

This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract and is not intended for use by other investors.

Before you invest, you may want to review the series' prospectus, which contains more information about the series and its risks. You can find the series' prospectus, statement of additional information (SAI), annual report and other information about the series online at <http://www.virtus.com/products/institutional/vitdocuments.aspx>.

You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-367-5877 or by sending an e-mail to: virtus.investment.partners@virtus.com.

The series' prospectus and SAI, both dated May 1, 2012, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

Investment Objective

High total return consistent with reasonable risk.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Virtus International Series (the "Series"). The table does not include any fees or sales charges imposed under the variable contracts for which the Series is an investment option. If they were included, your costs would be higher.

Shareholder Fees (<i>fees paid directly from your investment</i>):	None
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Annual Series Operating Expenses (<i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i>):	
Management Fees	0.73%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.21%
Total Annual Series Operating Expenses⁽¹⁾	1.19%

(1) Restated to reflect current expenses.

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Series with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Series 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 Series' total operating expenses remain the same. The example does not reflect variable contract fees and charges, and if it did, the costs shown would be higher. 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
Virtus International Series	\$121	\$378	\$654	\$1,443

Portfolio Turnover

The Series 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. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Series Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Series' performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Series' portfolio turnover rate was 17% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Series invests in a diversified portfolio of securities of non-U.S. issuers, including companies, governments, governmental agencies and international organizations, which may be denominated in foreign currencies. The Series may invest in any region of the world, including emerging markets. Under normal circumstances, the Series will invest at least 80% of its assets in non-U.S. issuers located in no fewer than three countries. From time to time, the Series may have more than 25% of its assets invested in any major industrial or developed country.

The Series will invest primarily in common stocks of established non-U.S. companies, as well as preferred stock and depositary receipts, believed to have potential for capital growth, income or both.

Principal Risks

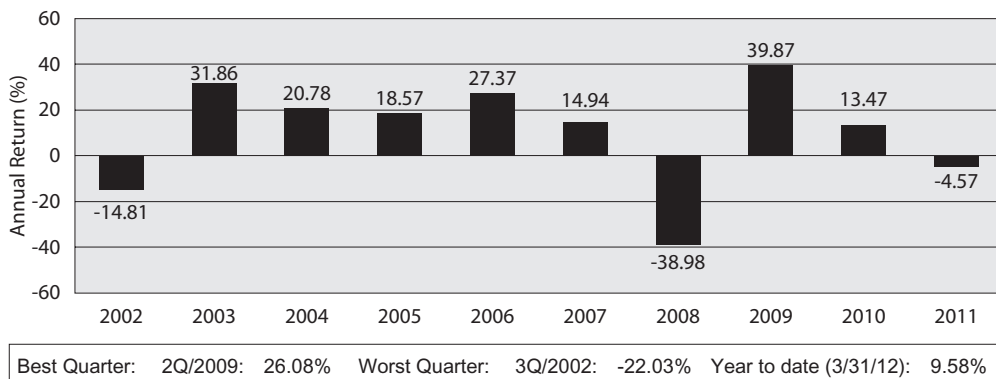
The Series may not achieve its objective, and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. The value of the Series' investments that supports your share value may decrease. If between the time you purchase shares and the time you sell shares the value of the Series' investments decreases, you will lose money. Investment values can decrease for a number of reasons. Conditions affecting the overall economy, specific industries or companies in which the Series invests can be worse than expected, and investments may fail to perform as the subadviser expects. As a result, the value of your shares may decrease. The principal risks of investing in the Series are:

- > **Depositary Receipts.** The risk that utilizing these indirect investments will not reduce or eliminate the risks associated with direct investments in securities of foreign issuers.
- > **Emerging Market Investing Risk.** The risk that prices of emerging markets securities will be more volatile, or will be more greatly affected by negative conditions, than those of their counterparts in more established foreign markets.
- > **Equity Securities Risk.** The risk that events negatively affecting issuers, industries or financial markets in which the Series invests will impact the value of the stocks held by the Series and thus, the value of the Series' shares over short or extended periods.
- > **Foreign Investing Risk.** The risk that the prices of foreign securities may be more volatile than those of their domestic counterparts.
- > **Market Volatility Risk.** The value of the securities in which the Series invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Price changes may be temporary or may last for extended periods.
- > **Preferred Stock.** The risk that a preferred stock will decline in price, or fail to pay dividends when expected, because the issuer experiences a decline in its financial status, or that such stock may be illiquid.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Series. The bar chart shows changes in the Series' performance from year to year over a 10-year period. The table shows how the Series' average annual returns compare to those of a broad-based securities market index that reflects the market sectors in which the Series invests (the MSCI EAFE® Index) and a broad-based U.S. market index (the S&P 500® Index). Effective with this prospectus, the Series will use the MSCI EAFE® Index (net) as its international broad-based index, rather than the MSCI EAFE® Index (gross). The adviser believes the MSCI EAFE Index (net) is more representative of how foreign dividends are treated within the Series and therefore provides a better basis for comparison. The Series' past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Series will perform in the future. The Series' returns in the chart and table do not reflect the deduction of any separate account or variable contract charges. The returns would have been less than those shown if such charges were deducted.

Calendar Year Annual Total Return



Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended 12/31/11)	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Virtus International Series	(4.57%)	1.21%	8.09%
S&P 500® Index (does not reflect fees or expenses)	2.11%	(0.25%)	2.92%
MSCI EAFE® Index (net) (does not reflect fees or expenses)	(12.14%)	(4.72%)	4.67%
MSCI EAFE® Index (gross) (does not reflect fees or expenses)	(11.73%)	(4.26%)	5.12%

Updated performance information is available at virtus.com or by calling 1-800-367-5877.

Management

The Adviser and Subadviser

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc. (“VIA”) is the investment adviser to the Series.

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (“Aberdeen”), is the subadviser to the Series.

Portfolio Managers

- > **Jamie Cumming, CFA**, Senior Investment Manager at Aberdeen. Mr. Cumming has been Portfolio Manager since 2003.
- > **Stephen Docherty**, Head of Global Equities at Aberdeen. Mr. Docherty has been Portfolio Manager since 2000.
- > **Samantha Fitzpatrick, CFA**, Senior Investment Manager at Aberdeen. Ms. Fitzpatrick has been Portfolio Manager since 2001.
- > **Andrew McMenigall**, Senior Investment Manager at Aberdeen. Mr. McMenigall has been Portfolio Manager since 2003.
- > **Bruce Stout**, Senior Investment Manager at Aberdeen. Mr. Stout has been Portfolio Manager since 2000.

Purchase and Sale of Series Shares

The Series does not offer its shares to the general public. The Series currently offers shares only to the separate accounts of participating insurance companies. Virtus Variable Insurance Trust (the “Trust”), of which the Series is a separate investment portfolio, has entered into an agreement with the insurance company sponsor of each separate account (participation agreement) setting forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the insurance company will purchase and redeem shares of the Series. For information concerning the purchase of units of the separate accounts, see the variable contract prospectus.

Tax Information

Since the separate accounts are the only shareholders of the Series, no discussion is included herein as to the federal income tax consequences at the shareholder level. For information concerning the federal income tax consequences to the purchasers of variable contracts, see the variable contract prospectus which describes the particular separate account and variable contract.

Payments to Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries

Series shares are generally available only through intermediaries, *i.e.*, the separate accounts. The Series (and/or its related companies) may pay the insurance companies (and/or their related companies) for distribution and/or other services; some of the payments may, in turn, go to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries. For example, the Series may make payments for sub-transfer agency services to one or more of the insurance companies. Such payments may create a conflict of interest for an intermediary by influencing the intermediary’s investment recommendations, or be a factor in the insurance company’s decision to include the Series as an underlying investment option in a variable contract. Ask your salesperson or review your variable contract prospectus for more information.

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