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VARIABLE INSURANCE FUNDS

SUMMARY PROSPECTUS

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RYDEX DOMESTIC EQUITY - BROAD MARKET FUND

Mid-Cap 1.5x Strategy Fund

The fund is very different from most mutual funds in that it seeks to provide leveraged investment results on a daily basis.

The pursuit of such investment goal has the following implications:

The fund is riskier than alternatives that do not use leverage because the fund magnifies the performance of the benchmark of an investment. The effect of leverage on the fund will generally cause the fund's performance to not match the performance of the fund's benchmark over a period of time greater than one day. This means that the return of the fund for a period of longer than a single trading day will be the result of each day's compounded returns over the period, which will very likely differ from the return of the fund's benchmark stated in the fund's investment objective for that period. As a consequence, especially in periods of market volatility, the path or trend of the benchmark during the longer period may be at least as important to the fund's cumulative return for the longer period as the cumulative return of the benchmark for the relevant longer period. Further, the return for investors who invest for a period longer than a single trading day will not be the product of the return of the fund's stated investment goal (e.g., 1.5x) and the cumulative performance of the fund's benchmark.

The risk of the fund not achieving its daily investment objective will be more acute when the underlying index has an extreme one-day movement approaching 50%. In addition, as a result of compounding, the fund's performance for periods greater than one day is likely to be either greater than or less than the performance of the underlying index times the stated multiple in the fund's investment objective, before accounting for fees and fund expenses.

The fund is not suitable for all investors and is designed to be utilized only by sophisticated investors who (a) understand the risks associated with the use of leverage, (b) understand the consequences of seeking daily leveraged investment results, and (c) intend to actively monitor and manage their investments. Investors who do not understand the fund or do not intend to actively manage their funds and monitor their investments should not buy the fund.

There is no assurance that the fund will achieve its objective and an investment in the fund could lose money. The fund is not a complete investment program.

Before you invest, you may wish to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You may obtain the prospectus and other information about the fund, including the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) and most recent reports to shareholders, at no cost by visiting rydex-sgi.com/service/prospectuses_reports.shtml, calling 800.820.0888 or e-mailing sservices@sg-investors.com. The fund's prospectus and SAI, both dated May 1, 2012, as revised from time to time, and the fund's most recent shareholder reports, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus. This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with a variable contract as defined in Section 817(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not intended for use by other investors.

Mid-Cap 1.5x Strategy Fund

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

The Mid-Cap 1.5x Strategy Fund (the "Fund") is very different from most other mutual funds in that it seeks **daily leveraged** investment results. As a result, the Fund may be riskier than alternatives that do not use leverage because the performance of an investment in the Fund is magnified.

The effect of leverage on the Fund will generally cause the Fund's performance to not correlate to the performance of the Fund's benchmark (as described below) over a period of time greater than a single trading day. This means that the return

of the Fund for a period of longer than a single trading day will be the result of each day's compounded returns over the period, which will very likely differ from 1.5x of the return of the Fund's underlying index (as defined below) for that period. As a consequence, especially in periods of market volatility, the path or trend of the benchmark during the longer period may be at least as important to the Fund's cumulative return for the longer period as the cumulative return of the benchmark for the relevant longer period. Further, the return for investors who invest for a period longer than a single trading day will not be the product of the return of the Fund's stated investment goal (e.g., 1.5x) and the cumulative performance of the underlying index (as defined below).

The Fund is not suitable for all investors. The Fund should be utilized only by investors who (a) understand the risks associated with the use of leverage, (b) understand the consequences of seeking daily leveraged investment results, and (c) intend to actively monitor and manage their investments. Investors who do not meet these criteria should not buy shares of the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a complete investment program.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to provide investment results that correlate, before fees and expenses, to the performance of a specific benchmark for mid-cap securities on a daily basis. The Fund's current benchmark is 150% of the performance of the S&P MidCap 400[®] Index (the "underlying index"). The Fund does not seek to achieve its investment objective over a period of time greater than one day.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUND

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Owners of variable annuity and insurance contracts that invest in the Fund also should refer to the variable insurance contract prospectus for a description of fees and expenses that may be deducted at the separate account level or contract level for any charges that may be incurred under a contract. If the information below were to reflect the deduction of insurance charges, fees and expenses would be higher.

SHAREHOLDER FEES (<i>fees paid directly from your investment</i>)	N/A
ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES (<i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i>)	
Management Fees	0.90 %
Distribution (12b-1) and Shareholder Service Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.87 %
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.01 %
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses*	1.78 %

* The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses in this fee table may not correlate to the expense ratios in the Fund's financial highlights and financial statements because the financial highlights and financial statements reflect only the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses, which are fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund through its investments in certain underlying investment companies.

EXAMPLE

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
\$	181	560	964	2,095

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 222% of the average value of its portfolio. However, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated without regard to cash instruments or derivatives. If such instruments were included, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate might be significantly higher.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund employs as its investment strategy a program of investing in the common stock of companies that are generally within the capitalization range of the underlying index and derivative instruments, which primarily consist of equity index swaps, futures contracts, and options on securities, futures contracts, and stock indices. Equity index swaps and futures and options contracts, if used properly, may enable the Fund to meet its objective by increasing the Fund's exposure to the securities included in the underlying index or to securities whose performance is highly correlated to that of the underlying index. The Advisor will attempt to consistently apply leverage to increase the Fund's exposure to 150% of the underlying index. Certain of the Fund's derivative investments may be traded in the over-the-counter ("OTC") market. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in securities of companies included in the underlying index and derivatives and other instruments whose performance is expected to correspond to that of the underlying index. The S&P MidCap 400[®] Index is a modified capitalization-weighted index composed of 400 mid cap stocks chosen by S&P for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. The S&P MidCap 400[®] Index covers approximately 7% of the U.S. equities market and generally represents mid-capitalization companies with capitalizations ranging from \$464 million to \$8 billion as of December 31, 2011. To the extent the Fund's underlying index is concentrated in a particular industry the Fund will necessarily be concentrated in that industry. On a day-to-day basis, the Fund may hold U.S. government securities or cash equivalents to collateralize its derivative positions. The Fund also may enter into repurchase agreements with counterparties that are deemed to present acceptable credit risks. In an effort to ensure that the Fund is fully invested on a day-to-day basis, the Fund may conduct any necessary trading activity at or just prior to the close of the U.S. financial markets. The Fund is non-diversified and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issuer in comparison to a diversified fund.

PRINCIPAL RISKS

As with all mutual funds, a shareholder is subject to the risk that his or her investment could lose money. In addition to this risk, the Fund is subject to a number of additional risks that may affect the value of its shares, including:

Active Trading Risk - Active trading, also called "high portfolio turnover," may result in higher brokerage costs or mark-up charges, which may negatively affect Fund performance and result in short-term capital gains, which have a negative tax effect. Large movements of assets into and out of the Fund due to active trading also may adversely affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Correlation and Compounding Risk - A number of factors may affect the Fund's ability to achieve a high degree of correlation with its benchmark, and there can be no guarantee that the Fund will achieve a high degree of correlation. Failure to achieve a high degree of correlation may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective. The risk of the Fund not achieving its daily investment objective will be more acute when the underlying index has an extreme one-day movement approaching 50%. **In addition, as a result of compounding, the Fund's performance for periods greater than one day is likely to be either greater than or less than the performance of the underlying index times the stated multiple in the Fund's investment objective, before accounting for fees and fund expenses.**

Compounding affects all investments, but has a more significant impact on a leveraged index fund. In general, particularly during periods of higher index volatility, compounding will cause longer-term results to be more or less than the return of the Fund's benchmark. This effect becomes more pronounced as volatility increases.

Fund performance for periods greater than one day can be estimated given any set of assumptions for the following factors: (a) underlying index performance; (b) underlying index volatility; (c) financing rates associated with leverage; (d) other Fund expenses; (e) dividends paid by companies in the underlying index; and (f) period of time. The chart below illustrates the impact of two principal factors - volatility and index performance - on Fund performance. The chart shows estimated Fund

returns for a number of combinations of performance and volatility over a one-year period. Performance shown in the chart assumes: (a) no dividends paid by the companies included in the underlying index; (b) no Fund expenses; and (c) a cost of leverage of zero percent. If Fund expenses were included, the Fund's performance would be lower than shown.

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Areas shaded lighter represent those scenarios where the Fund can be expected to return more than 150% of the performance of the underlying index; conversely, areas shaded darker represent those scenarios where the Fund can be expected to return less than 150% of the performance of the underlying index.

Index Performance		Annualized Volatility				
1X	1.5X	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
-60%	-90%	-75%	-75%	-77%	-79%	-83%
-50%	-75%	-65%	-65%	-68%	-72%	-76%
-40%	-60%	-54%	-55%	-58%	-62%	-68%
-30%	-45%	-42%	-43%	-47%	-52%	-60%
-20%	-30%	-29%	-31%	-34%	-42%	-51%
-10%	-15%	-15%	-17%	-23%	-32%	-41%
0%	0%	0%	-2%	-9%	-19%	-32%
10%	15%	14%	13%	5%	-6%	-21%
20%	30%	31%	29%	19%	9%	-9%
30%	45%	47%	45%	35%	20%	2%
40%	60%	65%	62%	50%	35%	13%
50%	75%	83%	79%	68%	49%	25%
60%	90%	102%	98%	85%	63%	38%

The underlying index's annualized historical volatility rate for the five year period ended December 31, 2011 is 22.63%. The underlying index's highest one-year volatility rate during the five year period is 36.70%. The underlying index's annualized performance for the five year period ended December 31, 2011 is 3.32%.

Historical underlying index volatility and performance are not indications of what the underlying index volatility and performance will be in the future.

Counterparty Credit Risk - The Fund may invest in financial instruments involving counterparties that attempt to gain exposure to a particular group of securities, index or asset class without actually purchasing those securities or investments, or to hedge a position. The Fund's use of such financial instruments, including swap agreements, involves risks that are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. For example, if a swap agreement counterparty defaults on its payment obligations to the Fund, this default will cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decrease. Swap agreements also may be considered to be illiquid. Similarly, if the credit quality of an issuer or guarantor of a debt instrument improves, this change may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investment.

Derivatives Risk - The Fund's investments in derivatives may pose risks in addition to those associated with investing directly in securities or other investments, including illiquidity of the derivatives, imperfect correlations with underlying investments or the Fund's other portfolio holdings, lack of availability and counterparty risk.

Early Closing Risk - The Fund is subject to the risk that unanticipated early closings of securities exchanges and other financial markets may result in the Fund's inability to buy or sell securities or other financial instruments on that day and may cause the Fund to incur substantial trading losses.

Leveraging Risk - The Fund achieves leveraged exposure to the underlying index through the use of derivative instruments. The more the Fund invests in leveraged instruments, the more this leverage will magnify any losses on those investments. The Fund's investment in these instruments generally requires a small investment relative to the amount of investment exposure assumed. As a result, such investments may give rise to losses that exceed the amount invested in those instruments. Since the Fund's investment strategy involves consistently applied leverage, the value of the Fund's

shares will tend to increase or decrease more than the value of any increase or decrease in the underlying index. Leverage also will have the effect of magnifying tracking error.

Liquidity Risk - In certain circumstances, it may be difficult for the Fund to purchase and sell particular investments within a reasonable time at a fair price. While the Fund only intends to invest in liquid futures, options, forwards and swap contracts, under certain market conditions, such as when the market makes a "limit move," it may be difficult or impossible for the Fund to liquidate

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such investments. In addition, the ability of the Fund to assign an accurate daily value to certain investments may be difficult, and the Advisor may be required to fair value the investments.

Market Risk - The Fund's investments in securities and derivatives, in general, are subject to market risks that may cause their prices, and therefore the Fund's value, to fluctuate over time. An investment in the Fund may lose money.

Mid-Capitalization Securities Risk - The Fund is subject to the risk that medium-capitalization stocks may underperform other segments of the equity market or the equity market as a whole.

Non-Diversification Risk - The Fund is considered non-diversified and can invest a greater portion of its assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single security could cause greater fluctuations in the value of Fund shares than would occur in a diversified fund.

OTC Trading Risk - Certain of the derivatives in which the Fund may invest may be traded (and privately negotiated) in the OTC market. While the OTC derivatives market is the primary trading venue for many derivatives, it is largely unregulated. As a result and similar to other privately negotiated contracts, the Fund is subject to counterparty credit risk with respect to such derivative contracts.

Passive Investment Risk - The Fund is not actively managed and the Advisor does not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets. Therefore, the Fund may be subject to greater losses in a declining market than a fund that is actively managed.

Repurchase Agreement Risk - The Fund's investment in repurchase agreements may be subject to market and credit risk with respect to the collateral securing the repurchase agreements. Investments in repurchase agreements also may be subject to the risk that the market value of the underlying obligations may decline prior to the expiration of the repurchase agreement term.

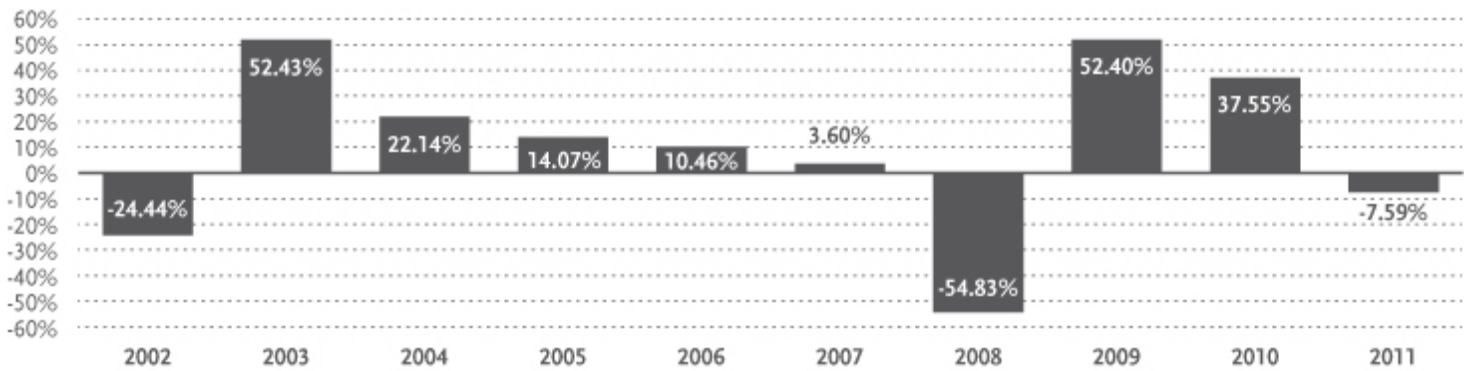
Tracking Error Risk - The Advisor may not be able to cause the Fund's performance to correlate to that of the Fund's benchmark, either on a daily or aggregate basis. Factors such as Fund expenses, imperfect correlation between the Fund's investments and those of the underlying index, rounding of share prices, changes to the composition of the underlying index, regulatory policies, high portfolio turnover rate, and the use of leverage all contribute to tracking error. Tracking error may cause the Fund's performance to be less than you expect.

Trading Halt Risk - If a trading halt occurs, the Fund may temporarily be unable to purchase or sell securities, options or futures contracts. Such a trading halt near the time the Fund prices its shares may limit the Fund's ability to use leverage and may prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following bar chart shows the performance of the shares of the Fund from year to year. The variability of performance over time provides an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The following table shows the performance of the shares of the Fund as an average over different periods of time in comparison to the performance of a broad-based market index. The figures in the bar chart and table assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. The performance information below does not reflect fees and expenses of any variable contract that may use the Fund as its underlying investment and would be lower if it did. Of course, this past performance (before taxes) does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

The performance information shown below is based on a calendar year.



Highest Quarter Return
9/30/2009 30.00%

Lowest Quarter Return
12/31/2008 -39.37%

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**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN
(for periods ended December 31, 2011)**

	Past 1 Year	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years
Mid-Cap 1.5x Strategy Fund	-7.59 %	-1.95 %	4.86 %
S&P MidCap 400 [®] Index <i>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)</i>	-1.73 %	3.32 %	7.04 %

**MANAGEMENT
INVESTMENT ADVISOR**

Security Investors, LLC, which operates under the name Guggenheim Investments, serves as the investment advisor of the Fund.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

- **Michael P. Byrum**, CFA, Senior Vice President. Mr. Byrum has been associated with the Advisor since 1993.
- **Michael J. Dellapa**, CFA, CAIA, Portfolio Manager. Mr. Dellapa has been associated with the Advisor since 2000.
- **Ryan A. Harder**, CFA, Portfolio Manager. Mr. Harder has been associated with the Advisor since 2004.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

Shares of the Fund are purchased by insurance companies for their separate accounts to fund variable life insurance and variable annuity contracts. All orders for the purchase of shares are subject to acceptance or rejection by the Trust. An insurance company purchases and redeems shares of the Fund based on, among other things, the amount of net contract premiums or purchase payments allocated to a separate account investment division, transfers to or from a separate account investment division, contract loans and repayment, contract withdrawals and surrenders, and benefit payments, at the Fund's NAV per share calculated as of that same day. All redemption requests will be processed and payment with respect thereto will be made within seven days after tender.

TAX INFORMATION

The tax consequences of your investment in the Fund depend on the provisions of the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest. For more information on taxes, please refer to the accompanying prospectus of the annuity or life insurance program through which Fund shares are offered.

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