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ONII is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about ONII also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2 – Material Changes

The following material changes occurred between this Brochure’s annual updating amendments dated 3/8/2023.

### December 4, 2023

- The Ohio National Fund changed its name to the Augustar Variable Insurance Products Fund, Inc. The portfolios of the Ohio National Fund removed the ON from all the portfolios and replaced it with AVIP.

### September 29, 2023

- Ohio National Investments, Inc. moved within the organizational structure and is now a direct subsidiary of Constellation Insurance, Inc. and is no longer a subsidiary of the Ohio National Life Insurance Company.

### July 28, 2023

- Janus Henderson Investors US was removed as subadviser to the ON Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio and replaced by Fidelity Institutional Asset Management LLC (“FIAM”). The advisory fees charged by Ohio National Investments for the ON Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth Portfolio were changed as follows:

<u>Old Advisory Fee ON Janus Henderson Forty</u>	<u>New Advisory Fee Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth</u>
0.73% on first \$100 million	0.68% on first \$100 million
0.68% on next \$400 million	0.65% over \$100 million
0.63% over \$500 million	

- The sub-advisory fees paid by Ohio National Investments to the subadviser on the ON FIAM Equity Growth Portfolio changed as follows:

<u>Old Sub-Advisory Fee to Janus Henderson</u>	<u>New Sub-Advisory Fee to FIAM</u>
0.40% on first \$100 million	0.30% on first \$100 million
0.35% on next \$400 million	0.27% over \$100 million
0.30% over \$500 million	

Pursuant to SEC Rules, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any materials changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business' fiscal year. We will further provide you with other ongoing disclosure information about material changes and a new Brochure as necessary.

You may request a copy of our current Brochure at any time, without charge, by contacting Keith Dwyer, Chief Compliance Officer at 877-781-6392 or [keith\\_dwyer@augustarfinancial.com](mailto:keith_dwyer@augustarfinancial.com).

Additional information about ONII is also available via the SEC's web site [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC's web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with ONII who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of ONII.

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## Item 4 – Advisory Business

ONII is the investment adviser to mutual funds sponsored by The Augustar Life Insurance Company ("ALIC"). Currently, ONII has one registered investment company client, Augustar Variable Insurance Products Fund, Inc. ("Augustar Fund"), and one insurance company client, National Security Life and Annuity Company ("National Security"). ONII has been in business since 1996.

As of December 31, 2023, ONII has \$11,745,374,185 in assets under management. ONII manages \$11,677,991,316 in the Augustar Fund and \$67,382,869 in National Security's general account. All assets are discretionary, exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives of each portfolio of Augustar Fund and the investment policy of the general account of National Security.

## Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

When providing advisory services to the portfolios of the Augustar Fund (the "Portfolios"), ONII charges and receives advisory fees determined as a percentage of net assets. ONII's fees are negotiable and will vary based on investment style and other factors. Because ONII's fees are negotiable, the actual fee paid by any client or group of clients may differ from those set forth below and may vary from year to year. The net asset value of Portfolios reflects the advisory fees and other expenses that are deducted from the assets of the Portfolio.

### Mutual Funds

As compensation for its services under the investment advisory agreements, ONII is paid the following fees:

**From the Augustar Fund, ONII receives the following fees:**

<b>Portfolio Name</b>	<b>Annual Fees</b>
<b>AVIP AB Small Cap Portfolio</b>	0.73% of first \$400 million 0.675% of next \$200 million 0.63% over \$600 million
<b>AVIP AB Mid Cap Core Portfolio</b>	0.715% of first \$100 million 0.71% of next \$200 million 0.69% of next \$200 million 0.66% over \$500 million

<b>AVIP AB Relative Value Portfolio</b>	0.65% of first \$100 million 0.61% of next \$200 million 0.59% over \$300 million
<b>AVIP Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth Portfolio</b>	0.68% of first \$100 million  0.65% over \$100 million
<b>AVIP U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio</b>	0.575% of first \$500 million 0.555% over \$500 million
<b>AVIP S&amp;P 500® Index Portfolio</b>	0.40% of first \$100 million 0.35% of next \$150 million 0.33% over \$250 million
<b>AVIP Bond Portfolio</b>	0.60% of first \$100 million 0.50% of next \$150 million 0.45% of next \$250 million 0.40% of next \$500 million 0.30% of next \$1 billion 0.25% over \$2 billion
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage International Equity Portfolio</b>	0.72% of first \$200 million 0.70% of next \$800 million 0.66% over \$1 billion
<b>AVIP Federated High Income Bond Portfolio</b>	0.75% of first \$75 million 0.70% of next \$75 million 0.65% of next \$75 million 0.60% over \$225 million
<b>AVIP Federated Core Plus Bond Portfolio</b>	0.56% of first \$100 million 0.54% of next \$150 million 0.50% of next \$150 million 0.45% of next \$350 million 0.43% over \$750 million
<b>AVIP Nasdaq 100® Index Portfolio</b>	0.40% of first \$100 million 0.35% of next \$150 million 0.33% over \$250 million
<b>AVIP BlackRock Balanced Allocation Portfolio</b>	0.58% of first \$100 million 0.50% of next \$150 million 0.45% of next \$250 million 0.40% of next \$500 million 0.30% of next \$1 billion 0.25% over \$2 billion
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Small Cap Growth Portfolio</b>	0.78% of first \$100 million 0.75% of next \$400 million 0.70% over \$500 million
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core Portfolio</b>	0.64% of first \$500 million 0.62% over \$500 million
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Growth Portfolio</b>	0.66% of first \$500 million 0.64% over \$500 million
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Value Portfolio</b>	0.67% of first \$500 million 0.65% over \$500 million

<b>AVIP S&amp;P MidCap 400® Index Portfolio</b>	0.40% of first \$100 million 0.35% of next \$150 million 0.33% over \$250 million
<b>AVIP Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio</b>	0.88% of first \$500 million 0.74% of next \$1.3 billion 0.72% over \$1.8 billion
<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Balanced Portfolio</b>	0.55% of first \$1.5 billion 0.53% over \$1.5 billion
<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Moderate Growth Portfolio</b>	0.55% of first \$1.5 billion 0.53% over \$1.5 billion
<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Growth Portfolio</b>	0.55% of first \$1.5 billion 0.53% over \$1.5 billion
<b>AVIP Moderately Conservative Model Portfolio</b>	0.40% of average daily net assets
<b>AVIP Balanced Model Portfolio</b>	0.40% of average daily net assets
<b>AVIP Moderate Growth Model Portfolio</b>	0.40% of average daily net assets
<b>AVIP Growth Model Portfolio</b>	0.40% of average daily net assets

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement between ONII and Augustar Fund, if the total expenses applicable to any Portfolio during any calendar quarter (excluding taxes, brokerage commissions, interest expense and management fees) exceed 1%, on an annualized basis, evaluated quarterly, of such Portfolio's average daily net asset value, ONII will reimburse the Portfolio for such excess expenses. There were no expense reimbursements associated with this agreement during the year ended December 31, 2023.

ONII has contractually agreed to reimburse Augustar Fund to the extent that the annual ordinary operating expenses of the AVIP Model Portfolios, excluding: portfolio transaction and other investment related costs (including brokerage fees and commissions); taxes; borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expenses on securities sold short); fees and expenses associated with investments in derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses); any amounts payable pursuant to a distribution or service plan adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940; any administrative and/or shareholder servicing fees payable pursuant to a plan approved by the Board of Directors of Augustar Fund; expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization; extraordinary expenses (such as litigation expenses, indemnification of Augustar Fund officers and Directors and contractual indemnification of Portfolio service providers); and other expenses that the Directors agree have not been incurred in the ordinary course of the Portfolio's business, exceed the following percentages of the average daily net assets (the "Expense Limitation Agreement").

<b><u>Portfolio</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Expense Limit</u></b>
<b>AVIP Moderately Conservative Model</b>	1.00%
<b>AVIP Balanced Model Portfolio</b>	1.00%

This arrangement will continue through April 30, 2024, and may only be terminated prior to this date with the consent of the Board of Directors. Under the Fee Waiver Agreement, the Adviser is entitled to reimbursement of the excess expense payments paid by it in the three years following the date the particular expense payment occurred, but only if such reimbursement can be achieved without exceeding the applicable Annual Limit in effect at the time of the expense payment or the reimbursement.

ONII's advisory fees are subject to negotiation. None of the fees are payable in advance of any services being rendered. Advisory fees are calculated based on assets under management determined daily throughout the month and billed to Augustar Fund on a monthly basis. The advisory agreement may be terminated by Augustar Fund at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on 60 days' written notice. Such termination may be initiated by the Augustar Fund's Board of Directors or, as to any portfolio, by the vote of a majority of such portfolio's outstanding securities.

ONII's fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which shall be incurred by the client. Mutual funds and exchange traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to ONII's fee, and ONII shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

The Brokerage Practices section (Item 12) further describes the factors that ONII considers in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for client transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (*e.g.*, commissions).

Pursuant to a service agreement among ONII, ALIC, and the Fund, ALIC has agreed to provide personnel and facilities to ONII on a cost-reimbursement basis. These personnel members include officers of the Fund, ALIC also provides clerical and administrative services and such supplies and equipment as may be reasonably required in order for ONII to properly perform its advisory function pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement.

For services rendered to National Security, ONII charges the company for actual expenses incurred in the delivery of services including manpower, brokerage commissions and research services, all in accordance with Regulation No. 33, 11 NYCRR 91 of the New York Insurance Department.

ONII has sub-advisory agreements in place with multiple investment advisers to manage the assets of certain portfolios of the Augustar Fund.

**In accordance with the sub-advisory agreements, ONII pays the sub-advisers as follows:**

Portfolio Name	Sub-adviser Name	Annual Fees
AVIP AB Small Cap Portfolio	Alliance Bernstein	0.32% of the first \$400 million

		0.29% of next \$200 million 0.255% over \$600 million
<b>AVIP AB Mid Cap Core Portfolio</b>	Alliance Bernstein	0.28% of the first \$100 million 0.27% of the next \$200 million 0.2650% of next \$200 million 0.26% over \$500 million
<b>AVIP AB Relative Value Portfolio</b>	Alliance Bernstein	0.28% of the first \$100 million 0.24% of the next \$200 million 0.22% over \$300 million
<b>AVIP Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth Portfolio</b>	Fidelity Institutional Asset Management	0.300% of the first \$100 million  0.27% over \$100 million
<b>AVIP U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio</b>	Intech Investment Management LLC	0.10% on all assets
<b>AVIP S&amp;P 500® Index Portfolio</b>	Geode Capital Management	0.01% on all assets
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core Portfolio</b>  <b>AVIP BlackRock Large Cap Growth Portfolio</b>  <b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Value Portfolio</b>  <b>AVIP BlackRock Balanced Allocation Portfolio (Equity)</b>	BlackRock Investment Management	0.20% of the first \$500 million in the aggregate 0.18% over \$500 million in the aggregate
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage International Equity Portfolio</b>	BlackRock Investment Management	0.32% of the first \$200 million 0.30% over \$200 million
<b>AVIP Federated High Income Bond Portfolio</b>	Federated Investment Management Company	0.50% of the first \$30 million 0.40% of the next \$20 million 0.30% of the next \$25 million 0.25% over \$75 million
<b>AVIP Federated Core Plus Bond Portfolio</b>	Federated Investment Management Company	0.18% of the first \$100 million 0.15% of the next \$150 million 0.12% of the next \$150 million 0.10% of the next \$350 million 0.08% over \$750 million
<b>AVIP Nasdaq-100® Index Portfolio</b>	Geode Capital Management	0.05% of the first \$100 million 0.04% of the next \$150 million 0.03% over \$250 million
<b>AVIP BlackRock Advantage Small Cap Growth Portfolio</b>	BlackRock Investment Management	0.40% of the first \$250 million 0.35% over \$250 million
<b>AVIP S&amp;P MidCap 400® Index Portfolio</b>	Geode Capital Management	0.039% of the first \$100 million 0.038% of the next \$150 million 0.037% of the next \$250 million 0.036% of the next \$500 million 0.035% over \$1 billion
<b>AVIP Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio</b>	Alliance Bernstein	0.50% of the first \$400 million 0.40% of the next \$800 million 0.30% over \$1.2 billion
<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Balanced Portfolio</b>	BlackRock Investment Management	0.19% of the first \$1.5 billion in the aggregate



<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Moderate Growth Portfolio</b>		0.18% over \$1.5 billion in the aggregate
<b>AVIP iShares Managed Risk Growth Portfolio</b>		

## **Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

ONII does not charge any performance-based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

## **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

ONII has two clients, one of whom is a registered investment company, the Augustar Fund, and one of whom is an insurance company, National Security.

## **Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

Under its investment management agreements, ONII provides investment advice and invests the assets of the Augustar Fund and National Security. ONII follows the client's investment policies and is subject to the supervision of its board of directors. ONII manages the assets of the National Security general account and has retained other portfolio managers, or sub-advisers, to manage some of the Portfolios of the Augustar Fund. The Portfolios are managed in a variety of investment strategies and invest in various types of securities depending on their investment strategy. ONII implements the investment programs by executing the purchase and sale of securities or overseeing those functions performed by the sub-advisers.

Each sub-adviser is free to employ the method of analysis that it believes is most appropriate to implement the investment strategy of their sub-advised portfolios. For more details on their methodologies, refer to the Augustar Fund prospectus or the ADV of the respective sub-adviser. ONII employs the following methods of analysis for the Bond Fund, fixed income portion of the ON Blackrock Balanced Allocation Portfolio, the general account of National Security, and Model Portfolios (the portfolios or accounts it directly advises).

Fixed income:

ONII's method of analysis and investment strategy employs a top down and bottom-up approach. From a top-down perspective, the strategy is to construct a diversified portfolio with a duration similar to the benchmark. The portfolio is diversified by corporate industries and by individual companies. Portfolio characteristics are managed relative to the benchmark to meet the portfolio's objectives. From a bottom-up perspective, Ohio National employs fundamental credit analysis within a relative value framework. Credit ratios and cash flows are reviewed for individual companies and compared to other potential investment options available. The portfolio is constructed by investing in individual securities that are perceived to provide an appropriate return for the credit risk being taken, to meet the objectives of the portfolio. Some investments are made in securities that are not included in the benchmark, within the parameters outlined in the prospectus, in order to enhance the return of the portfolio.

#### Model Portfolios:

There are currently four Model Portfolios in the Augustar Fund. Each Model Portfolio is a Fund of Funds that invests in a carefully selected combination of underlying funds based on each Portfolio's target asset allocation.

ONII develops the Model Portfolios' asset allocation strategies based on the individual Portfolios' investment strategies. Once a target asset allocation is determined, a Model Portfolio will invest in shares of underlying funds based on that Portfolio's particular asset allocation strategy, desired level of asset class exposure, and the investment style, risk profile, and performance of the underlying funds. The underlying funds include, but are not limited to, other Augustar Fund portfolios that are also advised by the Portfolio's Adviser. This process often results in the inclusion of an investment option in a Model Portfolio based on its specific asset class exposure or other specific optimization factors, even where other investment options have better historical performance.

ONII reassesses the Model Portfolios' asset allocation strategies periodically based on each Portfolio's investment objective. ONII may add or delete asset classes, add or delete underlying funds, and/or revise the target and actual weightings among the asset classes and the underlying funds without notice or shareholder approval. Furthermore, ONII will often rebalance the weightings in the underlying funds to each Portfolio's current asset allocation strategy.

Although the Model Portfolios are designed to optimize returns given the various levels of risk, there is no assurance that a Model Portfolio will not lose money or that investment results will not experience volatility. Investment performance of an owner's contract value could be better or worse by participating in a Model Portfolio than if the owner had not participated. A Model Portfolio may perform better or worse than any single investment option or asset class or other combinations of investment options or asset classes. Performance is dependent upon the performance of the underlying portfolios. The timing of the owner's investment and the frequency of automatic rebalancing may affect performance. The owner's contract value will fluctuate, and when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost.

Although the Model Portfolios are intended to optimize returns given various levels of risk tolerance, underlying portfolio, market and asset class performance will likely differ in the future from the historical performance and assumptions upon which the Model Portfolios are based, which could cause the Model Portfolios to be ineffective or less effective in reducing volatility.

### Investment Strategies

National Security has one general account seeks the following objectives and strategies:

- Maximization of income without exposing surplus to excessive liability, preservation of capital, and integration of the investment portfolio into overall corporate objectives, including asset-liability management, liquidity and income requirements.

The Augustar Fund consists of twenty-five separate investment portfolios that seek the following objectives and strategies:

- AVIP Bond Portfolio - High level of income and opportunity for capital appreciation consistent with preservation of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in corporate debt securities.
- AVIP BlackRock Balanced Allocation Portfolio - High level of long-term total return consistent with preservation of capital by investing in stocks, bonds and money market instruments.
- AVIP BlackRock Advantage International Equity Portfolio - Long term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in non-U.S. equity securities and equity like instruments of companies that are components of or have characteristics similar to the companies included in the MSCI EAFE Index (Net-USD).
- AVIP Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth Portfolio – Long-term capital growth by investing primarily in domestic and foreign equity securities selected for growth potential.
- AVIP AB Small Cap Portfolio - Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in stocks of small capitalization companies with market capitalizations at the time of investment that are within the lowest 20% of the total U.S. equity capitalization (excluding companies with a market capitalization below \$10 million).
- AVIP AB Mid Cap Core Portfolio - Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in equity securities of mid-cap companies with market capitalizations at the time of

investment that are within the range of market capitalizations of companies constituting the Russell Midcap Index.

- AVIP AB Relative Value Portfolio – Long-term growth of capital by primarily investing in the equity securities of U.S. companies that Alliance Bernstein believes are trading at attractive valuations that have strong or improving business models.
- AVIP U.S. Volatility Portfolio – Capital appreciation by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes, if any) in U.S. common stocks of companies included in the S&P 500® Index. Those stocks are selected by a mathematical investment process that seeks to achieve returns similar to those of the S&P 500® Index over the long-term with lower absolute volatility.
- AVIP S&P 500® Index Portfolio - Total return approximating that of the Standard & Poor's 500® Index (S&P 500® Index), at a risk level consistent with that of the S&P 500® Index by investing, under normal circumstances, more than 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in securities included in the S&P 500® Index.
- AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Value Portfolio - Growth of capital by investing at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes, if any) in stocks of large capitalization companies with market capitalizations at the time of investment that are within the range of market capitalizations of the companies in the Russell 1000 Value Index for the previous 12 months.
- AVIP Federated High Income Bond Portfolio - High current income by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in lower rated corporate debt obligations commonly referred to as "junk bonds". The Portfolio's investments are generally rated Ba or lower by Moody's, or BB or lower by Standard & Poor's or Fitch.
- AVIP Federated Core Plus Bond Portfolio - Total return by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes, if any) in fixed income securities, primarily U.S. dollar denominated, investment grade, fixed income securities. Investment grade, fixed income securities are rated in one of the four highest categories (BBB- or higher) by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO").
- AVIP Nasdaq-100® Index Portfolio - Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, more than 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in the common stocks of companies composing of the Nasdaq-100® Index.

- AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core Portfolio - Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in common stocks of the 1,000 largest publicly traded U.S. companies in terms of market capitalization.
- AVIP BlackRock Advantage Small Cap Growth Portfolio - Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in stocks of small capitalization companies within a market capitalization at the time of investment that is no greater than the largest market capitalization of a company in the Russell 2000 Index for the previous 12 months.
- AVIP S&P MidCap 400® Index Portfolio - Total return approximating that of the Standard & Poor's MidCap 400® Index (S&P MidCap 400® Index), including reinvestment of dividends, at a risk level consistent with that of the S&P MidCap 400® Index by investing, under normal circumstances, more than 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in the securities included in the S&P MidCap 400® Index.
- AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Growth Portfolio – Long-term growth of capital by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposed, if any) in stocks of companies with market capitalization at the time of investment that are within the range of market capitalization of the companies of the Russell 1000 Growth Index for the previous 12 months.
- AVIP AB Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio – Long-term capital growth, consistent with preservation of capital and balanced by current income. The Portfolio invests in a balanced portfolio of equity and fixed-income securities and a risk management portfolio intended to enhance the risk adjusted return of the Portfolio.
- AVIP iShares Managed Risk Balanced Portfolio – Income and capital appreciation. The Portfolio operates as a fund of funds structure. The portfolio's subadviser, BlackRock Investment Management, allocates portfolio assets across a broad range of asset classes primarily through investments in underlying iShares exchange traded funds, which are advised by an affiliate of BlackRock. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio invests a minimum of 25% of its assets in equity investment and a minimum of 25% of its assets in fixed income investments. The portfolio also invests in certain derivatives including equity, fixed income and currency futures.
- AVIP iShares Managed Risk Moderate Growth Portfolio - Income and capital appreciation. The Portfolio operates as a fund of funds structure. The portfolio's subadviser, BlackRock Investment Management, allocates portfolio assets across a broad range of asset classes primarily through investments in underlying iShares exchange traded funds, which are advised by an affiliate of BlackRock. To achieve the income aspect of the Portfolio's

investment objective, BlackRock expects to allocate approximately 35% of the Portfolio's assets to fixed income investments. To achieve the capital appreciation aspect of the Portfolio's investment objective, BlackRock expects to allocate approximately 65% of the Portfolio's assets to equity investments. The portfolio also invests in equity and fixed income futures and other derivatives.

- AVIP iShares Managed Risk Growth Portfolio - Income and capital appreciation. The Portfolio operates as a fund of funds structure. The portfolio's subadviser, BlackRock Investment Management, allocates portfolio assets across a broad range of asset classes primarily through investments in underlying iShares exchange traded funds, which are advised by an affiliate of BlackRock. To achieve the income aspect of the Portfolio's investment objective, BlackRock expects to allocate approximately 15% of the Portfolio's assets to fixed income investments. To achieve the capital appreciation aspect of the Portfolio's investment objective, BlackRock expects to allocate approximately 85% of the Portfolio's assets to equity investments. The portfolio also invests in certain derivatives including equity, fixed income, and currency futures.
- AVIP Moderately Conservative Model Portfolio – Current income and moderate growth of capital with a greater emphasis on current income. The Portfolio is a fund of funds that pursues its investment objective by investing in underlying mutual funds. Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio intends to have investment exposure to various asset classes within the following target asset allocation ranges: U.S. Equity 20-40%, International Equity 5-20%, and Fixed Income 30-70%.
- AVIP Balanced Model Portfolio – A balance between growth of capital and current income with a greater emphasis on growth of capital. The Portfolio is a fund of funds that pursues its investment objective by investing in underlying mutual funds. Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio intends to have investment exposure to various asset classes within the following target asset allocation ranges: U.S. Equity 25-50%, International Equity 10-25%, and Fixed Income 25-50%.
- AVIP Moderate Growth Model Portfolio – Growth of capital and moderate current income with a greater emphasis on growth of capital. The Portfolio is a fund of funds that pursues its investment objective by investing in underlying mutual funds. Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio intends to have investment exposure to various asset classes within the following target asset allocation ranges: U.S. Equity 40-60%, International Equity 15-35%, and Fixed Income 10-30%.
- AVIP Growth Model Portfolio – Growth of capital and some current income. The Portfolio is a fund of funds that pursues its investment objective by investing in underlying mutual funds. Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio intends to have investment

exposure to various asset classes within the following target asset allocation ranges: U.S. Equity 50-80%, International Equity 15-45%, and Fixed Income 0-15%.

The investment advisory agreement authorizes ONII, at its expense, to employ one or more sub-advisers, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Augustar Fund. Under the sub-advisory agreements, each sub-adviser operates under the supervision of ONII to manage the assets of the respective portfolio(s) in accordance with the investment objectives, policies, and restrictions for those portfolios. Each of the sub-advisory agreements may be terminated by either the respective sub-adviser, ONII or Augustar Fund's Board of Directors as detailed in the contracts. Each agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment. ONII has entered into sub-advisory agreements with the following registered investment advisers:

(a) Federated Investment Management Company ("Federated") is located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is affiliated with Federated Investors, Inc. Federated manages the assets of the AVIP Federated High Income Bond and the AVIP Federated Core Plus Bond Portfolios of the Augustar Fund.

(b) Fidelity Institutional Asset Management LLC ("FIAM") is located in Smithfield, Rhode Island. FIAM manages the assets of the AVIP Fidelity Institutional AM Equity Growth Portfolio of the Augustar Fund.

(c) BlackRock Investment Management, LLC ("BlackRock") is located in Princeton, New Jersey. BlackRock manages the assets of the AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core, AVIP BlackRock Advantage Small Cap Growth, AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Growth, AVIP BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Value, AVIP BlackRock Advantage International Equity, AVIP iShares Managed Risk Balanced, AVIP iShares Managed Risk Moderate Growth, AVIP iShares Managed Risk Growth and the equity portion of the AVIP BlackRock Balanced Allocation Portfolios of the Augustar Fund.

(d) AllianceBernstein, LP ("AllianceBernstein") is located in Nashville, Tennessee. AllianceBernstein manages the assets of the AVIP AB Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio, AVIP AB Small Cap Portfolio, AVIP AB Relative Value Portfolio and AVIP AB Mid Cap Core Portfolio of the Augustar Fund.

(e) Geode Capital Management, LLC ("Geode") is located in Boston, Massachusetts. Geode manages the assets of the AVIP Nasdaq 100® Index, AVIP S&P MidCap 400® Index and AVIP S&P 500® Index Portfolios of the Augustar Fund.

(f) Intech Investment Management, LLC ("Intech") is located in West Palm Beach, Florida. Intech manages the assets of the AVIP Intech U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio of the Augustar Fund.

### **Risk of Loss**

**Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.**

While we believe our investment strategies are designed to optimize returns given various levels of risk, there is no assurance that the investment objective or goal will be achieved. Some investment decisions made by ONII or its sub-advisers may result in loss, including the original principal amount invested. Risks of investing in the portfolios include, but are not limited to the following:

**Market Risk** - A security's price may change in response to changes in conditions in securities markets in general. Markets tend to move in cycles with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. They can decline for many reasons, including adverse political or economic developments domestically or abroad, changes in investor psychology, or heavy institutional selling. In the case of debt securities, changes in the overall level of interest rates affect the security's price.

**Interest Rate Risk** – Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in the interest rates paid by similar securities. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Interest rate changes have a greater effect on the price of fixed-income securities with longer maturities. A wide variety of market factors can affect interest rates. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or their governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates. The portfolio may be subject to heightened interest rate risk due to certain changes in monetary policy. Rising interest rates may expose fixed-income markets to increase volatility and may reduce the liquidity of certain portfolio investments. These developments also could cause more fluctuation in the portfolio's net asset value or make it more difficult for the portfolio to accurately value its securities. These developments or others could also cause the portfolio to face increased shareholder redemptions, which could force the portfolio to liquidate investments at disadvantageous times or prices, therefore adversely affecting the portfolio as well as the value of your investment. The amount of assets deemed illiquid remaining within the portfolio may also increase, making it more difficult to meet shareholder redemptions and further adversely affecting the value of the portfolio.

**Issuer Risk** - The value of a security may decline for reasons related to the issuer, such as earnings stability, overall financial soundness, management performance and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

**Debt Securities Risk** - Debt securities risk includes interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. With interest rate risk, prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in the interest rate paid by similar securities. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Interest rate changes have a greater effect on the price of fixed-income securities with longer maturities. A portfolio that invests in debt securities is subject to credit risk since it may lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to make scheduled interest or principal payments, which may reduce the portfolio's income and the



market value of the security. A portfolio that invests in debt securities is also exposed to liquidity risk, which occurs if it may not be able to sell some or all of its securities at desired prices or may be unable to sell the securities at all.

**Lower-Rated Debt Securities Risk** - Bonds rated below investment grade (also called “junk bonds”) are subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risks. They are considered primarily speculative with respect to the issuer’s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments.

**Liquidity Risk** - A portfolio may not be able to sell some or all of its securities at desired prices or may be unable to sell the securities at all.

**Currency Risk** – Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The portfolio’s net asset value and returns may experience increased volatility as a result of its exposure to foreign currencies through direct holding of such currencies or holding of non-U.S. dollar denominated securities.

**Derivatives Risk** - Derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities. Using derivatives can increase fund losses and reduce opportunities for gains when market prices, interest rates or the derivative instruments themselves behave in a way not anticipated by a portfolio that uses derivatives. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value, and the counterparty may default on its obligations to a portfolio that uses derivatives. Changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index and a portfolio that uses derivatives could lose more than the principal amount invested. In addition to investing in derivatives to implement its strategy, a portfolio may also use derivative instruments for hedging purposes, in an attempt to reduce the risk of loss from falling stock prices or lower foreign currency valuations, increased interest rates or other adverse market developments. There can be no assurance that a hedging technique will work as intended. Portfolio performance may be diminished by the added cost of the derivative instruments.

**Options Risk** – Risks specific to investments in call options include limited gains and lack of liquidity. By selling a call option, a portfolio may forego the opportunity to participate in price increases for the underlying equities above the exercise price, while still bearing the risk of a decline in the value of the underlying equities or index. As the buyer of a call option, a portfolio risks losing the entire premium invested in the option if the underlying equity or index does not rise above the option strike price. As the buyer of a put option, a portfolio risks losing the entire premium invested in the option if the underlying equity or index does not fall below the option strike price. By selling a put option, a portfolio bears the risk of a decline in the value of the underlying equities or index. Losses on the sale of a put option are unlimited.

**Futures Risk** – A portfolio’s use of futures involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities of the other traditional investments. These risks include: (i) leverage risk; (ii) risk of mispricing or improper valuation; and (iii) risk that changes in the value of the futures contract may not correlate perfectly with the underlying securities or index. Investments in futures involve leverage, which means a small percentage of assets invested in

futures can have a disproportionately large impact on the Portfolio. This risk could cause the Portfolio to lose more than the principal amount invested. Additionally, changes in the value of futures contracts may not track or correlate perfectly with the underlying securities or index because of temporary, or even long-term, supply and demand imbalances and because futures do not pay dividends unlike the stocks upon which they are based.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk** - High portfolio turnover is generally defined as more than 100% turnover of a portfolio's securities in a given year. Portfolios with high portfolio turnover rates will incur higher transactions expenses, thereby decreasing overall return. In addition, there is a possibility that a portfolio with a high turnover rate will sell some securities before their market values reach full potential. Conversely, high portfolio turnover may frequently occur following a change of portfolio managers or a change in the portfolio's investment strategy. In such cases, the high portfolio rate may only be temporary. Other portfolios may be managed in such a manner that high portfolio turnover rates will be expected every year.

**Small and Midsize Capitalization Company Risk** - Small and midsize capitalization company stock prices tend to be more volatile, and the stock tends to be less liquid, than those of larger, better-established companies. In addition, small and midsize companies may be particularly affected by interest rate increases, as they may find it more difficult to borrow money to continue or expand operations or may have difficulty in repaying any loans. Small and midsize capitalization companies are also sometimes more subject to failure.

**Foreign Investments Risk** - Foreign investments involve risks not normally encountered with domestic securities. These include political, regulatory, and economic instability in some countries, changes in currency rates and market inefficiencies. The laws of some foreign countries may limit a portfolio's ability to invest in securities of certain issuers organized under the laws of those countries.

**Emerging Markets Risk** - Securities issued or traded in emerging markets generally entail greater risks than securities issued or traded in developed markets. Emerging market countries may have relatively unstable governments and may present the risk of nationalization of business, expropriation, confiscatory taxation or, in certain instances, reversion to closed market, centrally planned economies.

**Large Cap Company Risk** - Larger more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and consumer tastes. Many larger companies also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful small companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

**Growth Strategy Risk** - Growth stocks may be more volatile than other stocks because they are generally more sensitive to investor perceptions of the issuing company's growth of earnings potential. Also, since growth companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their business,

growth stocks may lack the dividends of value stocks that can cushion stock prices in a falling market.

**Value Strategy Risk** – Value stocks may be appropriately priced by the market, and any perceived undervaluation may not be corrected by subsequent market movements. Share prices may even decrease in value.

**Credit Risk** – The portfolio may lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to make scheduled interest or principal payments, which may reduce the portfolio's income and market value.

**LIBOR Risk** – Instruments in which the portfolio invest may pay interest based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). The use of LIBOR is scheduled to be phased out by the end of 2021, although the phase out on U.S. dollar LIBOR has been delayed until mid-2023. Currently, no official replacement rate has been identified. The nature of any replacement rate and the impact to the transition from LIBOR on the portfolio, issuers of instruments in which the portfolio invests, and financial markets generally are unknown.

**Passive Investment Risk** – A passive investment strategy attempts to track the performance of an unmanaged index of securities and differs from an actively managed fund which typically seeks to outperform a benchmark index. Portfolios managed with a passive investment strategy that seeks to track the index and its performance could be lower than actively managed funds that may shift their portfolio assets in response to changes in the market such as taking advantage of market opportunities or to lessen the impact of a market decline. As a portfolio attempts to track the performance of the index, the structure and composition of the index will have an impact on the performance, volatility, and the risk of the Portfolio. The performance of the Portfolio may be lower than the index as a result of transaction costs related to index rebalances and cash flows.

**Exchange-Traded Funds Risk** — ETF shares may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV. Because the value of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market, the sub-adviser may not be able to liquidate the Portfolio's holdings at the most optimal time, adversely affecting performance. ETFs in which a Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track, if any, because the total return generated by the securities will be reduced by transaction costs incurred in adjusting the actual balance of the securities. In addition, the ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Each ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund.

**Fund-of-Funds Structure Risk** - When a portfolio invests directly in underlying funds, all risks associated with the eligible underlying funds apply to the portfolio. To the extent a portfolio invests more of its assets in one underlying fund than another, the portfolio will have greater exposure to the risks of that underlying fund. Because the portfolio invests in underlying funds, you will bear your proportionate share of the expenses of the Portfolio and indirectly of the underlying funds, resulting in an additional layer of expenses. The Adviser may be subject to potential conflicts of

interest in the selection of and allocation among the underlying funds because the Adviser serves as investment adviser to certain of the underlying funds, and because the fees paid to the Adviser (or its affiliates) by certain underlying funds may be higher than fees paid by other underlying funds.

**Conflicts of Interest Risk** - Although some portfolios follow a strategy using options to manage the risk of holding equity securities, which the Adviser believes is consistent with the interests of shareholders, aspects of the strategy of the portfolio attempting to limit the downside exposure and reduce the volatility of the portfolio may be deemed to present a conflict of interest for the Adviser and its parent, The Augustar Life Insurance Company (with its affiliates, “Augustar Life”). Shares of the portfolio are offered only to the separate accounts of Augustar Life, which use portfolio shares as an underlying investment for variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts. Augustar Life has financial obligations to holders of variable contracts arising from guarantee obligations under the variable contracts and certain optional benefit riders. Limiting downside exposure and reducing volatility of the portfolio have the effect of mitigating the financial risks to which Augustar Life is subjected by providing these guaranteed benefits. If the strategy is successful in limiting downside exposure and reducing volatility, Augustar Life expects to benefit from a reduction of the risks arising from its guarantee obligations, to reduce its costs to purchase hedge investments to manage the risks of its guarantee obligations, and to reduce its regulatory capital requirements associated with its guarantee obligations. As a result, Augustar Life’s interest in managing risks within the portfolio may at times conflict with the interests of contract owners having guaranteed benefits, who may be prevented from achieving higher returns due to the portfolio’s use of risk management techniques.

For more complete information on each Portfolio, including a discussion of the Portfolio's investment techniques and the risks associated with its investments, see the Augustar Fund's prospectuses. No assurance can be given that a Portfolio will achieve its investment objective or will not lose money. Investors should read the Augustar Fund's prospectuses carefully before investing.

## **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

ONII is required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of ONII or the integrity of ONII's management. ONII has no disciplinary history and consequently is not subject to any disciplinary disclosures. Additionally, ONII is not subject to any legal matters.

## **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

Constellation Insurance, Inc. owns 100% of the common stock of ONII and ALIC. The Augustar Fund is a related person of ONII in that, as of December 31, 2023: 96.6% of the voting securities of

Augustar Fund are owned by ALIC; 1.3% of such securities are owned by ALIC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Augustar Life Assurance Corporation; 2.1% of such securities are owned by National Security. The Augustar Fund is also a signatory to the sub-advisory agreements between Augustar Fund and ONII. Fees received under the Advisory Agreement for Augustar Fund are the only source of ONII's income from its investment advisory business.

ONII has entered into a service agreement with ALIC with respect to the Augustar Fund. The Augustar Fund is also a party to its respective service agreements. Under the terms of the agreement, ALIC has agreed to furnish ONII, at cost, such research facilities, services and personnel as may be needed by ONII in order for it to fulfil its obligations under the investment advisory agreement. These personnel members include all of ONII's officers. ONII reimburses ALIC for the expenses. The service agreement may be terminated on 60 days' written notice by the board of directors of the investment company or by a vote of a majority of the investment company's outstanding voting securities. The agreement may be terminated by ONII or by ALIC on 90 days' written notice to the investment company and the other party. The agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment. The agreement must be approved by the shareholders of the Augustar Fund before taking effect. They will continue in effect only so long as such continuation is approved at least annually either by the board of directors of the investment company or by a vote of a majority of such investment company's outstanding voting securities.

Of the personnel that perform services on behalf of ONII, four (4) are Registered Representatives of its affiliate broker/dealers, The O.N. Equity Sales Company and/or Augustar Distributors, Inc. Such persons are not actively involved in soliciting or recommending securities to clients and currently have no clients.

Under the investment advisory agreements, ONII provides investment advice and invests Augustar Fund's assets. ONII follows the investment policies of Augustar Fund and is subject to the supervision of its Board of Directors. ONII also provides executive officers for Augustar Fund. In addition, ONII furnishes to Augustar Fund, or pays its expenses for clerical and administrative service, office space and other facilities and equipment. The Augustar Fund pays corporate expenses incurred in its own operations, including taxes, certain printing costs, brokerage commissions on portfolio transactions, custodial fees, auditing fees, legal fees, registration fees, directors' fees and shareholders' meetings.

ONII and ALIC and its affiliates are subject to competing interests that have the potential to influence its decision making with regard to the Model Portfolios. ONII includes within the Model Portfolios certain portfolios which it advises, resulting in additional investment advisory fees to ONII. This provides ONII with an incentive to include Augustar Fund Portfolios in the Model Portfolios. The performance of the Model Portfolios is subject to oversight by the Board of Directors.

## **Item 11 –Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

ONII has adopted a Code of Ethics which mandates high standards of business conduct and professionalism and establishes rules of conduct for the Adviser's employees. A copy of the Adviser's Code of Ethics is available to customers or prospective customers upon request.

Pursuant to Rule 204A-1 of the Investment Advisers Act, ONII has adopted a Code of Ethics for all supervised persons of the firm describing its high standard of business conduct, and fiduciary duty to its clients. The Code of Ethics includes provisions relating to the confidentiality of client information, a prohibition on insider trading, restrictions on the acceptance of significant gifts and business entertainment items, and personal securities trading procedures, among other things. All supervised persons at ONII must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually.

ONII anticipates that, in appropriate circumstances, consistent with clients' investment objectives, it will cause accounts over which ONII has management authority to effect and will recommend to investment advisory clients or prospective clients, the purchase or sale of securities in which ONII, its affiliates and/or clients, directly or indirectly, have a position of interest. ONII's employees and persons associated with ONII are required to follow ONII's Code of Ethics. Subject to satisfying this policy and applicable laws, officers, directors, and employees of ONII and its affiliates may trade for their own accounts in securities which are recommended to and/or purchased for ONII's clients. The Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities, and interests of the employees of ONII will not interfere with (i) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and (ii) implementing such decisions while, at the same time, allowing employees to invest for their own accounts. Under the Code certain classes of securities have been designated as exempt transactions, based upon a determination that these would not materially interfere with the best interest of ONII's clients. Nonetheless, because the Code of Ethics in some circumstances would permit employees to invest in the same securities as clients, there is a possibility that employees might benefit from market activity by a client in a security held by an employee. Employee trading is continually monitored under the Code of Ethics, to reasonably prevent conflicts of interest between ONII and its clients.

Certain affiliated accounts trade in some fixed income securities with client accounts on an aggregated basis when consistent with ONII's obligation of best execution. In such circumstances, the affiliated and client accounts will receive securities at a total average price.

ONII's clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's Code of Ethics by contacting Keith Dwyer at (877) 781-6392.

It is ONII's policy that the firm will not affect any principal, agency cross, or cross trade securities transactions for client accounts. However, sub-advisers will participate in these types of transactions within the limits of the rules. Principal transactions are generally defined as transactions where an adviser, acting as principal for its own account or the account of an affiliated broker-dealer, buys from or sells any security to any advisory client. An agency cross transaction is defined as a transaction where a person acts as an investment adviser in relation to a transaction in which the investment adviser, or any person controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser, acts as broker for both the advisory client and for another person on the other side of the transaction. Agency cross transactions may arise where an adviser is dually registered as a broker-dealer or has an affiliated broker-dealer. A cross trade occurs when an adviser effects a trade between two or more of its' advisory clients' accounts but does not charge a fee for effecting the transaction.

## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

ONII, in its discretion and consistent with the investment policies and restrictions of the Augustar Fund, will regularly buy and sell the portfolio securities for the Augustar Fund and select the brokers to handle such transactions. In selecting brokers, ONII will attempt to place purchase and sale orders with the primary objective of obtaining the most favorable security price consistent with good brokerage service. The cost of securities transactions will consist primarily of brokerage commissions or dealer or underwriter spreads.

Occasionally, some securities are purchased directly from the issuer. For securities traded primarily in the over-the-counter market, ONII, where possible, will deal directly with dealers who make a market in the securities unless better prices and execution are available elsewhere. In selecting brokers or dealers, ONII will consider such factors as the value, quality, efficiency of execution and research, statistical, quotation and valuation services provided. ONII or its sub-advisers may use a broker whose commission for effecting a securities transaction is in excess of the commission another broker would charge, if ONII or the sub-adviser determines, in good faith, that the commission rate is reasonable in relationship to the value of brokerage and research services provided. Factors considered in making such an evaluation include quality of execution and the quality and timeliness of research services. When client brokerage commissions are used to obtain research, products or services, ONII or the sub-adviser receives a benefit because they do not have to produce or pay for the research, products or services. Therefore, ONII or its sub-adviser has an incentive to select a broker-dealer based on the research, products or services it receives rather than on the client's interests. Specific research services furnished by executing brokers include: advice, either directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of securities; the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities; the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and

trends; and portfolio strategies. The research, products or services received through these types of arrangements will benefit all client accounts of ONII or the sub-adviser.

Although ONII did not direct client transactions to a particular broker-dealer in return for the receipt of research, products, or services during fiscal year 2023, certain sub-advisers of ONII did. Each sub-adviser engaging in these types of transactions has established policies and procedures to review, monitor and evaluate the execution services of the broker-dealers that they utilize, their commissions paid, and the types of benefits received.

### **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

ONII's investment advisory accounts are reviewed each business day by one or more of ONII's President, Vice-President, portfolio manager or a sub-adviser. Each portfolio security owned by a client account, other than short-term debt securities, is reviewed, as are various items being considered for purchase by a client account. Subsequent to purchase, short-term debt securities which are carried by some client accounts at amortized cost are reviewed in the event of a change in a nationally recognized statistical rating organization's quality rating for such an item, a change in creditworthiness of an issuer, or a change in prevailing interest rates. Short-term debt securities are also compared to the market values weekly.

At each meeting of the board of directors of the Augustar Fund and National Security, ONII's investment advisory personnel furnish reports regarding each account's portfolio and its performance, as well as reports of the general economic climate, the markets' outlook and proposed investment strategy.

### **Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

ONII does not receive, nor does it pay, any fees for client referrals.

### **Item 15 – Custody**

Client cash and securities are maintained by an unaffiliated, qualified custodian. Clients should receive statements from the qualified custodian at least quarterly. ONII encourages clients to carefully review such statements.



## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

ONII has discretionary authority for managing the assets of the Augustar Fund and the National Security general account. With such authority, ONII is able to select the identity and amount of securities to be bought or sold. In all cases, however, such discretion is to be exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives for each fund.

When selecting securities and determining amounts, ONII observes the investment policies, limitations, and restrictions of the funds for which it advises. Additionally, ONII's authority to trade securities may also be limited by certain federal securities and tax laws that require diversification of investments and favor the holding of investments once made.

Investment guidelines and restrictions are provided to ONII in writing. Investment guidelines and restrictions related to the Augustar Fund can be reviewed in the Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

## **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

ONII has adopted written Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures that govern how it votes proxies relating to securities owned by the Fund for which ONII exercises voting authority and discretion.

Proxy voting has been delegated to the Adviser by the Fund's Board of Directors. The Adviser shall vote proxies relating to the securities owned by the Fund in accordance with these proxy voting policies established by the Fund's Board of Directors, subject to the continued review and oversight of the Board of Directors.

The Adviser has established a Proxy Committee to implement these policies, and to develop and maintain the Adviser's Proxy Voting Guidelines, which are also approved by the Board of Directors. The Proxy Committee makes the decision whether to vote on a proposal and, if so, how to vote, in each case based on and pursuant to these policies.

These policies require proxy voting only for proposals that the Adviser believes may have an impact on the long-term economic value of the securities involved, or may otherwise affect the interests of the Fund's shareholders and underlying contract owners. It is not necessary to vote all proxies, and the Adviser has the discretion to limit voting to those proxy proposals that the Adviser believes may have such an impact. Generally, such proposals would include proposals that affect a company's capital structure (such as mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructurings), affect voting rights or

preferences, involve shareholder rights plans or other anti-takeover proposals, involve authorization of additional capital or debt, or involve equity compensation plans.

The Fund has engaged Glass Lewis & Co. to obtain, vote, and record proxies in accordance with the approved Proxy Voting Guidelines. For proxy proposals that require case-by-case direction from the Proxy Committee, due to their non-routine, complex, or subjective nature, Glass Lewis provides the Proxy Committee with research and analysis that it has obtained or formulated. The Proxy Committee may use such information, along with other sources of information, for guidance in making its voting decisions. To the extent the Adviser chooses to vote on proxy proposals on matters that are clearly defined and directed by objective and observable parameters as prescribed by the Proxy Voting Guidelines, Glass Lewis & Co. is given discretion by the Adviser to vote without further guidance from the Proxy Committee.

In all cases, the Proxy Committee and Adviser are obligated to vote in the interests of shareholders and underlying contract owners. If a potential conflict arises between the interests of the Adviser (or members of the Proxy Committee) and those of the shareholders and underlying contract owners, the Proxy Committee shall refer the issue to the Board to decide whether to vote and how to vote. The committee may also refer issues to the Board whenever the committee sees fit or when a majority of the committee is unable to resolve an issue.

## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to provide you with certain information or disclosures about their financial condition. ONII has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.