable to a particular Contractholder who effects purchase and redemption and/or exchange activity in shares of the Portfolio through an Insurer acting in an omnibus capacity. In seeking to prevent excessive or short-term trading in shares of the Portfolio, including the maintenance of any transaction surveillance or account blocking procedures, the Fund, ABI and ABIS consider the information actually available to them at the time. The Fund reserves the right to modify this policy, including any surveillance or account blocking procedures established from time to time to effectuate this policy, at any time without notice.

- **Transaction Surveillance Procedures.** The Fund, through its agents, ABI and AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. ("ABIS"), maintains surveillance procedures to detect excessive or short-term trading in Portfolio shares. This surveillance process involves several factors, which include scrutinizing individual Insurer's omnibus transaction activity in Portfolio shares in order to seek to ascertain whether any such activity attributable to one or more Contractholders might constitute excessive or short-term trading. Insurer's omnibus transaction activity identified by these surveillance procedures, or as a result of any other information actually available at the time, will be evaluated to determine whether such activity might indicate excessive or short-term trading activity attributable to one or more Contractholders. These surveillance procedures may be modified from time to time, as necessary or appropriate to improve the detection of excessive or short-term trading or to address specific circumstances.
- **Account Blocking Procedures.** If the Fund determines, in its sole discretion, that a particular transaction or pattern of transactions identified by the transaction surveillance procedures described above is excessive or short-term trading in nature, the relevant Insurer's omnibus account(s) will be immediately "blocked" and no future purchase or exchange

activity will be permitted, except to the extent the Fund, ABI or ABIS has been informed in writing that the terms and conditions of a particular contract may limit the Fund's ability to apply its short-term trading policy to Contractholder activity as discussed below. As a result, any Contractholder seeking to engage through an Insurer in purchase or exchange activity in shares of the Portfolio under a particular contract will be prevented from doing so. However, sales of Portfolio shares back to the Portfolio or redemptions will continue to be permitted in accordance with the terms of the Portfolio's current Prospectus. In the event an account is blocked, certain account-related privileges, such as the ability to place purchase, sale and exchange orders over the internet or by phone, may also be suspended. As a result, unless the Contractholder redeems his or her shares, the Contractholder effectively may be "locked" into an investment in shares of one or more of the Portfolio that the Contractholder did not intend to hold on a long-term basis or that may not be appropriate for the Contractholder's risk profile. To rectify this situation, a Contractholder with a "blocked" account may be forced to redeem Portfolio shares, which could be costly if, for example, these shares have declined in value. To avoid this risk, a Contractholder should carefully monitor the purchases, sales, and exchanges of Portfolio shares and avoid frequent trading in Portfolio shares. An Insurer's omnibus account that is blocked will generally remain blocked unless and until the Insurer provides evidence or assurance acceptable to the Fund that one or more Contractholders did not or will not in the future engage in excessive or short-term trading.

- **Applications of Surveillance Procedures and Restrictions to Omnibus Accounts.** The Portfolio applies its surveillance procedures to Insurers. As required by Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") rules, the Portfolio has entered into agreements with all of its financial intermediaries that require the financial intermediaries to provide the Portfolio, upon the request of the Portfolio or its agents, with individual account level information about their transactions. If the Portfolio detects excessive trading through its monitoring of omnibus accounts, including trading at the individual account level, Insurers will also execute instructions from the Portfolio to take actions to curtail the activity, which may include applying blocks to account to prohibit future purchases and exchanges of Portfolio shares.

#### **HOW THE PORTFOLIO VALUES ITS SHARES**

The Portfolio's NAV is calculated at the close of regular trading on the Exchange (ordinarily, 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time), only on days when the Exchange is open for business. To calculate NAV, the Portfolio's assets are valued and totaled, liabilities are subtracted, and the balance, called net assets, is

divided by the number of shares outstanding. If the Portfolio invests in securities that are primarily traded on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the Portfolio does not price its shares, the NAV of the Portfolio's shares may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem their shares in the Portfolio.

The Portfolio values its securities at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations or, if market quotations are not readily available or are unreliable, at "fair value" as determined in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board. When the Portfolio uses fair value pricing, it may take into account any factors it deems appropriate. The Portfolio may determine fair value based upon developments related to a specific security, current valuations of foreign stock indices (as reflected in U.S. futures markets) and/or U.S. sector or broader stock market indices. The prices of securities used by the Portfolio to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

The Portfolio expects to use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded on U.S. exchanges only under very limited circumstances, such as the early closing of the exchange on which a security is traded or suspension of trading in the security. The Portfolio may use fair value pricing more frequently for securities primarily traded in foreign markets because, among other things, most foreign markets close well before the Portfolio values its securities at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim. For example, the Portfolio believes that foreign security values may be affected by events that occur after the close of foreign securities markets. To account for this, the Portfolio may frequently value many of its foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

Subject to the Board's oversight, the Board has delegated responsibility for valuing the Portfolio's assets to the Adviser. The Adviser has established a Valuation Committee, which operates under the policies and procedures approved by the Board, to value the Portfolio's assets on behalf of the Portfolio. The Valuation Committee values Portfolio assets as described above.

Your order for purchase, sale, or exchange of shares is priced at the next-determined NAV after your order is received in proper form by the Portfolio.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE PORTFOLIO

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Portfolio's adviser is AllianceBernstein L.P., 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10105. The Adviser is a leading international investment adviser managing client accounts with assets as of December 31, 2009, totaling more than \$496 billion (of which over \$76 billion represented assets of investment companies). As of December 31, 2009, the Adviser managed retirement assets for many of the largest public and private employee benefit plans (including 42 of the nation's FORTUNE 100 companies), for public employee retirement funds in 39 states, for investment companies, and for foundations, endowments, banks and insurance companies worldwide. Currently, there are 35 registered investment companies managed by the Adviser, comprising 110 separate investment portfolios, with approximately 3.5 million retail accounts.

The Adviser provides investment advisory services and order placement facilities for the Portfolio. For these advisory services, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, the Portfolio paid the Adviser as a percentage of average daily net assets .75%.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is available in the Portfolio's semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ending June 30, 2009.

The Adviser may act as an investment adviser to other persons, firms, or corporations, including investment companies, hedge funds, pension funds, and other institutional investors. The Adviser may receive management fees, including performance fees, that may be higher or lower than the advisory fees it receives from the Portfolio. Certain other clients of the Adviser may have investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Portfolio. The Adviser may, from time to time, make recommendations that result in the purchase or sale of a particular security by its other clients simultaneously with the Portfolio. If transactions on behalf of more than one client during the same period increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, there may be an adverse effect on price or quantity. It is the policy of the Adviser to allocate advisory recommendations and the placing of orders in a manner that is deemed equitable by the Adviser to the accounts involved, including the Portfolio. When two or more of the clients of the Adviser (including the Portfolio) are purchasing or selling the same security on a given day from the same broker-dealer, such transactions may be averaged as to price.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The management of, and investment decisions for, the Portfolio is made by the Adviser's Small Cap Growth Investment Team. The Small Cap Growth Investment Team relies heavily on the fundamental analysis and research of the Adviser's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for making recommendations for the Portfolio's portfolio.

The following table lists the persons within the Small Cap Growth Investment Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolio's portfolio, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolio, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| <b>Employee; Year; Title</b>   | <b>Principal Occupation During The Past Five (5) Years</b>   |
|--|--|
| Bruce K. Aronow; since 2000;<br>Senior Vice President of the Adviser and<br>Small Cap Growth Team Leader | Senior Vice President of the Adviser, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position as a portfolio manager since prior to 2005.  |
| N. Kumar Kirpalani; since 2005;<br>Senior Vice President of the Adviser                                  | Senior Vice President of the Adviser, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position as a portfolio manager since prior to 2005.  |
| Samantha S. Lau; since 2005;<br>Senior Vice President of the Adviser                                     | Senior Vice President of the Adviser, with which she has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to her current position as a portfolio manager since prior to 2005.   |
| Wen-Tse Tseng; since 2006;<br>Vice President of the Adviser  | Vice President of the Adviser, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position as a portfolio manager since March 2006. Prior thereto, he was the healthcare-sector portfolio manager for the small-cap growth team at William D. Witter from September 2003 to February 2006. He also worked at Weiss, Peck & Greer, managing the healthcare-sector with the same team with which he worked at William D. Witter, from April 2002 to August 2003. |

Additional information about the portfolio managers may be found in the Fund's SAI.

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On October 2, 2003, a purported class action complaint entitled *Hindo et al. v. AllianceBernstein Growth & Income Fund et al.* (the "Hindo Complaint") was filed against the Adviser; AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding"); AllianceBernstein Corporation; AXA Financial, Inc.; the AllianceBernstein Mutual Funds, certain officers of the Adviser ("AllianceBernstein defendants"); and certain other unaffiliated defendants, as well as unnamed Doe defendants. The Hindo Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by alleged shareholders of two of the AllianceBernstein Mutual Funds. The Hindo Complaint alleges that certain of the Alliance defendants failed to disclose that they improperly allowed certain hedge funds and other unidentified parties to engage in "late trading" and "market timing" of AllianceBernstein Mutual Fund securities, violating Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and Sections 206 and 215 of the Investment Advisers Act of

1940. Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and rescission of their contracts with the Adviser, including recovery of all fees paid to the Adviser pursuant to such contracts.

Following October 2, 2003, additional lawsuits making factual allegations generally similar to those in the Hindo Complaint were filed in various federal and state courts against the Adviser and certain other defendants. On September 29, 2004, plaintiffs filed consolidated amended complaints with respect to four claim types: mutual fund shareholder claims; mutual fund derivative claims; derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding; and claims brought under ERISA by participants in the Profit Sharing Plan for Employees of the Adviser. All four complaints include substantially identical factual allegations, which appear to be based in large part on the Order of the Commission dated December 18, 2003 as amended and restated January 15, 2004 and the New York State Attorney General Assurance of Discontinuance dated September 1, 2004.

On April 21, 2006, the Adviser and attorneys for the plaintiffs in the mutual fund shareholder claims, mutual fund derivative claims, and ERISA claims entered into a confidential memorandum of understanding containing their agreement to settle these claims. The agreement will be documented by a stipulation of settlement and will be submitted for court approval at a later date. The settlement amount (\$30 million), which the Adviser previously accrued and disclosed, has been disbursed. The derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding, in which plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of damages, remain pending.

It is possible that these matters and or other developments resulting from these matters could result in increased redemptions of the affected fund's shares or other adverse consequences to those funds. This may require those funds to sell investments to provide for sufficient liquidity and could also have an adverse effect on the investment performance of the Portfolio. However, the Adviser believes that these matters are not likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform advisory services relating to those funds or the Portfolio.

## DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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The Portfolio declares dividends on its shares at least annually. The income and capital gains distribution will be made in shares of the Portfolio.

See the prospectus of the separate account of the participating insurance company for federal income tax information.

Investment income received by the Portfolio from sources within foreign countries may be subject to foreign income

taxes withheld at the source. Provided that certain requirements are met, the Portfolio may “pass-through” to its shareholders credits or deductions to foreign income taxes paid. Non-U.S. investors may not be able to credit or deduct such foreign taxes.

## GLOSSARY

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**Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index** measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses or taxes.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the past 5 years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single share of a class of the Portfolio. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The total returns in the table do not take into account separate account charges. If separate account charges were included, an investor's returns would have been lower. This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Portfolio, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, are included in the Portfolio's annual report, which is available upon request.

### AllianceBernstein Small Cap Growth Portfolio

|  | Year Ended December 31, |           |          |          |          |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|  | 2009                    | 2008      | 2007     | 2006     | 2005     |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 8.43                 | \$ 15.48  | \$ 13.57 | \$ 12.26 | \$ 11.65 |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>                           |                         |           |          |          |          |
| Net investment loss(a)   | (.13)                   | (.13)     | (.12)    | (.12)    | (.11)    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 3.65                    | (6.92)    | 2.03     | 1.43     | .72      |
| Contributions from Adviser   | —0—                     | 0.00(b)   | —0—      | —0—      | —0—      |
| Net increase (decrease) in net asset value from operations         | 3.52                    | (7.05)    | 1.91     | 1.31     | .61      |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 11.95                | \$ 8.43   | \$ 15.48 | \$ 13.57 | \$ 12.26 |
| <b>Total Return</b>  |                         |           |          |          |          |
| Total investment return based on net asset value(c)                | 41.76%*                 | (45.54)%* | 14.08%   | 10.69%   | 5.24%    |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                         |           |          |          |          |
| Net assets, end of period (000's omitted)                          | \$22,876                | \$18,003  | \$39,867 | \$48,498 | \$49,453 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                         |           |          |          |          |
| Expenses   | 1.62%                   | 1.32%     | 1.20%    | 1.16%(d) | 1.18%    |
| Net investment loss  | (1.33)                  | (1.02)%   | (.81)%   | (.90%(d) | (.93)%   |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 106%                    | 129%      | 88%      | 76%      | 90%      |

Footnotes:

(a) Based on average shares outstanding.

(b) Amount is less than 0.005.

(c) Total investment return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the NAV at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at the NAV during the period, and redemption on the last day of the period. Total return does not reflect (i) insurance company's separate account related expense charges and (ii) the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or the redemption of Portfolio shares. Total investment return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

(d) The ratio includes expenses attributable to costs of proxy solicitation.

\* Includes the impact of proceeds received and credited to the Portfolio resulting from class action settlements, which enhanced the performance for the years ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 by 0.28% and 0.40%, respectively.

## APPENDIX A

### Hypothetical Investment and Expense Information

The settlement agreement between the Adviser and the New York Attorney General requires the Fund to include the following supplemental hypothetical investment information that provides additional information calculated and presented in a manner different from expense information found under “Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio” in this Prospectus about the effect of the Portfolio’s expenses, including investment advisory fees and other Portfolio costs, on the Portfolio’s returns over a 10-year period. The chart shows the estimated expenses that would be charged on a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in Class A shares of the Portfolio assuming a 5% return each year. Except as otherwise indicated, the chart also assumes that the current annual expense ratio stays the same throughout the 10-year period. The current annual expense ratio for the Portfolio is the same as stated under “Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio.” There are additional fees and expenses associated with variable products. These fees can include mortality and expense risk charges, administrative charges, and other charges that can significantly affect expenses. These fees and expenses are not reflected in the following expense information. Your actual expenses may be higher or lower.

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| Year       | Hypothetical Investment | Hypothetical Performance Earnings | Investment After Returns | Hypothetical Expenses | Hypothetical Ending Investment |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1          | \$10,000.00             | \$ 500.00                         | \$10,500.00              | \$ 170.10             | \$10,329.90                    |
| 2          | 10,329.90               | 516.50                            | 10,846.40                | 175.71                | 10,670.68                      |
| 3          | 10,670.68               | 533.53                            | 11,204.22                | 181.51                | 11,022.71                      |
| 4          | 11,022.71               | 551.14                            | 11,573.84                | 187.50                | 11,386.35                      |
| 5          | 11,386.35               | 569.32                            | 11,955.67                | 193.68                | 11,761.98                      |
| 6          | 11,761.98               | 588.10                            | 12,350.08                | 200.07                | 12,150.01                      |
| 7          | 12,150.01               | 607.50                            | 12,757.51                | 206.67                | 12,550.84                      |
| 8          | 12,550.84               | 627.54                            | 13,178.38                | 213.49                | 12,964.89                      |
| 9          | 12,964.89               | 648.24                            | 13,613.14                | 220.53                | 13,392.60                      |
| 10         | 13,392.60               | 669.63                            | 14,062.24                | 227.81                | 13,834.43                      |
| Cumulative |                         | \$5,811.50                        |                          | \$1,977.07            |                                |

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For more information about the Portfolio, the following documents are available upon request:

• **ANNUAL/SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONTRACTHOLDERS**

The Portfolio's annual and semi-annual reports to Contractholders contain additional information on the Portfolio's investments. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal year.

• **STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SAI)**

The Fund has an SAI, which contains more detailed information about the Portfolio, including its operations and investment policies. The Fund's SAI and the independent registered public accounting firm's report and financial statements in the Portfolio's most recent annual report to Contractholders are incorporated by reference into (and are legally part of) this Prospectus.

You may request a free copy of the current annual/semi-annual report or the SAI, or make inquiries concerning the Portfolio, by contacting your broker or other financial intermediary, or by contacting the Adviser:

**By Mail:** AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 786003  
San Antonio, TX 78278-6003

**By Phone:** For Information: (800) 221-5672  
For Literature: (800) 227-4618

Or you may view or obtain these documents from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"):

- Call the Commission at 1-202-551-8090 for information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.
- Reports and other information about the Fund are available on the EDGAR Database on the Commission's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.
- Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing to the Commission's Public Reference Section, Washington DC 20549-1520.

You also may find more information about the Adviser and the Portfolios on the Internet at: [www.alliancebernstein.com](http://www.alliancebernstein.com).

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