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Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	$117.3	Global Thematic Research Schedule 0.80% on 1st $25m 0.60% on next $25m 0.50% on next $50m 0.40% on the balance *Minimum account size $25m*	0.570%	0.750%

[4] The Supreme Court stated that "courts may give such comparisons the weight that they merit in light of the similarities and differences between the services that the clients in question require, but the courts must be wary of inapt comparisons." Among the significant differences the Supreme Court noted that may exist between services provided to mutual funds and institutional accounts are "higher marketing costs." *Jones v. Harris* at 1428.

[5] The Adviser has indicated that with respect to institutional accounts with assets greater than $300 million, it will negotiate a fee schedule. Discounts that are negotiated vary based upon each client relationship.

The Adviser also manages AB Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. ("Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc.), a retail mutual fund, which has a substantially similar investment style as the Portfolio. Set forth below is the fee schedule of Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. and what would have been the effective advisory fee of the Portfolio had the fee schedule of the retail mutual fund been applicable to the Portfolio:[6]

Portfolio	AB Mutual Fund	Fee Schedule	ABMF Effective Fee
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc.[7]	0.75% on first $2.5 billion 0.65% on next $2.5 billion 0.60% on the balance	0.750%

The Adviser also manages and sponsors retail mutual funds, which are organized in jurisdictions outside the United States, generally Luxembourg and Japan, and sold to non-United States resident investors. The Adviser charges the fees set forth for Thematic Research Growth Portfolio, a Luxembourg fund that has a somewhat similar investment style as the Portfolio.

Portfolio	Fee[8]
Thematic Research Growth Portfolio	
Class A	1.70%
Class I (Institutional)	0.90%

The Adviser represented that it does not sub-advise any registered investment company with a substantially similar investment style as the Portfolio.

[6] The retail mutual fund was also affected by the settlement between the Adviser and the NYAG. As a result, the Portfolio has the same breakpoints in its advisory fee schedule as the retail mutual fund.
[7] The advisory fees of AB Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. are based on the mutual fund's net assets at the end of each quarter and are paid to the Adviser quarterly, in contrast to the Portfolio, whose advisory fees are based on the Portfolio's average daily net assets and are paid on a monthly basis.
[8] Class A shares of the fund are charged an "all-in" fee, which includes investment advisory services and distribution related services, unlike Class I shares, whose fee is for only investment advisory services.

II. MANAGEMENT FEES CHARGED BY OTHER MUTUAL FUND COMPANIES FOR LIKE SERVICES.

Broadridge, an analytical service that is not affiliated with the Adviser, compared the fees charged to the Portfolios with fees charged to other investment companies for similar services by other investment advisers.[9, 10] Broadridge's analysis included each Portfolio's contractual management fee, estimated at the approximate current asset level of the subject Portfolio, to the median of the Portfolio's Broadridge Expense Group ("EG") and the Portfolio's contractual management fee ranking.[11, 12]

Broadridge describes an EG as a representative sample of comparable funds. Broadridge's standard methodology for screening funds to be included in an EG entails the consideration of several fund criteria, including fund type, investment classification/objective, load type and similar 12b-1/non-12b-1 service fees, asset (size) comparability, expense components, operating structure, and expense attributes. An EG will typically consist of seven to twenty funds.

The original EG for the Portfolio had an insufficient number of peers. Consequently, Broadridge expanded the EGs of the Portfolio to include peers that had a similar but not the same Lipper investment classification/objective.

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[9] On June 5, 2015, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") acquired the Fiduciary Services and Competitive Intelligence unit, *i.e.,* the group responsible for providing the Portfolio's 15(c) report, from Thomson Reuters' Lipper division. The group that maintains Lipper's expense and performance databases and investment classifications/objectives remains a part of Thomson Reuters' Lipper division. Accordingly, the Portfolio's investment classification/objective continues to be determined by Lipper.

[10] The Supreme Court cautioned against accepting mutual fund fee comparisons without careful scrutiny since "these comparisons are problematic because these fees, like those challenged, may not be the product of negotiations conducted at arm's length." *Jones v. Harris* at 1429.

[11] The contractual management fee is calculated by Broadridge using the Portfolio's contractual management fee rate at a hypothetical asset level. The hypothetical asset level is based on the combined net assets of all classes of the Portfolio, rounded up to the next $25 million. Broadridge's total expense ratio information is based on the most recent annual report except as otherwise noted. A ranking of "1" means that the Portfolio has the lowest effective fee rate in the Broadridge peer group.

[12] The contractual management fee does not reflect any expense reimbursement made by the Portfolio to the Adviser for certain clerical, legal, accounting, administrative and other services.

Portfolio	Contractual Management Fee (%)[13]	Broadridge EG Median (%)	Broadridge EG Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[14]	0.750	0.750	3/8

However, because Broadridge had expanded those Portfolio's EGs to include peers that had a similar but not the same Lipper investment classification/objective, under Broadridge's standard guidelines, each of the Portfolio's Broadridge Expense Universe ("EU") was also expanded to include the universes of those peers that had a similar but not the same Lipper investment classification/objective. A "normal" EU will include funds that have the same investment classification/objective and load type as the subject Portfolio.[15] Set forth below is a comparison of the Portfolio's total expense ratio and the medians of the Portfolio's EG and EU. The Portfolio's total expense ratio ranking is also shown in the table below.

Portfolio	Expense Ratio (%)[16]	Broadridge EG Median (%)	Broadridge EG Rank	Broadridge EU Median (%)	Broadridge EU Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[17]	1.005	0.881	6/8	0.876	10/12

Based on this analysis, the Portfolio has a more favorable ranking on a contractual management fee basis than it does on a total expense ratio basis.

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[14] The Portfolio's EG includes the Portfolio, four other variable insurance product ("VIP") Global Multi-Cap Growth ("GMLG") funds and four VIP Global Multi-Cap Core ("GMLC") funds.
[15] Except for asset (size) comparability, Broadridge uses the same criteria for selecting an EG peer when selecting an EU peer. Unlike the EG, the EU allows for the same adviser to be represented by more than just one fund.
[16] Most recently completed fiscal year end Class A total expense ratio.
[17] Portfolio's EU includes the Portfolio, EG and all other VIP GMLG and VIP GMLC funds, excluding outliers.

III. COSTS TO THE ADVISER AND ITS AFFILIATES OF SUPPLYING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE ADVISORY FEE ARRANGEMENT, EXCLUDING ANY INTRA-CORPORATE PROFIT.

The Adviser utilizes two profitability reporting systems, which operate independently but are aligned with each other, to estimate the Adviser's profitability in connection with investment advisory services provided to the Portfolio. The Senior Officer has retained a consultant to provide independent advice regarding the alignment of the two profitability systems as well as the methodologies and allocations utilized by both profitability systems.

IV. PROFIT MARGINS OF THE ADVISER AND ITS AFFILIATES FOR SUPPLYING SUCH SERVICES.

The Portfolio's profitability information, prepared by the Adviser for the Board of Directors, was reviewed by the Senior Officer and the consultant. The Adviser's profitability from providing investment advisory services to the Portfolio decreased during calendar year 2015, relative to 2014.

In addition to the Adviser's direct profits from managing the Portfolio, certain of the Adviser's affiliates have business relationships with the Portfolio and may earn a profit from providing other services to the Portfolio. The courts have referred to this type of business opportunity as "fall-out benefits" to the Adviser and indicated that such benefits should be factored into the evaluation of the total relationship between the Portfolio and the Adviser. Neither case law nor common business practice precludes the Adviser's affiliates from earning a reasonable profit on this type of relationship provided the affiliates' charges and services are competitive. These affiliates provide transfer agent, distribution and brokerage related services to the Portfolio and receive transfer agent fees, Rule 12b-1 payments, and brokerage commissions. In addition, the Adviser

benefits from soft dollar arrangements which offset expenses the Adviser would otherwise incur.

The Portfolio has adopted a distribution plan for Class B shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 40 Act. Under the distribution plan, the Portfolio pays distribution and servicing fees to its principal underwriter, AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. ("ABI"), the Portfolio's distributor and an affiliate of the adviser, at an annual rate of up to 0.50% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares. The current annual rate that the Portfolio pays to ABI for 12b-1 fees is 0.25%. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, ABI received $247,899 in Rule 12b-1 fees.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Adviser incurred distribution expenses in the amount of $505,616 in connection with activities primarily intended to result in the sale of the Portfolio's Class B shares. This expense amount incurred by ABI is partially offset by the 12b-1 fees paid by the Portfolio.

Financial intermediaries, such as insurers, market and sell shares of the Portfolio and typically receive compensation from ABI, the Advisers and/or the Portfolio for selling shares of the Portfolio. These financial intermediaries receive compensation in any or all of the following forms: 12b-1 fees, defrayal of costs for educational seminars and training, additional distribution support, recordkeeping and/or administrative services. Payments related to providing contract-holder recordkeeping and/or administrative services will generally not exceed 0.35% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio attributable to the relevant intermediary over the year. With respect to the Fund, which includes the Portfolio and other Portfolios of the Fund not discussed in this summary, ABI paid approximately $400,000 in 2015 and expects to pay approximately

$450,000 in 2016 for educational support and distribution assistance (revenue sharing payments).

The transfer agent of the Portfolio is AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. ("ABIS"). During the most recently completed fiscal year, ABIS received a fee of $1,262 from the Portfolio.[18]

The Portfolio did not effect any brokerage transactions through the Adviser's affiliate, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("SCB & Co.") and/or its U.K. affiliate, Sanford C. Bernstein Limited ("SCB Ltd."), collectively "SCB," and pay commissions during the Portfolio's most recently completed fiscal year. The Adviser represented that SCB's profitability from any future business conducted with the Portfolio would be comparable to the profitability of SCB's dealings with other similar third party clients. In the ordinary course of business, SCB receives and pays liquidity rebates from electronic communications networks ("ECNs") derived from trading for its clients. These credits and charges are not being passed onto any SCB client. The Adviser also receives certain soft dollar benefits from brokers that execute agency trades for the Portfolio and other clients. These soft dollar benefits reduce the Adviser's cost of doing business and increase its profitability.

V. POSSIBLE ECONOMIES OF SCALE

The Adviser has indicated that economies of scale are being shared with shareholders through pricing to scale, breakpoints, fee reductions/waivers and enhancement to services.

[18] The Fund, which includes the Portfolio and other Portfolios of the Fund pays ABIS a fee of $18,000 for each calendar year.

In May 2012, an independent consultant, retained by the Senior Officer, provided the Board of Directors information on the Adviser's firm-wide average costs from 2005 through 2011 and the potential economies of scale. The independent consultant noted that from 2005 through 2007 the Adviser experienced significant growth in assets under management ("AUM"). During this period, operating expenses increased, in part to keep up with growth, and in part reflecting market returns. However, from 2008 through the first quarter of 2009, AUM rapidly and significantly decreased due to declines in market value and client withdrawals. When AUM rapidly decreased, some operating expenses categories, including base compensation and office space, adjusted more slowly during this period, resulting in an increase in average costs. Since 2009, AUM has experienced less significant changes. The independent consultant noted that changes in operating expenses reflect changes in business composition and business practices in response to changes in financial markets. Finally, the independent consultant concluded that the increase in average cost and the decline in net operating margin across the Adviser since late 2008 are inconsistent with the view that there are currently reductions in average costs due to economies of scale that can be shared with the AB Mutual Funds managed by the Adviser through lower fees.

In February 2008, the independent consultant provided the Board of Directors an update of Deli's study on advisory fees and various fund characteristics. [19, 20] The independent consultant first reiterated the results of his previous two dimensional

[19] The Deli study, originally published in 2002 based on 1997 data and updated for the February 2008 Presentation, may be of diminished value due to the age of the data used in the presentation and the changes experienced in the industry over the last four years. Source: Deli, Daniel N. "Mutual Fund Advisory Contracts: An Empirical Investigation." *Journal of Finance*, 57(1): 109-133 (2002).

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comparison analysis (fund size and family size) with the Board of Directors.[21] The independent consultant then discussed the results of the regression model that was utilized to study the effects of various factors on advisory fees. The regression model output indicated that the bulk of the variation in fees predicted were explained by various factors, but substantially by fund AUM, family AUM, index fund indicator and investment style. The independent consultant also compared the advisory fees of the AB Mutual Funds to similar funds managed by 19 other large asset managers, regardless of the fund size and each Adviser's proportion of mutual fund assets to non-mutual fund assets.

VI. NATURE AND QUALITY OF THE ADVISER'S SERVICES, INCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PORTFOLIO

With assets under management of approximately $479 billion as of March 31, 2016, the Adviser has the investment experience to manage and provide non-investment services (described in Section I) to the Portfolio.

The information in the table below shows the 1, 3, 5 and 10 year net performance returns, rankings and quintiles[22] of the Portfolios relative to their Broadridge Performance Group ("PG") and Broadridge Performance Universe ("PU")[23] for the periods ended February 29, 2016.[24]

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[21] The two dimensional analysis showed patterns of lower advisory fees for funds with larger asset sizes and funds from larger family sizes compared to funds with smaller asset sizes and funds from smaller family sizes, which according to the independent consultant is indicative of a sharing of economies of scale and scope. However, in less liquid and active markets, such is not the case, as the empirical analysis showed potential for diseconomies of scale in those markets. The empirical analysis also showed diminishing economies of scale and scope as funds surpassed a certain high level of assets.

[22] The performance returns and rankings of the Portfolio are for the Portfolio's Class A shares. The performance returns and rankings of the Portfolio were provided by Broadridge.

[23] The Portfolio's PG/PU are not identical to the Portfolio's EG/EU as the criteria for including/excluding a fund in a PG/PU is different from that of an EG/EU.

[24] Note that the current Lipper investment classification/objective dictates the PG and PU throughout the life of each fund even if the fund had a different investment classification/objective at a different point in time.

	Portfolio (%)	PG Median (%)	PU Median (%)	PG Rank	PU Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[25]					
1 year	-12.47	-12.47	-10.50	3/5	5/7
3 year	5.51	4.75	4.75	1/5	2/7
5 year	0.22	2.06	2.27	5/5	7/7
10 year	2.46	3.56	3.56	4/5	5/7

Set forth below are the 1, 3, 5 and 10 year and since inception performance returns of the Portfolio (in bold)[26] versus its benchmarks. Portfolio and benchmark volatility and reward-to-variability ratio ("Sharpe Ratio") information is also shown.[27]

	Period Ending February 29, 2016							
	Annualized Performance					Annualized		
	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)	Volatility (%)	Sharpe (%)	Risk Period (Year)
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MSCI World Index (Net) [28]	-11.00	5.32	4.92	3.82	5.58	N/A	N/A	N/A

Inception Date: January 11, 1996

[25] The Portfolio's Lipper classification changed in 2009 from VA Science/Technology Funds to VA Global Growth as a result of changes to the Portfolio's strategy. Consequently, for the 10 year period, the Portfolio's performance is being compared to funds that did not have the same Lipper investment category/objective during the entirety of that period.

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[27] Portfolio and benchmark volatility and Sharpe Ratio information was obtained through Lipper LANA, a database maintained by Lipper. Volatility is a statistical measure of the tendency of a market price or yield to vary over time. A Sharpe Ratio is a risk adjusted measure of return that divides a fund's return in excess of the riskless return by the fund's standard deviation. A fund with a greater volatility would be viewed as more risky than a fund with equivalent performance but lower volatility; for that reason, a greater return would be demanded for the more risky fund. A fund with a higher Sharpe Ratio would be viewed as better performing than a fund with a lower Sharpe Ratio.

[28] Benchmark since inception date is the nearest month end after the Portfolio's inception date.

CONCLUSION:

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Notwithstanding the Adviser's view that managing an investment company is not comparable to managing other institutional accounts because the services provided are different, the Supreme Court has indicated consideration should be given to the advisory fees charged to institutional accounts that have a substantially similar investment style as the Portfolio.[4] In addition to the AB Institutional fee schedule, set forth below is what would have been the effective advisory fee of the Portfolio had the AB Institutional fee schedule been applicable to the Portfolio versus the Portfolio's advisory fee based on March 31, 2015 net assets:[5]

Portfolio	Net Assets 3/31/15 ($MIL)	AB Institutional Fee Schedule	Effective AB Inst. Adv. Fee	Portfolio Advisory Fee
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	$135.9	Global Thematic Research Schedule 0.80% on 1st $25m 0.60% on next $25m 0.50% on next $50m 0.40% on the balance *Minimum account size $25m*	0.547%	0.750%

[4] The Supreme Court stated that "courts may give such comparisons the weight that they merit in light of the similarities and differences between the services that the clients in question require, but the courts must be wary of inapt comparisons." Among the significant differences the Supreme Court noted that may exist between services provided to mutual funds and institutional accounts are "higher marketing costs." *Jones v. Harris* at 1428.

[5] The Adviser has indicated that with respect to institutional accounts with assets greater than $300 million, it will negotiate a fee schedule. Discounts that are negotiated vary based upon each client relationship.

The Adviser also manages AB Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. ("Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc.), a retail mutual fund, which has a substantially similar investment style as the Portfolio. Set forth below are the fee schedule of Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. and what would have been the effective advisory fee of the Portfolio had the fee schedule of the retail mutual fund been applicable to the Portfolio:[6]

Portfolio	AB Mutual Fund	Fee Schedule	ABMF Effective Fee	Portfolio Advisory Fee
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio	Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. [7]	0.75% on first $2.5 billion 0.65% on next $2.5 billion 0.60% on the balance	0.750%	0.750%

The Adviser also manages and sponsors retail mutual funds, which are organized in jurisdictions outside the United States, generally Luxembourg and Japan, and sold to non-United States resident investors. The Adviser charges the fees set forth for Thematic Research Growth Portfolio, a Luxembourg fund that has a somewhat similar investment style as the Portfolio.

Portfolio	Fee[8]
Thematic Research Growth Portfolio	
Class A	1.70%
Class I (Institutional)	0.90%

The Adviser represented that it does not sub-advise any registered investment company with a substantially similar investment style as the Portfolio.

[6] The retail mutual fund was also affected by the settlement between the Adviser and the NYAG. As a result, the Portfolio has the same breakpoints in its advisory fee schedule as the retail mutual fund.
[7] The advisory fees of AB Global Thematic Growth Fund, Inc. are based on the mutual fund's net assets at the end of each quarter and are paid to the Adviser quarterly, in contrast to the Portfolio, whose advisory fees are based on the Portfolio's average daily net assets and are paid on a monthly basis.
[8] Class A shares of the fund are charged an "all-in" fee, which includes investment advisory services and distribution related services, unlike Class I shares, whose fee is for only investment advisory services.

II. MANAGEMENT FEES CHARGED BY OTHER MUTUAL FUND COMPANIES FOR LIKE SERVICES.

Lipper Inc. ("Lipper"), an analytical service that is not affiliated with the Adviser, compared the fees charged to the Portfolio with fees charged to other investment companies for similar services offered by other investment advisers.[9] Lipper's analysis included the comparison of the Portfolio's contractual management fee, estimated at the approximate current asset level of the Portfolio, to the median of the Portfolio's Lipper Expense Group ("EG") and the Portfolio's contractual management fee ranking. [10,11]

Lipper describes an EG as a representative sample of comparable funds. Lipper's standard methodology for screening funds to be included in an EG entails the consideration of several fund criteria, including fund type, investment classification/objective, load type and similar 12b-1/non-12b-1 service fees, asset (size) comparability, expense components and attributes. An EG will typically consist of seven to twenty funds.

The Portfolio's original EG had an insufficient number of peers. Consequently, Lipper expanded the Portfolio's EG to include peers that have a similar but not the same Lipper classification/objective as the Portfolio. However, because Lipper had expanded the Portfolio's EG, under Lipper's standard guidelines, the Portfolio's Lipper Expense

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[9] The Supreme Court cautioned against accepting mutual fund fee comparisons without careful scrutiny since "these comparisons are problematic because these fees, like those challenged, may not be the product of negotiations conducted at arm's length." *Jones v. Harris* at 1429.

[10] Lipper does not consider average account size when constructing EGs. Funds with relatively small average account sizes tend to have higher transfer agent expense ratio than comparable sized funds that have relatively large average account sizes. Note that there are limitations on Lipper expense category data because different funds categorize expenses differently.

[11] The contractual management fee is calculated by Lipper using the Portfolio's contractual management fee rate at a hypothetical asset level. The hypothetical asset level is based on the combined net assets of all classes of the Portfolio, rounded up to the next $25 million. Lipper's total expense ratio information is based on the most recent annual report except as otherwise noted. A ranking of "1" would mean that the Portfolio had the lowest effective fee rate in the Lipper peer group.

Universe ("EU") was also expanded to include universes of those peers that had a similar but not the same Lipper investment objective/classification. A "normal" EU will include funds that have the same investment objective/classification as the subject portfolio.[12]

Portfolio	Contractual Management Fee (%)[13]	Lipper EG Median (%)	Lipper EG Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[14]	0.750	0.750	4/9

Set forth below is a comparison of the Portfolio's total expense ratio and the medians of the Portfolio's EG and EU. The Portfolio's total expense ratio ranking is also shown in the table below.

Portfolio	Expense Ratio (%)[15]	Lipper EG Median (%)	Lipper EG Rank	Lipper EU Median (%)	Lipper EU Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[16]	1.007	0.862	8/9	0.869	12/14

Based on this analysis, the Portfolio has a more favorable ranking on a contractual management fee basis than it does on a total expense ratio basis.

III. COSTS TO THE ADVISER AND ITS AFFILIATES OF SUPPLYING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE ADVISORY FEE ARRANGEMENT, EXCLUDING ANY INTRA-CORPORATE PROFIT.

The Adviser utilizes two profitability reporting systems, which operate independently but are aligned with each other, to estimate the Adviser's profitability in

[12] Except for asset size comparability, Lipper uses the same criteria for selecting an EG peer when selecting an EU peer. Unlike the EG, the EU allows for the same adviser to be represented by more than just one fund.
[13] The contractual management fee does not reflect any expense reimbursements made by the Portfolio to the Adviser for certain clerical, legal, accounting, administrative and other services.
[14] The Portfolio's EG includes the Portfolio, four other variable insurance product ("VIP") Global Multi-Cap Growth ("GMLG") funds and four VIP Global Multi-Cap Core ("GMLC") funds.
[15] Most recently completed fiscal year end Class A total expense ratio.
[16] Portfolio's EU includes the Portfolio, EG and all other VIP GMLG and VIP GMLC funds, excluding outliers.

connection with investment advisory services provided to the Portfolio. The Senior Officer has retained a consultant to provide independent advice regarding the alignment of the two profitability systems as well as the methodologies and allocations utilized by both profitability systems.

IV. PROFIT MARGINS OF THE ADVISER AND ITS AFFILIATES FOR SUPPLYING SUCH SERVICES.

The Portfolio's profitability information, prepared by the Adviser for the Board of Directors, was reviewed by the Senior Officer and the consultant. The Adviser's profitability from providing investment advisory services to the Portfolio increased during calendar year 2014, relative to 2013.

In addition to the Adviser's direct profits from managing the Portfolio, certain of the Adviser's affiliates have business relationships with the Portfolio and may earn a profit from providing other services to the Portfolio. The courts have referred to this type of business opportunity as "fall-out benefits" to the Adviser and indicated that such benefits should be factored into the evaluation of the total relationship between the Portfolio and the Adviser. Neither case law nor common business practice precludes the Adviser's affiliates from earning a reasonable profit on this type of relationship provided the affiliates' charges and services are competitive. These affiliates provide transfer agent, distribution and brokerage related services to the Portfolio and receive transfer agent fees, Rule 12b-1 payments, and brokerage commissions. In addition, the Adviser benefits from soft dollar arrangements which offset expenses the Adviser would otherwise incur.

The Portfolio has adopted a distribution plan for Class B shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 40 Act. Under the distribution plan, the Portfolio pays distribution and

servicing fees to its principal underwriter, AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. ("ABI"), the Portfolio's distributor and an affiliate of the adviser, at an annual rate of up to 0.50% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares. The current annual rate that the Portfolio pays to ABI for 12b-1 fees is 0.25%. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, ABI received $252,112 in Rule 12b-1 fees.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Adviser incurred distribution expenses in the amount of $515,183 in connection with activities primarily intended to result in the sale of the Portfolio's Class B shares. This expense amount incurred by ABI is partially offset by the 12b-1 fees paid by the Portfolio.

Financial intermediaries, such as insurers, market and sell shares of the Portfolio and typically receive compensation from ABI, the Advisers and/or the Portfolio for selling shares of the Portfolio. These financial intermediaries receive compensation in any or all of the following forms: 12b-1 fees, defrayal of costs for educational seminars and training, additional distribution support, recordkeeping and/or administrative services. Payments related to providing contract-holder recordkeeping and/or administrative services will generally not exceed 0.35% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio attributable to the relevant intermediary over the year. With respect to the Fund, which includes the Portfolio and other Portfolios of the Fund not discussed in this summary, ABI paid approximately $350,000 in 2014 and expects to pay approximately $400,000 in 2015 for educational support and distribution assistance (revenue sharing payments).

The transfer agent of the Portfolio is AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. ("ABIS"). During the most recently completed fiscal year, ABIS received a fee of $1,385 from the Portfolio.[17]

The Portfolio effected brokerage transactions through the Adviser's affiliate, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("SCB & Co.") and/or its U.K. affiliate, Sanford C. Bernstein Limited ("SCB Ltd."), collectively "SCB," and paid commissions during the Portfolio's most recently completed fiscal year. The Adviser represented that SCB's profitability from business conducted with the Portfolio is comparable to the profitability of SCB's dealings with other similar third party clients. In the ordinary course of business, SCB receives and pays liquidity rebates from electronic communications networks ("ECNs") derived from trading for its clients. These credits and charges are not being passed onto any SCB client. The Adviser also receives certain soft dollar benefits from brokers that execute agency trades for the Portfolio and other clients. These soft dollar benefits reduce the Adviser's cost of doing business and increase its profitability.

V. POSSIBLE ECONOMIES OF SCALE

The Adviser has indicated that economies of scale are being shared with shareholders through pricing to scale, breakpoints, fee reductions/waivers and enhancement to services.

In May 2012, an independent consultant, retained by the Senior Officer, provided the Board of Directors information on the Adviser's firm-wide average costs from 2005 through 2011 and the potential economies of scale. The independent consultant noted that from 2005 through 2007 the Adviser experienced significant growth in assets under

[17] The Fund, which includes the Portfolio and other Portfolios of the Fund paid ABIS a fee of $18,000 in 2014.

management ("AUM"). During this period, operating expenses increased, in part to keep up with growth, and in part reflecting market returns. However, from 2008 through the first quarter of 2009, AUM rapidly and significantly decreased due to declines in market value and client withdrawals. When AUM rapidly decreased, some operating expenses categories, including base compensation and office space, adjusted more slowly during this period, resulting in an increase in average costs. Since 2009, AUM has experienced less significant changes. The independent consultant noted that changes in operating expenses reflect changes in business composition and business practices in response to changes in financial markets. Finally, the independent consultant concluded that the increase in average cost and the decline in net operating margin across the Adviser since late 2008 are inconsistent with the view that there are currently reductions in average costs due to economies of scale that can be shared with the AB Mutual Funds managed by the Adviser through lower fees.

Previously in February 2008, the independent consultant provided the Board of Directors an update of the Deli study on advisory fees and various fund characteristics.[18,19] The independent consultant first reiterated the results of his previous two dimensional comparison analysis (fund size and family size) with the Board of Directors.[20] The independent consultant then discussed the results of the regression

[18] The Deli study, originally published in 2002 based on 1997 data and updated for the February 2008 Presentation, may be of diminished value due to the age of the data used in the presentation and the changes experienced in the industry over the last four years.

[19] As mentioned previously, the Supreme Court cautioned against accepting mutual fund fee comparisons without careful scrutiny since the fees may not be the product of negotiations conducted at arm's length. See *Jones V. Harris* at 1429.

[20] The two dimensional analysis showed patterns of lower advisory fees for funds with larger asset sizes and funds from larger family sizes compared to funds with smaller asset sizes and funds from smaller family sizes, which according to the independent consultant is indicative of a sharing of economies of scale and scope. However, in less liquid and active markets, such is not the case, as the empirical analysis

model that was utilized to study the effects of various factors on advisory fees. The regression model output indicated that the bulk of the variation in fees predicted were explained by various factors, but substantially by fund AUM, family AUM, index fund indicator and investment style. The independent consultant also compared the advisory fees of the AB Mutual Funds to similar funds managed by 19 other large asset managers, regardless of the fund size and each Adviser's proportion of mutual fund assets to non-mutual fund assets.

VI. NATURE AND QUALITY OF THE ADVISER'S SERVICES, INCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PORTFOLIO

With assets under management of approximately $486 billion as of March 31, 2015, the Adviser has the investment experience to manage and provide non-investment services (described in Section I) to the Portfolio.

The information prepared by Lipper shows the 1, 3, 5 and 10 year performance returns and rankings of the Portfolio[21] relative to its Lipper Performance Group ("PG") and Lipper Performance Universe ("PU")[22] for the periods ended February 28, 2015.[23]

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showed potential for diseconomies of scale in those markets. The empirical analysis also showed diminishing economies of scale and scope as funds surpassed a certain high level of assets.

[21] The performance rankings are for the Class A shares of the Portfolio. The Portfolio's performance returns shown were provided by Lipper.

[22]The Portfolio's PG/PU are not be identical to the Portfolio's EG/EU as the criteria for including/excluding a fund from a PG/PU is somewhat different from that of an EG/EU.

[23] The current Lipper investment classification/objective dictates the PG and PU throughout the life of the fund even if a fund had a different investment classification/objective at a different point in time.

	Portfolio (%)	PG Median (%)	PU Median (%)	PG Rank	PU Rank
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[24]					
1 year	6.13	6.13	7.57	3/5	8/11
3 year	9.94	10.97	12.17	5/5	10/10
5 year	8.15	8.72	11.70	5/5	10/10
10 year	5.24	6.24	7.34	5/5	9/10

Set forth below are the 1, 3, 5, 10 year and since inception performance returns of the Portfolio (in bold)[26] versus its benchmarks.[27] Portfolio and benchmark volatility and reward-to-variability ratio ("Sharpe Ratio") information is also shown.[28]

	Periods Ending February 28, 2015 Annualized Performance							
	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)	Annualized Volatility (%)	Sharpe (%)	Risk Period (Year)
Global Thematic Growth Portfolio[24]	**6.13**	**9.94**	**8.15**	**5.24**	**5.39**	18.45	0.51	**5**
MSCI AC World Index	7.55	11.57	10.71	6.37	N/A	14.46	0.77	5
MSCI World (Net) Index[25]	7.87	13.26	11.69	6.35	6.52	N/A	N/A	N/A

Inception Date: January 11, 1996

[24] The Portfolio's Lipper classification changed in 2009 from VA Science/Technology Funds to VA Global Growth as a result of changes to the Portfolio's strategy. Consequently, for the 10 year period, the Portfolio's performance is being compared to funds that did not have the same Lipper investment category/objective during the entirety of that period. See footnote 23 for information regarding Lipper classification changes.

[25] Benchmark since inception date is the nearest month end after the Portfolio's inception date.

[26] The performance returns and risk measures shown in the table are for the Class A shares of the Portfolio.

[27] The Adviser provided Portfolio and benchmark performance return information for periods through February 28, 2015.

[28] Portfolio and benchmark volatility and Sharpe Ratio information was obtained through Lipper LANA, a database maintained by Lipper. Volatility is a statistical measure of the tendency of a market price or yield to vary over time. The Sharpe Ratio is a risk adjusted measure of return that divides a portfolio's return in excess of the riskless return by the portfolio's standard deviation. A portfolio with a greater volatility would be viewed as more risky than a portfolio with equivalent performance but lower volatility; for that reason, a greater return would be demanded for the more risky portfolio. A portfolio with a higher Sharpe Ratio would be viewed as better performing than a portfolio with a lower Sharpe Ratio.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the factors discussed above the Senior Officer's conclusion is that the proposed advisory fee for the Portfolio is reasonable and within the range of what would have been negotiated at arm's-length in light of all the surrounding circumstances. This conclusion in respect of the Portfolio is based on an evaluation of all of these factors and no single factor was dispositive.

Dated: June 5, 2015