

Annual Report December 31, 2022

CLEARBRIDGE VARIABLE AGGRESSIVE GROWTH PORTFOLIO



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Portfolio objective

Letter from the president

The Portfolio seeks capital appreciation.



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Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide the annual report of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio for the twelve-month reporting period ended December 31, 2022. Please read on for a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Portfolio's reporting period and to learn how those conditions have affected Portfolio performance.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, www.franklintempleton.com. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:

- Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers and
- A host of educational resources.

We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

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Jane Trust, CFA President and Chief Executive Officer

January 31, 2023

Portfolio overview

Q. What is the Portfolio's investment strategy?

A. The Portfolio seeks capital appreciation. The Portfolio invests primarily in common stocks of companies that we believe are experiencing, or will experience, growth in earnings that exceeds the average rate of earnings growth of the companies which comprise the S&P 500 Indexⁱ. The Portfolio may invest in the securities of large, well-known companies offering prospects of long-term earnings growth. However, because higher earnings growth rates are often achieved by small to medium capitalization companies, a significant portion of the Portfolio's assets may be invested in the securities of such companies. The Portfolio may invest up to 25% of its net assets (at the time of investment) in equity securities of foreign issuers.

We emphasize individual security selection while diversifying the Portfolio's investments across industries, which may help to reduce risk. We focus primarily, but not exclusively, on emerging growth companies that have passed their "start-up" phase and show positive earnings and the prospect of achieving significant profit gains in the two to three years after the Portfolio acquires their stocks.

Q. What were the overall market conditions during the Portfolio's reporting period?

A. Equity markets took a defensive shift during the twelve-month reporting period ended December 31, 2022, resulting in a 18.11% decline for the S&P 500 Index. The benchmark Russell 3000 Growth Indexⁱⁱ returned -28.97% for the period, trailing the 7.54% decline for the Russell 1000 Value Indexⁱⁱⁱ. Within the benchmark, rising interest rates created headwinds for stocks in the communication services (-48.62%), consumer discretionary (-41.43%) and information technology ("IT") (-30.37%) sectors investing to generate profits far into the future. The energy sector (+49.40%), which has a minimal weighting in the benchmark, was the clear winner amid elevated oil and gas prices and an ongoing energy crisis in Europe, while more defensive areas also outperformed the benchmark, including consumer staples (-4.60%) and health care (-14.39%), as did industrials (-10.88%).

Rising inflation prompted the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") to take on a more hawkish stance, accelerating the tapering of asset purchases and increasing rate hike projections. This drove equities, in particular higher-growth companies, to sell off entering 2022.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February further disrupted global supply chains and reduced global commodity reserves due to the sanctions levied on Russia, the world's eleventh largest economy. The conflict increased the probability of a recession in Europe, which investors feared could spread to other developed economies. Oil and gas prices spiked, lifting the energy sector and driving further inflation. The yield for the ten-year Treasury note rose from 1.63% to 2.33% in the first quarter of 2022.

The second quarter brought more of the same, with persistent inflation prompting central banks to take more hawkish stances. The Fed raised the federal funds rate by 50 basis points in May and 75 basis points in June. These hikes jarred financial markets,

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Portfolio overview (cont'd)

significantly compressing equity multiples. Defensive sectors led the market, along with the energy sector, while mega cap growth stocks sold off. Concerns over companies' ability to maintain current margins increased, as did the probability of a "hard landing" for the economy. The yield for the ten-year Treasury note rose to 3.01%.

A bear market rally followed in July, with investors bidding up growth stocks in particular in the hopes a policy-engineered recession would spur a reversal in Fed policy. Such hopes were disappointed in August when candid statements by Fed Chair Powell signaled the Fed's intent to continue raising rates beyond previous targets, regardless of the economic consequences. Higher bond yields — the yield for the ten-year Treasury note rose to 3.83% in the third quarter of 2022 — helped strengthen the U.S. dollar, reducing overseas revenues for multinational companies.

Emerging evidence of a slowing economy, which might prompt an early Fed pivot from its tightening regime, along with some better-than-expected earnings, helped equities to close out the period. After edging up above 4%, the yield for the ten-year Treasury note ended the period at 3.88%, up over 200 basis points for the reporting period, as the Fed signaled a higher-for-longer future for interest rates and a recession became the base case for 2023.

Q. How did we respond to these changing market conditions?

A. The Portfolio outperformed through varying market conditions during a volatile year. We attribute these results to the balance we have sought to achieve through active portfolio repositioning throughout the period.

Our intent with the repositioning was to expand the types of growth companies we target and broaden our sector exposures, resulting in a portfolio that could outperform over a variety of market environments. Over the last year, we took advantage of attractive entry points created by ongoing market volatility to add three higher-growth disruptors early in the development of their market opportunity, including Snowflake and Doximity, while reducing cyclical exposure and sizeable overweights in certain industries or subsectors of the market. Examples of this paring of the Portfolio to concentrate on our best ideas included the sales of Pentair in the industrials sector, Liberty Media-Liberty Sirius XM in the communication services sector and Medtronic in the health care sector.

The additions of disruptor Airbnb, an online platform for alternative lodging, and global spirits marketer Diageo expanded our relatively low exposure to consumer discretionary and consumer staples within the Portfolio with industry leaders in their respective businesses.

The additions have improved the Portfolio's overall growth profile while maintaining high active share with a low correlation to the mega cap heavy Russell 3000 Growth Index. An ongoing focus on valuation as well as cash flow positive businesses and those with a visible path to profitability have also supported downside capture through a volatile period of normalization from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performance review

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2022, Class I shares of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio¹ returned -26.42%. The Portfolio's unmanaged benchmark, the Russell 3000 Growth Index, returned -28.97% for the same period. The Lipper Variable Multi-Cap Core Funds Category Average^{iv} returned -17.75% over the same time frame.

Performance Snapshot as of December 31, 2022 (unaudited)		
	6 months	12 months
ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio:		
Class I	-0.72%	-26.42%
Class II	-0.78%	-26.59%
Russell 3000 Growth Index	-1.13%	-28.97%
Lipper Variable Multi-Cap Core Funds Category Average	2.97%	-17.75%

The performance shown represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown above. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

All share class returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value and the deduction of all Portfolio expenses. Performance figures for periods shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.

Portfolio performance figures reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which the performance would have been lower.

Total Annual Operating Expenses (unaudited)

As of the Portfolio's current prospectus dated May 1, 2022, the gross total annual fund operating expense ratios for Class I and Class II shares were 0.80% and 1.08%, respectively.

Actual expenses may be higher. For example, expenses may be higher than those shown if average net assets decrease. Net assets are more likely to decrease and Portfolio expense ratios are more likely to increase when markets are volatile.

Q. What were the leading contributors to performance?

A. On an absolute basis, the Portfolio's positions in one of eight sectors in which it was invested (out of eleven sectors in total) contributed positively to performance for the period, the health care sector.

Relative to the benchmark, overall stock selection contributed to performance. In particular, stock selection in the communication services and health care sectors were the primary drivers of returns. In addition, an overweight allocation to the health care sector, an

¹ The Portfolio is an underlying investment option of various variable annuity and variable life insurance products. The Portfolio's performance returns do not reflect the deduction of expenses imposed in connection with investing in variable annuity or variable life insurance contracts, such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges, which, if reflected, would reduce the performance of the Portfolio. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Portfolio overview (cont'd)

underweight to the consumer discretionary sector and stock selection in the materials sectors had positive impacts on performance.

In terms of individual Portfolio holdings, leading contributors to performance for the period included positions in Vertex Pharmaceuticals, UnitedHealth Group, Biogen and AbbVie in the health care sector and Twitter in the communication services sector.

Q. What were the leading detractors from performance?

A. Relative to the benchmark, the Portfolio's overall sector allocation had a negative impact on performance for the reporting period. In particular, an overweight to the communication services sector, an underweight to the consumer staples sector and stock selection in the industrials sector hurt performance.

In terms of individual Portfolio holdings, leading detractors from performance for the reporting period included positions in Wolfspeed, CrowdStrike Holdings and Seagate Technology in the IT sector as well as Meta Platforms and Comcast in the communication services sector.

Q. Were there any significant changes to the Portfolio during the reporting period?

A. Over the course of the period, we established four new positions that remained in the Portfolio at period end, Snowflake in the IT sector, Diageo in the consumer staples sector, Airbnb in the consumer discretionary sector and Doximity in the health care sector.

In an effort to concentrate the Portfolio in our highest conviction ideas with the best longterm growth profiles, we also closed eight positions. The largest sales included Twitter in the communication services sector, Cerence in the IT sector, Medtronic and 10X Genomics in the health care sector and Pentair in the industrials sector.

Thank you for your investment in the ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets, and we remain focused on achieving the Portfolio's investment goals.

Sincerely,

Aram Green Portfolio Manager ClearBridge Investments, LLC

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Evan Bauman Portfolio Manager ClearBridge Investments, LLC

January 18, 2023

RISKS: Equity securities are subject to price and market fluctuations. The Portfolio may invest a significant portion of its assets in small- and mid-cap companies, which may be more volatile than investments in large-cap companies. The Portfolio may focus its investments in certain companies, industries or market sectors, increasing its vulnerability to market volatility. Investing in foreign securities is subject to certain risks not associated with domestic investing, such as currency fluctuations and changes in social, political and economic conditions, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in emerging markets. Emerging market countries tend to have economic, political and legal systems that are less developed and are less stable than those of more developed countries. Please see the Portfolio's prospectus for a more complete discussion of these and other risks and the Portfolio's investment strategies.

Portfolio holdings and breakdowns are as of December 31, 2022 and are subject to change and may not be representative of the portfolio managers' current or future investments. The Portfolio's top ten holdings (as a percentage of net assets) as of December 31, 2022 were: UnitedHealth Group Inc. (8.8%), Broadcom Inc. (8.6%), Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. (8.1%), Comcast Corp. (6.1%), TE Connectivity Ltd. (6.0%), Autodesk Inc. (4.9%), L3Harris Technologies Inc. (4.5%), Wolfspeed Inc. (4.2%), Johnson Controls International PLC (3.8%) and Biogen Inc. (3.7%). Please refer to pages 12 through 14 for a list and percentage breakdown of the Portfolio's holdings.

The mention of sector breakdowns is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any securities. The information provided regarding such sectors is not a sufficient basis upon which to make an investment decision. Investors seeking financial advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in any securities or investment strategies discussed should consult their financial professional. The Portfolio's top five sector holdings (as a percentage of net assets) as of December 31, 2022 were: information technology (34.7%), health care (31.1%), communication services (15.7%), industrials (8.8%) and consumer discretionary (3.6%). The Portfolio's composition is subject to change at any time.

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

Portfolio overview (cont'd)

- The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of the stocks of 500 leading companies, and is generally representative of the performance of larger companies in the U.S.
- ⁱⁱⁱ The Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. (A price-to-book ratio is the price of a stock compared to the difference between a company's assets and liabilities.) The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the U.S. equity market.
- ⁱⁱⁱ The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.
- ^{iv} Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Refinitiv, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the period ended December 31, 2022, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 100 funds for the six-month period and among the 98 funds for the twelve-month period in the Portfolio's Lipper category.

Portfolio at a glance[†] (unaudited)



† The bar graph above represents the composition of the Portfolio's investments as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. The Portfolio is actively managed. As a result, the composition of the Portfolio's investments is subject to change at any time.

Portfolio expenses (unaudited)

Example

As a shareholder of the Portfolio, you may incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees; service and/or distribution (12b-1) fees; and other Portfolio expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other funds.

This example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested on July 1, 2022 and held for the six months ended December 31, 2022.

Actual expenses

The table below titled "Based on actual total return" provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information provided in this table, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. To estimate the expenses you paid on your account, divide your ending account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 ending account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During the Period".

Hypothetical	example	for	comparison
purposes			

The table below titled "Based on hypothetical total return" provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5.00% per year before expenses, which is not the Portfolio's actual return. 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 the information provided in this table to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Portfolio and other funds. To do so, compare the 5.00% hypothetical example relating to the Portfolio with the 5.00% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table below are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs. 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 transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

Base	ed on actu	al total re	turn ¹			Base	ed on hypo	othetical	total retu	'n ¹	
	Actual Total Return ²	Beginning Account Value	Ending Account Value	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period ³		Hypothetical Annualized Total Return	Beginning Account Value	Ending Account Value	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period ³
Class I	-0.72%	\$1,000.00	\$992.80	0.75%	\$3.77	Class I	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,021.42	0.75%	\$3.82
Class II	-0.78	1,000.00	992.20	1.00	5.02	Class II	5.00	1,000.00	1,020.16	1.00	5.09

- ¹ For the six months ended December 31, 2022.
- ² Assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at net asset value. Total return is not annualized, as it may not be representative of the total return for the year. Total returns do not reflect expenses associated with separate accounts such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges, which, if reflected, would reduce the total returns. Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- ³ Expenses (net of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements) are equal to each class' respective annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half-year (184), then divided by 365.

Portfolio performance (unaudited)

Average annual total returns ¹		
	Class I	Class II
Twelve Months Ended 12/31/22	-26.42%	-26.59%
Five Years Ended 12/31/22	1.89	1.64
Ten Years Ended 12/31/22	8.49	8.22

Cumulative total returns ¹	
Class I (12/31/12 through 12/31/22)	125.95%
Class II (12/31/12 through 12/31/22)	120.39

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns shown do not reflect expenses associated with separate accounts such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges, which, if reflected, would reduce the total returns. Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower.

¹ Assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at net asset value.

Historical performance

Value of \$10,000 invested in

Class I Shares of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio vs. Russell 3000 Growth Index[†] — December 2012 - December 2022



All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns shown do not reflect expenses associated with separate accounts such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges, which, if reflected, would reduce the total returns. Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower.

† Hypothetical illustration of \$10,000 invested in Class I shares of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio on December 31, 2012, assuming the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at net asset value through December 31, 2022. The hypothetical illustration also assumes a \$10,000 investment in the Russell 3000 Growth Index. The Russell 3000 Growth Index (the "Index") measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Index is unmanaged and is not subject to the same management and trading expenses as a fund. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index. The performance of the Portfolio's other class may be greater or less than the Class I shares' performance indicated on this chart, depending on whether greater or lesser fees were incurred by shareholders investing in the other class.

Schedule of investments

December 31, 2022

(Percentages shown based on Portfolio net assets)		
Security	Shares	Value
Common Stocks — 98.8%		
Communication Services — 15.7%		
Entertainment — 5.6%		
Liberty Media CorpLiberty Formula One, Class C Shares	25,556	\$ 1,527,738
Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp.	32,871	1,478,209 *
Madison Square Garden Sports Corp.	23,864	4,374,987
Warner Bros. Discovery Inc.	93,428	885,697 *
World Wrestling Entertainment Inc., Class A Shares	10,301	705,825
Total Entertainment		8,972,456
Interactive Media & Services — 1.8%		
Match Group Inc.	41,844	1,736,107
Meta Platforms Inc., Class A Shares	9,234	1,111,220 *
Total Interactive Media & Services		2,847,327
Media — 8.3%		
AMC Networks Inc., Class A Shares	36,727	575,512 *
Comcast Corp., Class A Shares	279,551	9,775,899
Liberty Broadband Corp., Class A Shares	6,225	472,166
Liberty Broadband Corp., Class C Shares	12,131	925,231
Liberty Media CorpLiberty SiriusXM, Class C Shares	40,134	1,570,443
Total Media		13,319,251
Total Communication Services		25,139,034
Consumer Discretionary — 3.6%		
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure — 1.2%		
Airbnb Inc., Class A Shares	22,400	1,915,200
Internet & Direct Marketing Retail — 2.4%		
Etsy Inc.	32,182	3,854,760*
Total Consumer Discretionary		5,769,960
Consumer Staples — 1.6%		
Beverages — 1.6%		
Diageo PLC, ADR	14,173	2,525,487
Financials — 1.7%		
Capital Markets — 1.7%		
Cohen & Steers Inc.	41,106	2,653,803
Health Care — 31.1%		
Biotechnology — 16.7%		
AbbVie Inc.	24,595	3,974,798
Biogen Inc.	21,378	5,919,996 *
Ionis Pharmaceuticals Inc.	59,698	2,254,793 *

See Notes to Financial Statements.

ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio		
(Percentages shown based on Portfolio net assets)		
Security	Shares	Value
Biotechnology — continued		
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.	34,333	\$ 1,590,648 *
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	44,987	12,991,346 *
Total Biotechnology		26,731,581
Health Care Equipment & Supplies — 2.0%		
Insulet Corp.	10,671	3,141,435 *
Health Care Providers & Services — 9.4%		
Guardant Health Inc.	31,564	858,541 *
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	26,612	14,109,150
Total Health Care Providers & Services		14,967,691
Health Care Technology — 1.1%		
Doximity Inc., Class A Shares	54,789	1,838,719*
Life Sciences Tools & Services — 1.9%		
Charles River Laboratories International Inc.	13,612	2,966,055 *
Total Health Care		49,645,481
Industrials — 8.8%		
Aerospace & Defense — 4.5%		
L3Harris Technologies Inc.	34,339	7,149,723
Building Products — 3.8%		
Johnson Controls International PLC	94,862	6,071,168
Road & Rail — 0.5%		
Lyft Inc., Class A Shares	72,640	800,493*
Total Industrials		14,021,384
Information Technology — 34.7%		
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components — 6.0%		
TE Connectivity Ltd.	83,878	9,629,195
IT Services — 1.6%	,	-,,
Snowflake Inc., Class A Shares	17,645	2,532,763*
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment — 12.9%		
Broadcom Inc.	24,719	13,821,136
Wolfspeed Inc.	97,826	6,753,907 *
Total Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment		20,575,043
Software — 11.5%		
Autodesk Inc.	41,580	7,770,055 *
CrowdStrike Holdings Inc., Class A Shares	37,643	3,963,431 *
DocuSign Inc.	31,416	1,741,075 *
Dolby Laboratories Inc., Class A Shares	10,251	723,105
HubSpot Inc.	14,615	4,225,635 *
Total Software		18,423,301

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Schedule of investments (cont'd)

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Percentages shown based on Portfolio net assets)			
Security		Shares	Value
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals — 2.7%			
Seagate Technology Holdings PLC		66,081	\$ 3,476,521
Western Digital Corp.		26,765	844,436 *
Total Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals			4,320,957
Total Information Technology			55,481,259
Materials — 1.6%			
Metals & Mining — 1.6%			
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.		69,296	2,633,248
Total Investments before Short-Term Investments (Cost	— \$93,456,62	22)	157,869,656
	Rate		
Short-Term Investments — 1.2%	Rate		
Short-Term Investments — 1.2% JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market	Rate		
	Rate 3.845%	1,601,310	1,601,310 ^(a)
JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market		1,601,310	1,601,310 ^(a)
JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund, Institutional Class		1,601,310	1,601,310 ^(a) 400,328 ^{(a)(b}
JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund, Institutional Class Western Asset Premier Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves,	3.845%		
JPMorgan 100% U.S. Treasury Securities Money Market Fund, Institutional Class Western Asset Premier Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves, Premium Shares	3.845%		400,328 ^{(a)(b}
Fund, Institutional Class Western Asset Premier Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves, Premium Shares Total Short-Term Investments (Cost — \$2,001,638)	3.845%		400,328 ^{(a)(b} 2,001,638

†† Represents less than 0.1%.

* Non-income producing security.

^(a) Rate shown is one-day yield as of the end of the reporting period.

(b) In this instance, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, an "Affiliated Company" represents Portfolio ownership of at least 5% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Portfolio. At December 31, 2022, the total market value of investments in Affiliated Companies was \$400,328 and the cost was \$400,328 (Note 8).

Abbreviation(s) used in this schedule:

ADR — American Depositary Receipts

Statement of assets and liabilities

December 31, 2022

Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (Cost — \$95,057,932)	\$159,470,966
Investments in affiliated securities, at value (Cost — \$400,328)	400,328
Receivable for Portfolio shares sold	87,396
Dividends receivable from unaffiliated investments	84,246
Dividends receivable from affiliated investments	1,246
Prepaid expenses	863
Total Assets	160,045,045
Liabilities:	
Investment management fee payable	103,941
Payable for Portfolio shares repurchased	42,885
Fund accounting fees payable	22,682
Shareholder reports payable	16,487
Service and/or distribution fees payable	15,945
Trustees' fees payable	3,758
Accrued expenses	10,788
Total Liabilities	216,486
Total Net Assets	\$159,828,559
Net Assets:	
Par value (Note 7)	\$ 106
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	88,187,315
Total distributable earnings (loss)	71,641,138
Total Net Assets	\$159,828,559
Net Assets:	
Class I	\$86,440,525
Class II	\$73,388,034
Shares Outstanding:	
Class I	5,656,025
Class II	4,949,224
Net Asset Value:	
Net Asset Value: Class I	\$15.28

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Investment Income:	
Dividends from unaffiliated investments	\$ 2,485,873
Dividends from affiliated investments	7,468
Total Investment Income	2,493,341
Expenses:	
Investment management fee (Note 2)	1,670,042
Service and/or distribution fees (Notes 2 and 5)	310,178
Fund accounting fees	68,748
Audit and tax fees	30,132
Legal fees	20,077
Trustees' fees	19,302
Transfer agent fees (Note 5)	4,492
Commitment fees (Note 9)	1,499
Interest expense	86
Shareholder reports	(42,608)
Miscellaneous expenses	6,026
Total Expenses	2,087,974
Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements (Notes 2 and 5)	(412)
Net Expenses	2,087,562
Net Investment Income	405,779

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)on Investments (Notes 1 and 3): Net Realized Gain From Unaffiliated Investment Transactions **Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) From Unaffiliated**

Investments	<i>(96,817,598)</i>
Net Loss on Investments	(72,254,511)
Decrease in Net Assets From Operations	\$(71,848,732)

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Statements of changes in net assets

For the Years Ended December 31,	2022	2021
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 405,779	\$ 1,272
Net realized gain	24,563,087	551,912,182
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(96,817,598)	(458,439,950)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations	(71,848,732)	93,473,504
Distributions to Shareholders From (Notes 1 and 6):		
Total distributable earnings	(24,338,156)	(81,588,163)
Decrease in Net Assets From Distributions to Shareholders	(24,338,156)	(81,588,163)
Portfolio Share Transactions (Note 7):		
Net proceeds from sale of shares	17,331,043	26,579,489
Reinvestment of distributions	24,338,156	81,588,163
Cost of shares repurchased	(73,009,076)	(89,552,839)
Shares redeemed in-kind (Note 10)		(632,436,375)
Decrease in Net Assets From Portfolio Share Transactions	(31,339,877)	(613,821,562)
Decrease in Net Assets	(127,526,765)	(601,936,221)
Decrease in Net Assets Net Assets:	(127,526,765)	(601,936,221)
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

Financial highlights

For a share of each class of beneficial intere	est outstand	ing througho	out each yea	r ended Dec	ember 31:
Class I Shares ¹	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$24.07	\$30.04	\$28.10	\$23.09	\$27.18
Income (loss) from operations:					
Net investment income	0.06	0.04	0.23	0.20	0.21
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(6.38)	2.88	4.66	5.56	(2.35)
Total income (loss) from operations	(6.32)	2.92	4.89	5.76	(2.14)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.23)	(0.26)	(0.17)
Net realized gains	(2.38)	(8.84)	(2.72)	(0.49)	(1.78)
Total distributions	(2.47)	(8.89)	(2.95)	(0.75)	(1.95)
Net asset value, end of year	\$15.28	\$24.07	\$30.04	\$28.10	\$23.09
Total return ²	(26.42) %	10.30 %	18.02 %	25.07 %	(8.34) %
Net assets, end of year (000s)	\$86,441	\$123,139	\$663,125	\$639,452	\$633,954
Ratios to average net assets:					
Gross expenses	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	0.79%	0.79%
Net expenses ³	0.804	0.804	0.794	0.794	0.79
Net investment income	0.33	0.12	0.83	0.78	0.75
Portfolio turnover rate	15%	17%5	11%	3 % ⁵	0%

¹ Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

- ² Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Total returns do not reflect expenses associated with separate accounts such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges which, if reflected, would reduce the total return for all periods shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- ³ As a result of an expense limitation arrangement, the ratio of total annual fund operating expenses, other than interest, brokerage commissions, taxes, extraordinary expenses and acquired fund fees and expenses, to average net assets of Class I shares did not exceed 0.90%. This expense limitation arrangement cannot be terminated prior to December 31, 2024 without the Board of Trustees' consent. In addition, the manager has agreed to waive the Portfolio's management fee to an extent sufficient to offset the net management fee payable in connection with any investment in an affiliated money market fund.
- ⁴ Reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.
- ⁵ Excludes securities delivered as a result of a redemption in-kind.

Class II Shares ¹	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$23.39	\$29.49	\$27.64	\$22.73	\$26.78
Income (loss) from operations:					
Net investment income (loss)	0.01	(0.06)	0.16	0.14	0.14
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(6.19)	2.85	4.57	5.46	(2.31)
Total income (loss) from operations	(6.18)	2.79	4.73	5.60	(2.17)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	—	(0.05)	(0.16)	(0.20)	(0.10)
Net realized gains	(2.38)	(8.84)	(2.72)	(0.49)	(1.78)
Total distributions	(2.38)	(8.89)	(2.88)	(0.69)	(1.88)
Net asset value, end of year	\$14.83	\$23.39	\$29.49	\$27.64	\$22.73
Total return ²	(26.59) %	10.04 %	17.73 %	24.75 %	(8.57) %
Net assets, end of year (000s)	\$73,388	\$164,216	\$226,166	\$204,384	\$164,438
Ratios to average net assets:					
Gross expenses	1.05%	1.08%	1.05%	1.04%	1.04%
Net expenses ³	1.054	1.084	1.05 ⁴	1.044	1.04
Net investment income (loss)	0.06	(0.19)	0.59	0.54	0.51
Portfolio turnover rate	15%	17%5	11%	3%5	0%

¹ Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

- ² Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Total returns do not reflect expenses associated with separate accounts such as administrative fees, account charges and surrender charges which, if reflected, would reduce the total return for all periods shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- ³ As a result of an expense limitation arrangement, the ratio of total annual fund operating expenses, other than interest, brokerage commissions, taxes, extraordinary expenses and acquired fund fees and expenses, to average net assets of Class II shares did not exceed 1.15%. This expense limitation arrangement cannot be terminated prior to December 31, 2024 without the Board of Trustees' consent. In addition, the manager has agreed to waive the Portfolio's management fee to an extent sufficient to offset the net management fee payable in connection with any investment in an affiliated money market fund.
- ⁴ Reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.
- ⁵ Excludes securities delivered as a result of a redemption in-kind.

Notes to financial statements

1. Organization and significant accounting policies

ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio (the "Portfolio") is a separate diversified investment series of Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust (the "Trust"). The Trust, a Maryland statutory trust, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company.

Shares of the Portfolio may only be purchased or redeemed through variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of participating insurance companies or through eligible pension or other qualified plans.

The Portfolio follows the accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, *Financial Services* – *Investment Companies* ("ASC 946"). The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Portfolio and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), including, but not limited to, ASC 946. Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued.

(a) Investment valuation. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. The valuations for fixed income securities (which may include, but are not limited to, corporate, government, municipal, mortgage-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities) and certain derivative instruments are typically the prices supplied by independent third party pricing services, which may use market prices or broker/dealer quotations or a variety of valuation techniques and methodologies. The independent third party pricing services typically use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and guoted prices for similar securities. Investments in open-end funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share of each fund on the day of valuation. When the Portfolio holds securities or other assets that are denominated in a foreign currency, the Portfolio will normally use the currency exchange rates as of 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). If independent third party pricing services are unable to supply prices for a portfolio investment, or if the prices supplied are deemed by the manager to be unreliable, the market price may be determined by the manager using quotations from one or more broker/dealers or at the transaction price if the security has recently been purchased and no value has yet been obtained from a pricing service or pricing broker. When reliable prices are not readily available, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Portfolio calculates its net asset value, the Portfolio values these securities as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Portfolio's Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Portfolio's manager has been designated as the valuation designee and is responsible for the oversight of the daily

valuation process. The Portfolio's manager is assisted by the Global Fund Valuation Committee (the "Valuation Committee"). The Valuation Committee is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the Portfolio's pricing policies, and reporting to the Portfolio's manager and the Board of Trustees. When determining the reliability of third party pricing information for investments owned by the Portfolio, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of pricing vendors, monitors the daily change in prices and reviews transactions among market participants.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such back testing monthly and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Trustees quarterly.

The Portfolio uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

GAAP establishes a disclosure hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value assets and liabilities at measurement date. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Portfolio's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

Notes to financial statements (cont'd)

The inputs or methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Portfolio's assets carried at fair value:

ASSETS				
Description	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Common Stocks†	\$157,869,656	_		\$157,869,656
Short-Term Investments†	2,001,638	_		2,001,638
Total Investments	\$159,871,294		_	\$159,871,294

† See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

(b) Foreign investment risks. The Portfolio's investments in foreign securities may involve risks not present in domestic investments. Since securities may be denominated in foreign currencies, may require settlement in foreign currencies or may pay interest or dividends in foreign currencies, changes in the relationship of these foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of the investments and earnings of the Portfolio. Foreign investments may also subject the Portfolio to foreign government exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation or other political, social or economic developments, all of which affect the market and/or credit risk of the investments.

(c) Security transactions and investment income. Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income (including interest income from payment-in-kind securities), adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date for dividends received in cash and/or securities. Foreign dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or as soon as practicable after the Portfolio determines the existence of a dividend declaration after exercising reasonable due diligence. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults or a credit event occurs that impacts the issuer, the Portfolio may halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default or credit event.

(d) **Distributions to shareholders.** Distributions from net investment income and distributions of net realized gains, if any, are declared at least annually. Distributions to shareholders of the Portfolio are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(e) Share class accounting. Investment income, common expenses and realized/ unrealized gains (losses) on investments are allocated to the various classes of the Portfolio on the basis of daily net assets of each class. Fees relating to a specific class are charged directly to that share class. (f) **Compensating balance arrangements.** The Portfolio has an arrangement with its custodian bank whereby a portion of the custodian's fees are paid indirectly by credits earned on the Portfolio's cash on deposit with the bank.

(g) Federal and other taxes. It is the Portfolio's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Portfolio intends to distribute its taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders in accordance with timing requirements imposed by the Code. Therefore, no federal or state income tax provision is required in the Portfolio's financial statements.

Management has analyzed the Portfolio's tax positions taken on income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of December 31, 2022, no provision for income tax is required in the Portfolio's financial statements. The Portfolio's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

(h) **Reclassification.** GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be reclassified to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. During the current year, the Portfolio had no reclassifications.

2. Investment management agreement and other transactions with affiliates

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ("LMPFA") is the Portfolio's investment manager and ClearBridge Investments, LLC ("ClearBridge") is the Portfolio's subadviser. Western Asset Management Company, LLC ("Western Asset") manages the portion of the Portfolio's cash and short-term instruments allocated to it. LMPFA, ClearBridge and Western Asset are indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. ("Franklin Resources").

Under the investment management agreement, the Portfolio pays an investment management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, in accordance with the following breakpoint schedule:

Average Daily Net Assets	Annual Rate
First \$1 billion	0.750%
Next \$1 billion	0.725
Next \$3 billion	0.700
Next \$5 billion	0.675
Over \$10 billion	0.650

LMPFA provides administrative and certain oversight services to the Portfolio. LMPFA delegates to the subadviser the day-to-day portfolio management of the Portfolio, except for the management of the portion of the Portfolio's cash and short-term instruments allocated to Western Asset. For its services, LMPFA pays ClearBridge a fee monthly, at an annual rate equal to 70% of the net management fee it receives from the Portfolio. For Western Asset's services to the Portfolio, LMPFA pays Western Asset monthly 0.02% of the portion of the Portfolio's average daily net assets that are allocated to Western Asset by LMPFA.

Notes to financial statements (cont'd)

As a result of expense limitation arrangements between the Portfolio and LMPFA, the ratio of total annual fund operating expenses, other than interest, brokerage commissions, taxes, extraordinary expenses and acquired fund fees and expenses, to average net assets of Class I and Class II shares did not exceed 0.90% and 1.15%, respectively. These expense limitation arrangements cannot be terminated prior to December 31, 2024 without the Board of Trustees' consent. In addition, the manager has agreed to waive the Portfolio's management fee to an extent sufficient to offset the net management fee payable in connection with any investment in an affiliated money market fund (the "affiliated money market fund waiver"). The affiliated money market fund waiver is not subject to the recapture provision discussed below.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed amounted to \$412, all of which was an affiliated money market fund waiver.

LMPFA is permitted to recapture amounts waived and/or reimbursed to a class during the same fiscal year if the class' total annual fund operating expenses have fallen to a level below the expense limitation ("expense cap") in effect at the time the fees were earned or the expenses incurred. In no case will LMPFA recapture any amount that would result, on any particular business day of the Portfolio, in the class' total annual fund operating expenses exceeding the expense cap or any other lower limit then in effect.

Franklin Templeton Investor Services, LLC ("Investor Services") serves as the Portfolio's shareholder servicing agent and acts as the Portfolio's transfer agent and dividend-paying agent. Investor Services is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Franklin Resources. Franklin Distributors, LLC ("Franklin Distributors") serves as the Portfolio's sole and exclusive distributor. Franklin Distributors is an indirect, wholly-owned broker-dealer subsidiary of Franklin Resources.

All officers and one Trustee of the Trust are employees of Franklin Resources or its affiliates and do not receive compensation from the Trust.

3. Investments

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

Purchases	\$32,114,445
Sales	87,469,725

At December 31, 2022, the aggregate cost of investments and the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

		Gross Unrealized	Gross Unrealized	Net Unrealized
	Cost	Appreciation	Depreciation	Appreciation
Securities	\$96,161,517	\$89,112,894	\$(25,403,117)	\$63,709,777

4. Derivative instruments and hedging activities

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Portfolio did not invest in derivative instruments.

5. Class specific expenses, waivers and/or expense reimbursements

The Portfolio has adopted a Rule 12b-1 shareholder services and distribution plan and under that plan the Portfolio pays service and/or distribution fees with respect to its Class II shares calculated at the annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the class. Service and/or distribution fees are accrued daily and paid monthly.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, class specific expenses were as follows:

	Service and/or Distribution Fees	Transfer Agent Fees
Class I		\$2,569
Class II	\$310,178	1,923
Total	\$310,178	\$4,492

For the year ended December 31, 2022, waivers and/or expense reimbursements by class were as follows:

	Waivers/Expense
	Reimbursements
Class I	\$182
Class II	230
Total	\$412

6. Distributions to shareholders by class

	Year Ended	Year Ended
Net Investment Income:	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Class I	\$ 450,007	\$ 211,385
Class II		288,616
Total	\$ 450,007	\$ 500,001
Net Realized Gains:		
Class I	\$12,059,509	\$34,366,194
Class II	11,828,640	46,721,968
Total	\$23,888,149	\$81,088,162

7. Shares of beneficial interest

At December 31, 2022, the Trust had an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest authorized with a par value of \$0.00001 per share. The Portfolio has the ability to issue multiple classes of shares. Each class of shares represents an identical interest and has the same rights, except that each class bears certain direct expenses, including those specifically related to the distribution of its shares.

Notes to financial statements (cont'd)

Transactions in shares of each class were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022			Ended er 31, 2021
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class I				
Shares sold	252,295	\$ 4,862,244	136,347	\$ 4,301,864
Shares issued on reinvestment	784,746	12,509,516	1,410,631	34,577,579
Shares repurchased	(496,301)	(9,363,091)	(1,661,160)	(53,752,444)
Shares redeemed in-kind			(16,842,410)	(560,852,239)
Net increase (decrease)	540,740	\$ 8,008,669	(16,956,592)	\$(575,725,240)
Class II				
Shares sold	683,720	\$ 12,468,799	700,873	\$ 22,277,625
Shares issued on reinvestment	762,080	11,828,640	1,971,157	47,010,584
Shares repurchased	(3,517,073)	(63,645,985)	(1,128,790)	(35,800,395)
Shares redeemed in-kind			(2,191,127)	(71,584,136)
Net decrease	(2,071,273)	\$(39,348,546)	(647,887)	\$ (38,096,322)

8. Transactions with affiliated company

As defined by the 1940 Act, an affiliated company is one in which the Portfolio owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control with the Portfolio. The following company was considered an affiliated company for all or some portion of the year ended December 31, 2022. The following transactions were effected in such company for the year ended December 31, 2022.

	Affiliate Value at December 31,	Purchased			Sold
	2021	Cost	Shares	Proceeds	Shares
Western Asset Premier Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves, Premium Shares \$420,884	\$420,884	\$8,230,995	8,230,995	\$8,251,551	8,251,551
(cont'd)	Realized Gain (Loss)	Divid Inco		Net Increase (Decrease) in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Affiliate Value at December 31, 2022
Western Asset Premi Institutional U.S. Treasury Reserves, Premium Shares	er 	\$7,4	68	_	\$400,328

9. Redemption facility

On February 4, 2022, the Portfolio, together with other U.S. registered and foreign investment funds (collectively, the "Borrowers") managed by Franklin Resources or its affiliates, became a borrower in a joint syndicated senior unsecured credit facility totaling \$2.675 billion (the "Global Credit Facility"). The Global Credit Facility provides a source of

funds to the Borrowers for temporary and emergency purposes, including the ability to meet future unanticipated or unusually large redemption requests. Unless renewed, the Global Credit Facility will terminate on February 2, 2024.

Under the terms of the Global Credit Facility, the Portfolio shall, in addition to interest charged on any borrowings made by the Portfolio and other costs incurred by the Portfolio, pay its share of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the implementation and maintenance of the Global Credit Facility, based upon its relative share of the aggregate net assets of all the Borrowers, including an annual commitment fee of 0.15% based upon the unused portion of the Global Credit Facility. These fees are reflected in the Statement of Operations. The Portfolio did not utilize the Global Credit Facility during the year ended December 31, 2022.

10. Redemptions in-kind

The Portfolio may make payment for Portfolio shares redeemed wholly or in part by distributing portfolio securities to shareholders. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Portfolio had no redemptions in-kind. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Portfolio had redemptions in-kind with total proceeds in the amount of \$632,436,375. The net realized gain on these redemptions in-kind amounted to \$476,536,679, which was not realized for tax purposes.

11. Income tax information and distributions to shareholders

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended December 31, was as follows:

	2022	2021
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$ 725,411	\$22,563,430
Net long-term capital gains	23,612,745	59,024,733
Total distributions paid	\$24,338,156	\$81,588,163

As of December 31, 2022, the components of distributable earnings (loss) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income — net	\$ 66,842
Undistributed long-term capital gains — net	7,884,907
Total undistributed earnings	\$ 7,951,749
Other book/tax temporary differences ^(a)	(20,388)
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ^(b)	63,709,777
Total distributable earnings (loss) — net	\$71,641,138

(a) Other book/tax temporary differences are attributable to the book/tax differences in the timing of the deductibility of various expenses.

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

12. Recent accounting pronouncements

In June 2022, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2022-03, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820) – Fair Value*

Notes to financial statements (cont'd)

Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions. The amendments in the ASU clarify that a contractual restriction on the sale of an equity security is not considered part of the unit of account of the equity security and, therefore, should not be considered in measuring fair value. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, with the option of early adoption. Management has reviewed the requirements and believes that the adoption of the ASU will not have a material impact on the financial statements.

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) – Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting*. In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU No. 2021-01, with further amendments to Topic 848. The amendments in the ASUs provide optional temporary accounting recognition and financial reporting relief from the effect of certain types of contract modifications due to the planned discontinuation of the LIBOR and other interbank-offered based reference rates as of the end of 2021 and 2023. The ASUs are effective for certain reference rate-related contract modifications that occur during the period March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Management has reviewed the requirements and believes the adoption of these ASUs will not have a material impact on the financial statements.

13. Other matters

The outbreak of the respiratory illness COVID-19 (commonly referred to as "coronavirus") has continued to rapidly spread around the world, causing considerable uncertainty for the global economy and financial markets. The ultimate economic fallout from the pandemic, and the long-term impact on economies, markets, industries and individual issuers, are not known. The COVID-19 pandemic could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Portfolio's investments, impair the Portfolio's ability to satisfy redemption requests, and negatively impact the Portfolio's performance. In addition, the outbreak of COVID-19, and measures taken to mitigate its effects, could result in disruptions to the services provided to the Portfolio by its service providers.

On February 24, 2022, Russia engaged in military actions in the sovereign territory of Ukraine. The current political and financial uncertainty surrounding Russia and Ukraine may increase market volatility and the economic risk of investing in securities in these countries and may also cause uncertainty for the global economy and broader financial markets. The ultimate fallout and long-term impact from these events are not known. The Portfolio will continue to assess the impact on valuations and liquidity and will take any potential actions needed in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

Report of independent registered public accounting firm

To the Board of Trustees of Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust and Shareholders of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio (one of the portfolios constituting Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust, referred to hereafter as the "Portfolio") as of December 31, 2022, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2022, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2022, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2022, collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Portfolio as of December 31, 2022, 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 ended December 31, 2022, including the related notes, and the financial position of the Portfolio as of December 31, 2022, 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 ended December 31, 2022 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2022 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Portfolio's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Portfolio's financial statements 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 Portfolio 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 of these financial statements 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 are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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. 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. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2022 by correspondence with the custodian. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Baltimore, Maryland February 13, 2023

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds since 1948.

Additional information (unaudited)

Information about Trustees and Officers

The business and affairs of ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio (the "Portfolio") are conducted by management under the supervision and subject to the direction of its Board of Trustees. The business address of each Trustee is c/o Jane Trust, Franklin Templeton, 100 International Drive, 11th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Information pertaining to the Trustees and officers of the Portfolio is set forth below. The Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about Trustees and is available, without charge, upon request by calling the Portfolio at 877-6LM-FUND/656-3863.

Independent Trustees [†]	
Paul R. Ades	
Year of birth	1940
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1983
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Paul R. Ades, PLLC (law firm) (since 2000)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None
Andrew L. Breech	
Year of birth	1952
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1991
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	President, Dealer Operating Control Service, Inc. (automotive retail management) (since 1985)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None
Althea L. Duersten	
Year of birth	1951
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee and Chair of the Board
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2014 (Chair of the Board since 2021)
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Retired (since 2011); formerly, Chief Investment Officer, North America, JPMorgan Chase (investment bank) and member of JPMorgan Executive Committee (2007 to 2011)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	Formerly, Non-Executive Director, Rokos Capital Management LLP (2019 to 2020)

Independent Trustees[†] (cont'd)

Stephen R. Gross

Year of birth	1947
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office1 and length of time served2	Since 1986
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Chairman Emeritus (since 2011) and formerly, Chairman, HLB Gross Collins, P.C. (accounting and consulting firm) (1979 to 2011); Executive Director of Business Builders Team, LLC (since 2005); Principal, Gross Consulting Group, LLC (since 2011); CEO, Gross Capital Partners, LLC (since 2014); CEO, Trusted CFO Solutions, LLC (since 2011)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None

Susan M. Heilbron

Year of birth	1945
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1991
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Retired; formerly, President, Lacey & Heilbron (communications consulting) (1990 to 2002); General Counsel and Executive Vice President, The Trump Organization (1986 to 1990); Senior Vice President, New York State Urban Development Corporation (1984 to 1986); Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP (1980 to 1984 and 1977 to 1979)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None
Arnold L. Lehman	
Year of birth	1944
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1982
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Senior Advisor, Phillips (auction house) (since 2015); formerly, Fellow, Ford Foundation (2015 to 2016); Director of the Brooklyn Museum (1997 to 2015)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	Trustee of American Federation of Arts (since 2002)

Additional information (unaudited) (cont'd)

Information about Trustees and Officers

Robin J. W. Masters	
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Year of birth	1955
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2002
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Retired; formerly, Chief Investment Officer of ACE Limited (insurance) (1986 to 2000)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	Director of HSBC Managed Portfolios Limited and HSBC Specialist Funds Limited (since 2020); formerly, Director of Cheyne Capital International Limited (investment advisory firm) (2005 to 2020); Director/ Trustee of Legg Mason Institutional Funds plc, Western Asset Fixed Income Funds plc and Western Asset Debt Securities Fund plc. (2007 to 2011)

Ken Miller

Year of birth	1942
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1983
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Retired; formerly, President, Young Stuff Apparel Group, Inc. (apparel manufacturer), division of Li & Fung (1963 to 2012)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None

G. Peter O'Brien

Year of birth	1945
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office1 and length of time served2	Since 1999
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Retired, Trustee Emeritus of Colgate University (since 2005); Board Member, Hill House, Inc. (residential home care) (since 1999); formerly, Board Member, Bridges School (pre-school) (2006 to 2017); Managing Director, Equity Capital Markets Group of Merrill Lynch & Co. (1971 to 1999)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	Trustee of Legg Mason funds consisting of 57 portfolios; Director/Trustee of the Royce Family of Funds consisting of 16 portfolios
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	Formerly, Director of TICC Capital Corp. (2003 to 2017)

Independent Trustees⁺ (cont'd)

Thomas F. Schlafly

Year of birth	1948
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 1983
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Chairman, The Saint Louis Brewery, LLC (brewery) (since 2012); formerly, President, The Saint Louis Brewery, Inc. (1989 to 2012); Senior Counsel (since 2017) and formerly, Partner (2009 to 2016), Thompson Coburn LLP (law firm)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	57
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	Director, CNB St. Louis Bank (since 2020); formerly, Director, Citizens National Bank of Greater St. Louis (2006 to 2020)

Interested Trustee and Officer

Jane Trust, CFA³

Year of birth	1962
Position(s) with Trust	Trustee, President and Chief Executive Officer
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2015
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Senior Vice President, Fund Board Management, Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Officer and/or Trustee/Director of 127 funds associated with LMPFA or its affiliates (since 2015); President and Chief Executive Officer of LMPFA (since 2015); formerly, Senior Managing Director (2018 to 2020) and Managing Director (2016 to 2018) of Legg Mason & Co., LLC ("Legg Mason & Co."); Senior Vice President of LMPFA (2015)
Number of funds in fund complex overseen by Trustee	127
Other board memberships held by Trustee during the past five years	None

Additional Officers

Ted P. Becker

Franklin Templeton

280 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Year of birth	1951
Position(s) with Trust	Chief Compliance Officer
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2007
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Vice President, Global Compliance of Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Chief Compliance Officer of LMPFA (since 2006); Chief Compliance Officer of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates (since 2006); formerly, Director of Global Compliance at Legg Mason, Inc. (2006 to 2020); Managing Director of Compliance of Legg Mason & Co. (2005 to 2020)

Additional information (unaudited) (cont'd)

Information about Trustees and Officers

Additional Officers (cont'd)	
Susan Kerr	
Franklin Templeton	
280 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10017	
Year of birth	1949
Position(s) with Trust	Chief Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2013
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Senior Compliance Analyst, Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Chief Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates (since 2013) and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer (since 2012), Senior Compliance Officer (since 2011) and Assistant Vice President (since 2010) of Franklin Distributors, LLC; formerly, Assistant Vice President of Legg Mason & Co. (2010 to 2020)

Marc A. De Oliveira

Franklin Templeton 100 First Stamford Place, 6th Floor, Stamford, CT 06902	
Year of birth	1971
Position(s) with Trust	Secretary and Chief Legal Officer
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2020
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Associate General Counsel of Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Assistant Secretary of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates (since 2006); formerly, Managing Director (2016 to 2020) and Associate General Counsel of Legg Mason & Co. (2005 to 2020)

Thomas C. Mandia

Franklin Templeton	
100 First Stamford Place, 6th Floor, Stamford, CT 06902	
Year of birth	1962
Position(s) with Trust	Senior Vice President
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2020
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Senior Associate General Counsel of Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Secretary of LMPFA (since 2006); Assistant Secretary of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates (since 2006); Secretary of LM Asset Services, LLC ("LMAS") (since 2002) and Legg Mason Fund Asset Management, Inc. ("LMFAM") (since 2013) (formerly registered investment advisers); formerly, Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel of Legg Mason & Co. (2005 to 2020)
Additional Officers (cont'd)

Christopher Berarducci

Franklin Templeton 280 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10017		
Year of birth	1974	
Position(s) with Trust	Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer	
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2014 and 2019	
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	Vice President, Fund Administration and Reporting, Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Treasurer (since 2010) and Principal Financial Officer (since 2019) of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates; formerly, Managing Director (2020), Director (2015 to 2020), and Vice President (2011 to 2015) of Legg Mason & Co.	

Jeanne M. Kelly

Franklin Templeton

Year of birth	1951		
Position(s) with Trust	Senior Vice President		
Term of office ¹ and length of time served ²	Since 2007		
Principal occupation(s) during the past five years	U.S. Fund Board Team Manager, Franklin Templeton (since 2020); Senior Vice President of certain funds associated with Legg Mason & Co. or its affiliates (since 2007); Senior Vice President of LMPFA (since 2006); President and Chief Executive Officer of LMAS and LMFAM (since 2015); formerly, Managing Director of Legg Mason & Co. (2005 to 2020); Senior Vice President of LMFAM (2013 to 2015)		

- † Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Portfolio within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").
- ¹ Each Trustee and officer serves until his or her respective successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement or removal.
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- ³ Ms. Trust is an "interested person" of the Portfolio, as defined in the 1940 Act, because of her position with LMPFA and/or certain of its affiliates.

Important tax information (unaudited)

By mid-February, tax information related to a shareholder's proportionate share of distributions paid during the preceding calendar year will be received, if applicable. Please also refer to www.franklintempleton.com for per share tax information related to any distributions paid during the preceding calendar year. Shareholders are advised to consult with their tax advisors for further information on the treatment of these amounts on their tax returns.

The following tax information for the Portfolio is required to be furnished to shareholders with respect to income earned and distributions paid during its fiscal year.

The Portfolio hereby reports the following amounts, or if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum allowable amounts, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022:

	Pursuant to:	Amount Reported
Long-Term Capital Gain Dividends Distributed	§852(b)(3)(C)	\$23,612,745
Income Eligible for Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)	§854(b)(1)(A)	\$1,835,953

ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio

Trustees

Paul R. Ades Andrew L. Breech Althea L. Duersten *Chair* Stephen R. Gross Susan M. Heilbron Arnold L. Lehman Robin J. W. Masters Ken Miller G. Peter O'Brien Thomas F. Schlafly Jane Trust

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Subadviser ClearBridge Investments, LLC

Distributor Franklin Distributors, LLC

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Baltimore, MD

ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio

The Portfolio is a separate investment series of Legg Mason Partners Variable Equity Trust, a Maryland statutory trust.

ClearBridge Variable Aggressive Growth Portfolio Legg Mason Funds 620 Eighth Avenue, 47th Floor New York, NY 10018

The Portfolio 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 Portfolio's Forms N-PORT are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. To obtain information on Form N-PORT, shareholders can call the Portfolio at 877-6LM-FUND/656-3863.

Information on how the Portfolio voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the prior 12-month period ended June 30th of each year and a description of the policies and procedures that the Portfolio uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio transactions are available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling the Portfolio at 877-6LM-FUND/656-3863, (2) at www.franklintempleton.com and (3) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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Investors should consider the Portfolio's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the Portfolio. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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