

# Annual Report

December 31, 2020

## VP Ultra<sup>®</sup> Fund

Class I (AVPUX)

Class II (AVPSX)



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# Performance

Total Returns as of December 31, 2020

	Ticker Symbol	Average Annual Returns			Inception Date
		1 year	5 years	10 years	
<b>Class I</b>	AVPUX	49.85%	22.89%	17.86%	5/1/01
<b>Russell 1000 Growth Index</b>	—	38.49%	20.97%	17.19%	—
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	—	18.40%	15.20%	13.87%	—
<b>Class II</b>	AVPSX	49.55%	22.72%	17.68%	5/1/02

Fund returns would have been lower if a portion of the fees had not been waived. Extraordinary performance is attributable in part to unusually favorable market conditions and may not be repeated or consistently achieved in the future.

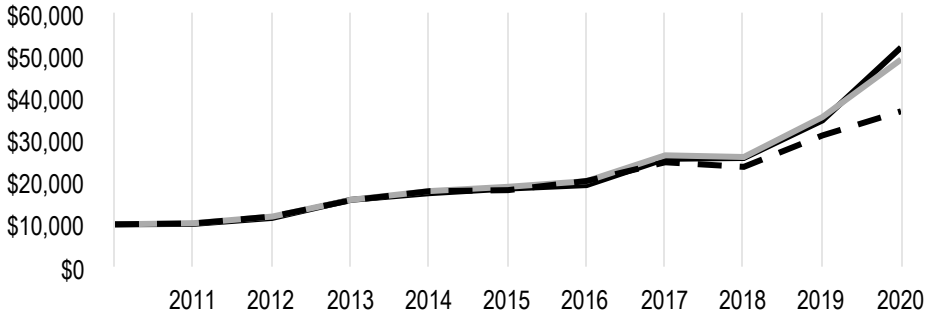
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**Growth of \$10,000 Over 10 Years**

**\$10,000 investment made December 31, 2010**

Performance for other share classes will vary due to differences in fee structure.



Value on December 31, 2020

- Class I — \$51,772
- Russell 1000 Growth Index — \$48,929
- - - S&P 500 Index — \$36,700

Ending value of Class I would have been lower if a portion of the fees had not been waived.

**Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses**

Class I	Class II
1.01%	1.16%

The total annual fund operating expenses shown is as stated in the fund's prospectus current as of the date of this report. The prospectus may vary from the expense ratio shown elsewhere in this report because it is based on a different time period, includes acquired fund fees and expenses, and, if applicable, does not include fee waivers or expense reimbursements.

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# Portfolio Commentary

**Portfolio Managers: Keith Lee, Michael Li and Jeff Bourke**

## **Performance Summary**

VP Ultra returned 49.55%\* for the 12 months ended December 31, 2020, outpacing the 38.49% return of the fund's benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

U.S. stocks delivered strong returns during the reporting period, which was marked by extreme volatility. Stocks initially rose to all-time highs in February, before the COVID-19 pandemic and measures to combat it led to the first recession and bear market in stocks since the 2008-09 financial crisis. Massive monetary and fiscal stimulus helped support the economy and markets, and stocks recovered the ground lost earlier, with some indices ending the year at record highs. Within the Russell 1000 Growth Index, consumer discretionary and information technology led the benchmark's performance. At the other end of the spectrum, the energy sector struggled with the declining price of oil amid a sharp slowdown in economic growth and falling energy demand.

Stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector contributed most to outperformance relative to the benchmark. Stock decisions in the information technology sector were also helpful. An overweight allocation to energy detracted fractionally from relative performance.

## **Consumer Discretionary Stocks Were Top Contributors**

The automobiles industry led outperformance in the consumer discretionary sector. The leading contribution to relative performance came from electric car company Tesla, which benefited from solid fundamental reports and strong demand for its vehicles. The company reported better-than-expected production numbers, and the stock received a boost late in the year when it was added to the S&P 500 Index. Other notable individual contributors in the sector included a position in fast-casual restaurant chain Chipotle Mexican Grill. The company is demonstrating improving fundamentals thanks to a renewed focus on innovation, not only in food but also in areas such as mobile ordering, a second make-line, delivery, drive-through and digital pickup areas.

In the information technology sector, Square was a top performer on optimism about continued growth trends in its cash app business and its merchant-based business showing signs of stabilizing after being negatively impacted by the COVID-19 virus. DocuSign was a key contributor. The cloud-based electronic signature company outperformed as e-signatures and digital document management become increasingly mainstream. The stock is benefiting from a secular trend toward spending on productivity-enhancement tools. Canada-based e-commerce firm Shopify outperformed after reporting record earnings. The company also announced a partnership with Walmart, which could boost sales. The stock price of PayPal Holdings, the leader in online payments, continued to benefit from the secular shift toward digital transactions.

## **Energy Detracted Fractionally From Performance**

We have only one holding in the energy sector. EOG Resources detracted as the stock price of this leading oil and gas exploration and production company fell along with the price of crude oil amid weakening demand due to the pandemic.

\*All fund returns referenced in this commentary are for Class II shares. Fund returns would have been lower if a portion of the fees had not been waived. Performance for other share classes will vary due to differences in fee structure; when Class II performance exceeds that of the fund's benchmark, other share classes may not. See page 2 for returns for all share classes.

Other individual detractors from relative performance included chipmaker NVIDIA. We did not own the stock, which is a benchmark component. The company reported strong results and raised guidance due to strength in its data center and gaming businesses. Digital payment companies Mastercard and Visa underperformed as transaction volumes declined along with economic activity. Revenues declined further because of weakness in cross-border transactions as a result of pandemic-related travel restrictions.

## **Outlook**

We remain confident in our belief that high-quality companies with a capability for sustained long-term growth can outperform over time. Our portfolio positioning reflects where we are finding attractive, well-run companies as a result of the application of that philosophy and process.

As of December 31, 2020, the largest sector overweights relative to the benchmark were in the consumer discretionary and communication services sectors. We believe our consumer discretionary companies with dominant global brands or which are leveraging technology to drive expansion offer attractive, sustainable growth going forward. In particular, we see many companies in the sector benefiting from digital transformation and online growth of their businesses. The communication services sector encompasses entertainment and communication stocks, including large portfolio holdings Facebook and Google parent Alphabet.

The portfolio's largest underweight was in the health care sector. Although the portfolio had lighter exposure than the benchmark, we believe that many segments of the health care industry are primed for a golden age of innovation and positive social impact. Indeed, we think select companies in the sector are uniquely positioned to address a number of profound social and medical problems. The sector's rapid, effective response to the pandemic is important proof of this concept. Our information technology holdings were underweight relative to the benchmark. However, the sector represented our largest absolute position. We continued to find an abundance of high-quality, well-run companies benefiting from powerful secular trends.

# Fund Characteristics

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Top Ten Holdings	% of net assets
Apple, Inc.	11.8%
Amazon.com, Inc.	7.3%
Alphabet, Inc.*	5.7%
Microsoft Corp.	5.1%
Mastercard, Inc., Class A	4.6%
Tesla, Inc.	4.4%
Visa, Inc., Class A	4.2%
Facebook, Inc., Class A	4.0%
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	3.2%
PayPal Holdings, Inc.	3.2%

\*Includes all classes of the issuer held by the fund.

Top Five Industries	% of net assets
IT Services	15.9%
Technology Hardware, Storage and Peripherals	11.8%
Software	11.6%
Interactive Media and Services	10.4%
Internet and Direct Marketing Retail	7.3%

Types of Investments in Portfolio	% of net assets
Common Stocks	99.2%
Exchange-Traded Funds	0.5%
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>99.7%</b>
Temporary Cash Investments	0.3%
Other Assets and Liabilities	—*

\*Category is less than 0.05% of total net assets.



# Shareholder Fee Example

Fund shareholders may incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments and redemption/exchange fees; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees; distribution and service (12b-1) fees; and other fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

## Actual Expenses

The table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses for each class. You may use the information, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. First, identify the share class you own. Then simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

## Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The table also provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the actual expense ratio of each class of your fund and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the actual return of a fund's share class. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in your fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads) or redemption/exchange fees. Therefore, the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 7/1/20	Ending Account Value 12/31/20	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>(1)</sup> 7/1/20 - 12/31/20	Annualized Expense Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Actual</b>				
Class I	\$1,000	\$1,306.10	\$4.64	0.80%
Class II	\$1,000	\$1,304.20	\$5.50	0.95%
<b>Hypothetical</b>				
Class I	\$1,000	\$1,021.12	\$4.06	0.80%
Class II	\$1,000	\$1,020.36	\$4.82	0.95%

- (1) Expenses are equal to the class's annualized expense ratio listed in the table above, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184, the number of days in the most recent fiscal half-year, divided by 366, to reflect the one-half year period. Annualized expense ratio reflects actual expenses, including any applicable fee waivers or expense reimbursements and excluding any acquired fund fees and expenses.

# Schedule of Investments

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	Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS — 99.2%</b>		
<b>Automobiles — 4.4%</b>		
Tesla, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	18,500	\$ 13,054,896
<b>Banks — 1.0%</b>		
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	17,090	2,171,626
U.S. Bancorp	15,510	722,611
		2,894,237
<b>Beverages — 1.2%</b>		
Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A	15,610	3,419,371
<b>Biotechnology — 2.2%</b>		
Biogen, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,170	1,755,646
Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	11,830	668,868
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,830	4,265,862
		6,690,376
<b>Capital Markets — 1.2%</b>		
MSCI, Inc.	8,190	3,657,081
<b>Chemicals — 0.6%</b>		
Ecolab, Inc.	8,360	1,808,770
<b>Commercial Services and Supplies — 0.4%</b>		
Copart, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,340	1,061,265
<b>Electrical Equipment — 0.6%</b>		
Acuity Brands, Inc.	5,280	639,355
Rockwell Automation, Inc.	4,410	1,106,072
		1,745,427
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments and Components — 0.7%</b>		
Cognex Corp.	11,070	888,755
Keyence Corp.	2,000	1,125,565
		2,014,320
<b>Entertainment — 3.2%</b>		
Netflix, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,830	4,774,646
Roku, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	4,550	1,510,691
Walt Disney Co. (The) <sup>(1)</sup>	18,670	3,382,630
		9,667,967
<b>Food and Staples Retailing — 1.6%</b>		
Costco Wholesale Corp.	12,780	4,815,248
<b>Health Care Equipment and Supplies — 5.6%</b>		
ABIOMED, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	1,680	544,656
DexCom, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	4,080	1,508,458
Edwards Lifesciences Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	37,350	3,407,440
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,100	2,549,337
Intuitive Surgical, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	9,710	7,943,751
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,360	608,525
		16,562,167
<b>Health Care Providers and Services — 3.2%</b>		
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	27,550	9,661,234
<b>Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure — 3.6%</b>		
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,870	5,366,568
Starbucks Corp.	36,460	3,900,491

	Shares	Value
Wingstop, Inc.	10,310	\$ 1,366,590
		10,633,649
<b>Household Products — 1.0%</b>		
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	34,670	2,964,632
<b>Interactive Media and Services — 10.4%</b>		
Alphabet, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	4,320	7,571,405
Alphabet, Inc., Class C <sup>(1)</sup>	5,290	9,267,445
Facebook, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	43,790	11,961,676
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	30,400	2,221,244
		31,021,770
<b>Internet and Direct Marketing Retail — 7.3%</b>		
Amazon.com, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,640	21,626,015
<b>IT Services — 15.9%</b>		
Adyen NV <sup>(1)</sup>	870	2,024,410
Mastercard, Inc., Class A	37,970	13,553,012
PayPal Holdings, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	40,450	9,473,390
Shopify, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	3,660	4,142,937
Square, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	25,810	5,617,288
Visa, Inc., Class A	57,280	12,528,855
		47,339,892
<b>Machinery — 1.7%</b>		
Donaldson Co., Inc.	11,040	616,915
Nordson Corp.	5,330	1,071,064
Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp.	22,920	1,677,744
Yaskawa Electric Corp.	32,300	1,609,168
		4,974,891
<b>Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels — 0.4%</b>		
EOG Resources, Inc.	24,090	1,201,368
<b>Personal Products — 1.4%</b>		
Estee Lauder Cos., Inc. (The), Class A	15,880	4,227,097
<b>Road and Rail — 0.8%</b>		
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	17,840	2,437,836
<b>Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment — 2.5%</b>		
Analog Devices, Inc.	21,170	3,127,444
Applied Materials, Inc.	21,450	1,851,135
Xilinx, Inc.	17,990	2,550,442
		7,529,021
<b>Software — 11.6%</b>		
DocuSign, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	23,440	5,210,712
Fair Isaac Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,040	1,553,561
Microsoft Corp.	68,500	15,235,770
Paycom Software, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,200	2,351,700
salesforce.com, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	40,590	9,032,493
Zoom Video Communications, Inc., Class A <sup>(1)</sup>	3,240	1,092,917
		34,477,153
<b>Specialty Retail — 2.8%</b>		
Ross Stores, Inc.	23,580	2,895,860
TJX Cos., Inc. (The)	78,850	5,384,666
		8,280,526
<b>Technology Hardware, Storage and Peripherals — 11.8%</b>		
Apple, Inc.	265,800	35,269,002
<b>Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods — 2.1%</b>		
lululemon athletica, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,380	1,176,342

	Shares	Value
NIKE, Inc., Class B	36,790	\$ 5,204,681
		6,381,023
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b> (Cost \$70,312,424)		<b>295,416,234</b>
<b>EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS — 0.5%</b>		
iShares Russell 1000 Growth ETF (Cost \$1,437,459)	6,130	<b>1,478,188</b>
<b>TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS — 0.3%</b>		
Repurchase Agreement, BMO Capital Markets Corp., (collateralized by various U.S. Treasury obligations, 1.125% - 3.75%, 11/30/23 - 11/15/43, valued at \$396,848), in a joint trading account at 0.06%, dated 12/31/20, due 1/4/21 (Delivery value \$388,756)		388,753
Repurchase Agreement, Fixed Income Clearing Corp., (collateralized by various U.S. Treasury obligations, 1.25%, 5/15/50, valued at \$493,766), at 0.06%, dated 12/31/20, due 1/4/21 (Delivery value \$484,003)		484,000
State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Premier Class	387	387
<b>TOTAL TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS</b> (Cost \$873,140)		<b>873,140</b>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES — 100.0%</b> (Cost \$72,623,023)		<b>297,767,562</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES<sup>†</sup></b>		<b>8,460</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS — 100.0%</b>		<b>\$ 297,776,022</b>

#### FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS

Currency Purchased	Currency Sold	Counterparty	Settlement Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
USD 1,291,542	EUR 1,051,830	Credit Suisse AG	3/31/21	\$ 4,085
USD 62,094	EUR 50,612	Credit Suisse AG	3/31/21	143
USD 867,277	JPY 89,945,275	Bank of America N.A.	3/31/21	(4,705)
USD 55,570	JPY 5,752,775	Bank of America N.A.	3/31/21	(201)
				<u>\$ (678)</u>

#### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

EUR - Euro  
 JPY - Japanese Yen  
 USD - United States Dollar

† Category is less than 0.05% of total net assets.

(1) Non-income producing.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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## **Assets**

Investment securities, at value (cost of \$72,623,023)	\$ 297,767,562
Receivable for capital shares sold	798,743
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts	4,228
Dividends and interest receivable	12,607
	298,583,140

## **Liabilities**

Disbursements in excess of demand deposit cash	28
Payable for capital shares redeemed	582,633
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts	4,906
Accrued management fees	177,863
Distribution fees payable	41,688
	807,118

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 297,776,022</b>
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## **Net Assets Consist of:**

Capital (par value and paid-in surplus)	\$ 52,249,444
Distributable earnings	245,526,578
	\$ 297,776,022

	Net Assets	Shares Outstanding	Net Asset Value Per Share
Class I, \$0.01 Par Value	\$96,249,246	3,502,896	\$27.48
Class II, \$0.01 Par Value	\$201,526,776	7,532,283	\$26.76

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Statement of Operations

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

## **Investment Income (Loss)**

**Income:**

Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$2,017)	\$	1,497,879
Interest		3,570
Securities lending, net		356
		1,501,805

**Expenses:**

Management fees		2,238,551
Distribution fees - Class II		426,787
Directors' fees and expenses		7,535
Other expenses		4,097
		2,676,970
Fees waived <sup>(1)</sup>		(493,223)
		2,183,747
<b>Net investment income (loss)</b>		<b>(681,942)</b>

## **Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

**Net realized gain (loss) on:**

Investment transactions		21,798,028
Forward foreign currency exchange contract transactions		(106,802)
Foreign currency translation transactions		441
		21,691,667

**Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:**

Investments		80,054,264
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts		3,542
		80,057,806

**Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)** 101,749,473

**Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations** **\$ 101,067,531**

(1) Amount consists of \$143,919 and \$349,304 for Class I and Class II, respectively.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECEMBER 31, 2019

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Operations</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (681,942)	\$ (257,310)
Net realized gain (loss)	21,691,667	22,095,177
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	80,057,806	38,708,962
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>101,067,531</u>	<u>60,546,829</u>
<b>Distributions to Shareholders</b>		
From earnings:		
Class I	(5,711,976)	(5,458,501)
Class II	(15,862,119)	(17,568,597)
Decrease in net assets from distributions	<u>(21,574,095)</u>	<u>(23,027,098)</u>
<b>Capital Share Transactions</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions (Note 5)	<u>2,167,599</u>	<u>(6,734,932)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>81,661,035</b>	<b>30,784,799</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning of period	216,114,987	185,330,188
End of period	<u>\$ 297,776,022</u>	<u>\$ 216,114,987</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Notes to Financial Statements

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## 1. Organization

American Century Variable Portfolios, Inc. (the corporation) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as an open-end management investment company and is organized as a Maryland corporation. VP Ultra Fund (the fund) is one fund in a series issued by the corporation. The fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital growth. The fund offers Class I and Class II.

## 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the fund in preparation of its financial statements. The fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This may require management to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Management evaluated the impact of events or transactions occurring through the date the financial statements were issued that would merit recognition or disclosure.

**Investment Valuations** — The fund determines the fair value of its investments and computes its net asset value (NAV) per share at the close of regular trading (usually 4 p.m. Eastern time) on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on each day the NYSE is open. The Board of Directors has adopted valuation policies and procedures to guide the investment advisor in the fund's investment valuation process and to provide methodologies for the oversight of the fund's pricing function.

Equity securities that are listed or traded on a domestic securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price or at the official closing price as provided by the exchange. Equity securities traded on foreign securities exchanges are generally valued at the closing price of such securities on the exchange where primarily traded or at the close of the NYSE, if that is earlier. If no last sales price is reported, or if local convention or regulation so provides, the mean of the latest bid and asked prices may be used. Securities traded over-the-counter are valued at the mean of the latest bid and asked prices, the last sales price, or the official closing price. Equity securities initially expressed in local currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean of the appropriate currency exchange rate at the close of the NYSE as provided by an independent pricing service.

Open-end management investment companies are valued at the reported NAV per share. Repurchase agreements are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts are valued at the mean of the appropriate forward exchange rate at the close of the NYSE as provided by an independent pricing service.

If the fund determines that the market price for an investment is not readily available or the valuation methods mentioned above do not reflect an investment's fair value, such investment is valued as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors or its delegate, in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. In its determination of fair value, the fund may review several factors including, but not limited to, market information regarding the specific investment or comparable investments and correlation with other investment types, futures indices or general market indicators. Circumstances that may cause the fund to use these procedures to value an investment include, but are not limited to: an investment has been declared in default or is distressed; trading in a security has been suspended during the trading day or a security is not actively trading on its principal exchange; prices received from a regular pricing source are deemed unreliable; or there is a foreign market holiday and no trading occurred.

The fund monitors for significant events occurring after the close of an investment's primary exchange but before the fund's NAV per share is determined. Significant events may include, but are not limited to: corporate announcements and transactions; governmental action and political unrest that could impact a specific investment or an investment sector; or armed conflicts, natural disasters and similar events that could affect investments in a specific country or region. The fund also monitors for significant fluctuations between domestic and foreign markets, as evidenced by the U.S. market or such other indicators that the Board of Directors, or its delegate, deems appropriate. The fund may apply a model-derived factor to the closing price of equity securities traded on foreign securities exchanges. The factor is based on observable market data as provided by an independent pricing service.



**Security Transactions** — Security transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Net realized gains and losses are determined on the identified cost basis, which is also used for federal income tax purposes.

**Investment Income** — Dividend income less foreign taxes withheld, if any, is recorded as of the ex-dividend date. Distributions received on securities that represent a return of capital or long-term capital gain are recorded as a reduction of cost of investments and/or as a realized gain. The fund may estimate the components of distributions received that may be considered nontaxable distributions or long-term capital gain distributions for income tax purposes. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Securities lending income is net of fees and rebates earned by the lending agent for its services.

**Foreign Currency Translations** — All assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at prevailing exchange rates at period end. The fund may enter into spot foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions denominated in a foreign currency. Purchases and sales of investment securities, dividend and interest income, spot foreign currency exchange contracts, and expenses are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized and unrealized foreign currency exchange gains or losses related to investment securities are a component of net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions and change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, respectively.

**Repurchase Agreements** — The fund may enter into repurchase agreements with institutions that American Century Investment Management, Inc. (ACIM) (the investment advisor) has determined are creditworthy pursuant to criteria adopted by the Board of Directors. The fund requires that the collateral, represented by securities, received in a repurchase transaction be transferred to the custodian in a manner sufficient to enable the fund to obtain those securities in the event of a default under the repurchase agreement. ACIM monitors, on a daily basis, the securities transferred to ensure the value, including accrued interest, of the securities under each repurchase agreement is equal to or greater than amounts owed to the fund under each repurchase agreement.

**Joint Trading Account** — Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the fund, along with certain other funds in the American Century Investments family of funds, may transfer uninvested cash balances into a joint trading account. These balances are invested in one or more repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Treasury or Agency obligations.

**Segregated Assets** — In accordance with the 1940 Act, the fund segregates assets on its books and records to cover certain types of investment securities and other financial instruments. ACIM monitors, on a daily basis, the securities segregated to ensure the fund designates a sufficient amount of liquid assets, marked-to-market daily. The fund may also receive assets or be required to pledge assets at the custodian bank or with a broker for collateral requirements.

**Income Tax Status** — It is the fund's policy to distribute substantially all net investment income and net realized gains to shareholders and to otherwise qualify as a regulated investment company under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes. The fund files U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax returns as applicable. The fund's tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant taxing authority until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, which is generally three years from the date of filing but can be longer in certain jurisdictions. At this time, management believes there are no uncertain tax positions which, based on their technical merit, would not be sustained upon examination and for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

**Multiple Class** — All shares of the fund represent an equal pro rata interest in the net assets of the class to which such shares belong, and have identical voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights and the same terms and conditions, except for class specific expenses and exclusive rights to vote on matters affecting only individual classes. Income, non-class specific expenses, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses of the fund are allocated to each class of shares based on their relative net assets.

**Distributions to Shareholders** — Distributions from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are generally declared and paid annually.

**Indemnifications** — Under the corporation's organizational documents, its officers and directors are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against a fund. The risk of material loss from such claims is considered by management to be remote.

**Securities Lending** — Securities are lent to qualified financial institutions and brokers. State Street Bank & Trust Co. serves as securities lending agent to the fund pursuant to a Securities Lending Agreement. The lending of securities exposes the fund to risks such as: the borrowers may fail to return the loaned securities, the borrowers may not be able to provide additional collateral, the fund may experience delays in recovery of the loaned securities or delays in access to collateral, or the fund may experience losses related to the investment collateral. To minimize certain risks, loan counterparties pledge collateral in the form of cash and/or securities. The lending agent has agreed to indemnify the fund in the case of default of any securities borrowed. Cash collateral received is invested in the State Street Navigator Securities Lending Government Money Market Portfolio, a money market mutual fund registered under the 1940 Act. The loans may also be secured by U.S. government securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned, plus accrued interest and dividends, determined on a daily basis and adjusted accordingly. By lending securities, the fund seeks to increase its net investment income through the receipt of interest and fees. Such income is reflected separately within the Statement of Operations. The value of loaned securities and related collateral outstanding at period end, if any, are shown on a gross basis within the Schedule of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

### 3. Fees and Transactions with Related Parties

Certain officers and directors of the corporation are also officers and/or directors of American Century Companies, Inc. (ACC). The corporation's investment advisor, ACIM, the corporation's distributor, American Century Investment Services, Inc. (ACIS), and the corporation's transfer agent, American Century Services, LLC, are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by ACC.

**Management Fees** — The corporation has entered into a management agreement with ACIM, under which ACIM provides the fund with investment advisory and management services in exchange for a single, unified management fee (the fee) per class. The agreement provides that ACIM will pay all expenses of managing and operating the fund, except brokerage expenses, taxes, interest, fees and expenses of the independent directors (including legal counsel fees), extraordinary expenses, and expenses incurred in connection with the provision of shareholder services and distribution services under a plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The fee is computed and accrued daily based on each class's daily net assets and paid monthly in arrears. The difference in the fee among the classes is a result of their separate arrangements for non-Rule 12b-1 shareholder services. It is not the result of any difference in advisory or custodial fees or other expenses related to the management of the fund's assets, which do not vary by class. The rate of the fee is determined by applying a fee rate calculation formula. This formula takes into account the fund's assets as well as certain assets, if any, of other clients of the investment advisor outside the American Century Investments family of funds (such as subadvised funds and separate accounts) that use very similar investment teams and strategies (strategy assets). From January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, the investment advisor agreed to waive 0.20% of the fund's management fee. Effective August 1, 2020, the investment advisor agreed to waive 0.21% of the fund's management fee. The investment advisor expects this waiver to continue until July 31, 2021 and cannot terminate it prior to such date without the approval of the Board of Directors.

The management fee schedule range and the effective annual management fee before and after waiver for each class for the period ended December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	Management Fee Schedule Range	Effective Annual Management Fee	
		Before Waiver	After Waiver
Class I	0.90% to 1.00%	1.00%	0.80%
Class II	0.80% to 0.90%	0.90%	0.70%

**Distribution Fees** — The Board of Directors has adopted the Master Distribution Plan (the plan) for Class II, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act. The plan provides that Class II will pay ACIS an annual distribution fee equal to 0.25%. The fee is computed and accrued daily based on the Class II daily net assets and paid monthly in arrears. The distribution fee provides compensation for expenses incurred in connection with distributing shares of Class II including, but not limited to, payments to brokers, dealers, and financial institutions that have entered into sales agreements with respect to shares of the fund. Fees incurred under the plan during the period ended December 31, 2020 are detailed in the Statement of Operations.

**Directors' Fees and Expenses** — The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the investment advisor's management and operations of the fund. The directors receive detailed information about the fund and its investment advisor regularly throughout the year, and meet at least quarterly with management of the investment advisor to review reports about fund operations. The fund's officers do not receive compensation from the fund.

**Interfund Transactions** — The fund may enter into security transactions with other American Century Investments funds and other client accounts of the investment advisor, in accordance with the 1940 Act rules and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. The rules and procedures require, among other things, that these transactions be effected at the independent current market price of the security. During the period, the interfund purchases and sales were \$201,680 and \$391,395, respectively. The effect of interfund transactions on the Statement of Operations was \$20,162 in net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions.

#### 4. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term investments, for the period ended December 31, 2020 were \$52,332,520 and \$73,913,670, respectively.

#### 5. Capital Share Transactions

Transactions in shares of the fund were as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2020		Year ended December 31, 2019	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class I/Shares Authorized</b>	<u>100,000,000</u>		<u>100,000,000</u>	
Sold	1,566,604	\$ 35,506,039	1,078,082	\$ 20,622,955
Issued in reinvestment of distributions	374,065	5,711,976	302,578	5,458,501
Redeemed	(1,276,486)	(27,787,644)	(960,536)	(18,205,590)
	<u>664,183</u>	<u>13,430,371</u>	<u>420,124</u>	<u>7,875,866</u>
<b>Class II/Shares Authorized</b>	<u>120,000,000</u>		<u>120,000,000</u>	
Sold	1,221,694	24,919,128	779,806	14,501,173
Issued in reinvestment of distributions	1,065,287	15,862,119	994,824	17,568,597
Redeemed	(2,405,689)	(52,044,019)	(2,508,186)	(46,680,568)
	<u>(118,708)</u>	<u>(11,262,772)</u>	<u>(733,556)</u>	<u>(14,610,798)</u>
Net increase (decrease)	<u>545,475</u>	<u>\$ 2,167,599</u>	<u>(313,432)</u>	<u>\$ (6,734,932)</u>

#### 6. Fair Value Measurements

The fund's investments valuation process is based on several considerations and may use multiple inputs to determine the fair value of the investments held by the fund. In conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the inputs used to determine a valuation are classified into three broad levels.

- Level 1 valuation inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in an active market for identical investments.
- Level 2 valuation inputs consist of direct or indirect observable market data (including quoted prices for comparable investments, evaluations of subsequent market events, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.). These inputs also consist of quoted prices for identical investments initially expressed in local currencies that are adjusted through translation into U.S. dollars.
- Level 3 valuation inputs consist of unobservable data (including a fund's own assumptions).

The level classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair valuation measurement. The valuation inputs are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in these securities or other financial instruments.

The following is a summary of the level classifications as of period end. The Schedule of Investments provides additional information on the fund's portfolio holdings.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Investment Securities</b>			
Common Stocks	\$ 288,435,847	\$ 6,980,387	—
Exchange-Traded Funds	1,478,188	—	—
Temporary Cash Investments	387	872,753	—
	<u>\$ 289,914,422</u>	<u>\$ 7,853,140</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Other Financial Instruments</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	—	\$ 4,228	—
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Other Financial Instruments</b>			
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	—	\$ 4,906	—

## 7. Derivative Instruments

**Foreign Currency Risk** — The fund is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The value of foreign investments held by a fund may be significantly affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The dollar value of a foreign security generally decreases when the value of the dollar rises against the foreign currency in which the security is denominated and tends to increase when the value of the dollar declines against such foreign currency. A fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts to reduce a fund's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. The net U.S. dollar value of foreign currency underlying all contractual commitments held by a fund and the resulting unrealized appreciation or depreciation are determined daily. Realized gain or loss is recorded upon settlement of the contract. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses occurring during the holding period of forward foreign currency exchange contracts are a component of net realized gain (loss) on forward foreign currency exchange contract transactions and change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward foreign currency exchange contracts, respectively. A fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the foreign currency exchange rate underlying the forward contract. Additionally, losses, up to the fair value, may arise if the counterparties do not perform under the contract terms. The fund's average U.S. dollar exposure to foreign currency risk derivative instruments held during the period was \$1,510,637.

The value of foreign currency risk derivative instruments as of December 31, 2020, is disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an asset of \$4,228 in unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts and a liability of \$4,906 in unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the effect of foreign currency risk derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations was \$(106,802) in net realized gain (loss) on forward foreign currency exchange contract transactions and \$3,542 in change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

## 8. Risk Factors

The value of the fund's shares will go up and down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, based on the performance of the securities owned by the fund and other factors generally affecting the securities market. Market risks, including political, regulatory, economic and social developments, can affect the value of the fund's investments. Natural disasters, public health emergencies, terrorism and other unforeseeable events may lead to increased market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on world economies and markets generally.

## 9. Federal Tax Information

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	2020	2019
<b>Distributions Paid From</b>		
Ordinary income	—	—
Long-term capital gains	\$ 21,574,095	\$ 23,027,098

The book-basis character of distributions made during the year from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from their ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes. These differences reflect the differing character of certain income items and net realized gains and losses for financial statement and tax purposes, and may result in reclassification among certain capital accounts on the financial statements.

As of period end, the federal tax cost of investments and the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Federal tax cost of investments	<u>\$ 73,271,845</u>
Gross tax appreciation of investments	\$ 224,882,402
Gross tax depreciation of investments	(386,685)
Net tax appreciation (depreciation) of investments	<u>\$ 224,495,717</u>
Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 1,208,172
Accumulated long-term gains	\$ 19,822,689

The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales.

# Financial Highlights

For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Years Ended December 31 (except as noted)

Per-Share Data								Ratios and Supplemental Data							
Income From Investment Operations:				Distributions From:				Ratio to Average Net Assets of:							
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income (Loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Total From Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions	Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return <sup>(2)</sup>	Operating Expenses	Operating Expenses (before expense waiver)	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Net Investment Income (Loss) (before expense waiver)	Portfolio Turnover Rate	Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	
<b>Class I</b>															
2020	\$20.93	(0.04)	8.75	8.71	—	(2.16)	(2.16)	\$27.48	49.85%	0.80%	1.00%	(0.18)%	(0.38)%	22%	\$96,249
2019	\$17.40	— <sup>(3)</sup>	5.67	5.67	—	(2.14)	(2.14)	\$20.93	34.58%	0.82%	1.00%	(0.01)%	(0.19)%	23%	\$59,427
2018	\$19.34	— <sup>(3)</sup>	0.17	0.17	(0.05)	(2.06)	(2.11)	\$17.40	0.76%	0.83%	1.00%	0.01%	(0.16)%	29%	\$42,081
2017	\$15.46	0.05	4.73	4.78	(0.07)	(0.83)	(0.90)	\$19.34	32.22%	0.84%	1.00%	0.26%	0.10%	22%	\$44,607
2016	\$15.47	0.05	0.60	0.65	(0.05)	(0.61)	(0.66)	\$15.46	4.45%	0.85%	1.00%	0.34%	0.19%	30%	\$38,701
<b>Class II</b>															
2020	\$20.48	(0.07)	8.51	8.44	—	(2.16)	(2.16)	\$26.76	49.55%	0.95%	1.15%	(0.33)%	(0.53)%	22%	\$201,527
2019	\$17.08	(0.03)	5.57	5.54	—	(2.14)	(2.14)	\$20.48	34.46%	0.97%	1.15%	(0.16)%	(0.34)%	23%	\$156,688
2018	\$19.02	(0.03)	0.17	0.14	(0.02)	(2.06)	(2.08)	\$17.08	0.60%	0.98%	1.15%	(0.14)%	(0.31)%	29%	\$143,249
2017	\$15.22	0.02	4.65	4.67	(0.04)	(0.83)	(0.87)	\$19.02	32.00%	0.99%	1.15%	0.11%	(0.05)%	22%	\$160,964
2016	\$15.24	0.03	0.59	0.62	(0.03)	(0.61)	(0.64)	\$15.22	4.35%	1.00%	1.15%	0.19%	0.04%	30%	\$138,411

**Notes to Financial Highlights**

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- (1) Computed using average shares outstanding throughout the period.
- (2) Total returns are calculated based on the net asset value of the last business day. Total returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. The total returns presented do not include the fees and charges assessed with investments in variable insurance products, those charges are disclosed in the separate account prospectus. The inclusion of such fees and charges would lower total return.
- (3) Per-share amount was less than \$0.005.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of American Century Variable Portfolios, Inc.:

## **Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of VP Ultra<sup>®</sup> Fund (the "Fund"), one of the funds constituting the American Century Variable Portfolios, Inc., as of December 31, 2020, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, and the related notes. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VP Ultra<sup>®</sup> Fund of the American Century Variable Portfolios, Inc. as of December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2020, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Kansas City, Missouri  
February 11, 2021

We have served as the auditor of one or more American Century investment companies since 1997.



# Management

## The Board of Directors

The individuals listed below serve as directors of the funds. Each director will continue to serve in this capacity until death, retirement, resignation or removal from office. The board has adopted a mandatory retirement age for directors who are not “interested persons,” as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act (independent directors). Independent directors shall retire by December 31 of the year in which they reach their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mr. Thomas is an “interested person” because he currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of American Century Companies, Inc. (ACC), the parent company of American Century Investment Management, Inc. (ACIM or the advisor). The other directors (more than three-fourths of the total number) are independent. They are not employees, directors or officers of, and have no financial interest in, ACC or any of its wholly owned, direct or indirect, subsidiaries, including ACIM, American Century Investment Services, Inc. (ACIS) and American Century Services, LLC (ACS), and they do not have any other affiliations, positions or relationships that would cause them to be considered “interested persons” under the Investment Company Act. The directors serve in this capacity for seven (in the case of Jonathan S. Thomas, 16; and Stephen E. Yates, 8) registered investment companies in the American Century Investments family of funds.

The following table presents additional information about the directors. The mailing address for each director is 4500 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

Name (Year of Birth)	Position(s) Held with Funds	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of American Century Portfolios Overseen by Director	Other Directorships Held During Past 5 Years
<b>Independent Directors</b>					
Thomas W. Bunn (1953)	Director	Since 2017	Retired	62	SquareTwo Financial; Barings (formerly Babson Capital Funds Trust) (2013 to 2016)
Chris H. Cheesman (1962)	Director	Since 2019	Retired. Senior Vice President & Chief Audit Executive, AllianceBernstein (1999 to 2018)	62	None
Barry Fink (1955)	Director	Since 2012 (independent since 2016)	Retired	62	None
Rajesh K. Gupta (1960)	Director	Since 2019	Partner Emeritus, SeaCrest Investment Management and SeaCrest Wealth Management (2019 to Present); Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer, SeaCrest Investment Management (2006 to 2019); Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer, SeaCrest Wealth Management (2008 to 2019)	62	None

<b>Name (Year of Birth)</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Funds</b>	<b>Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of American Century Portfolios Overseen by Director</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held During Past 5 Years</b>
<b>Independent Directors</b>					
Lynn Jenkins (1963)	Director	Since 2019	Consultant, LJ Strategies (2019 to present); United States Representative, U.S. House of Representatives (2009 to 2018)	62	MGP Ingredients, Inc.
Jan M. Lewis (1957)	Director	Since 2011	Retired	62	None
John R. Whitten (1946)	Director	Since 2008	Retired	62	Onto Innovation Inc. (2019-2020); Rudolph Technologies, Inc. (2006 to 2019)
Stephen E. Yates (1948)	Director and Chairman of the Board	Since 2012 (Chairman since 2018)	Retired	87	None
<b>Interested Director</b>					
Jonathan S. Thomas (1963)	Director	Since 2007	President and Chief Executive Officer, ACC (2007 to present). Also serves as Chief Executive Officer, ACS; Executive Vice President, ACIM; Director, ACC, ACIM and other ACC subsidiaries	125	None

The Statement of Additional Information has additional information about the fund's directors and is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-378-9878.

## Officers

The following table presents certain information about the executive officers of the funds. Each officer serves as an officer for 16 (in the case of Robert J. Leach, 15) investment companies in the American Century family of funds. No officer is compensated for his or her service as an officer of the funds. The listed officers are interested persons of the funds and are appointed or re-appointed on an annual basis. The mailing address for each officer listed below is 4500 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

<b>Name (Year of Birth)</b>	<b>Offices with the Funds</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years</b>
Patrick Bannigan (1965)	President since 2019	Executive Vice President and Director, ACC (2012 to present); Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, ACC (2015 to present). Also serves as President, ACS; Vice President, ACIM; Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and/or Director, ACIM, ACS and other ACC subsidiaries
R. Wes Campbell (1974)	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since 2018	Vice President, ACS, (2020 to present); Investment Operations and Investment Accounting, ACS (2000 to present)
Amy D. Shelton (1964)	Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President since 2014	Chief Compliance Officer, American Century funds, (2014 to present); Chief Compliance Officer, ACIM (2014 to present); Chief Compliance Officer, ACIS (2009 to present). Also serves as Vice President, ACIS
Charles A. Etherington (1957)	General Counsel since 2007 and Senior Vice President since 2006	Attorney, ACC (1994 to present); Vice President, ACC (2005 to present); General Counsel, ACC (2007 to present). Also serves as General Counsel, ACIM, ACS, ACIS and other ACC subsidiaries; and Senior Vice President, ACIM and ACS
C. Jean Wade (1964)	Vice President since 2012	Senior Vice President, ACS (2017 to present); Vice President, ACS (2000 to 2017)
Robert J. Leach (1966)	Vice President since 2006	Vice President, ACS (2000 to present)
David H. Reinmiller (1963)	Vice President since 2000	Attorney, ACC (1994 to present). Also serves as Vice President, ACIM and ACS
Ward D. Stauffer (1960)	Secretary since 2005	Attorney, ACC (2003 to present)

## Additional Information

### Proxy Voting Policies

A description of the policies that the fund's investment advisor uses in exercising the voting rights associated with the securities purchased and/or held by the fund is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-378-9878. It is also available on American Century Investments' website at [americancentury.com/proxy](http://americancentury.com/proxy) and on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). Information regarding how the investment advisor voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available on [americancentury.com/proxy](http://americancentury.com/proxy). It is also available at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov).

### Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure

The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). The fund also makes its complete schedule of portfolio holdings for the most recent quarter of its fiscal year available on its website at [ipro.americancentury.com](http://ipro.americancentury.com) (for Investment Professionals) and, upon request, by calling 1-800-378-9878.

### Other Tax Information

The following information is provided pursuant to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The fund hereby designates \$21,574,095, or up to the maximum amount allowable, as long-term capital gain distributions (20% rate gain distributions) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

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