# BNY Mellon Variable Investment Fund, Growth and Income Portfolio

## SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION June 30, 2024

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## Item 7. Financial Statements and Financial Highlights for Open-End Management Investment Companies.

### Growth and Income Portfolio Statement of Investments June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.3%		
Automobiles & Components4%		
General Motors Co.	9,816	456,051
3anks - 4.5%		
Bank of America Corp.	19,814	788,003
Citigroup, Inc.	11,923	756,634
First Horizon Corp.	40,859	644,346
PMorgan Chase & Co.	10,345	2,092,380
J.S. Bancorp	10,986	436,144
		4,717,507
Capital Goods - 8.4%		
3M Co.	3,398	347,242
AMETEK, Inc.	8,115	1,352,852
Builders FirstSource, Inc.	<b>2,5</b> 89ª	358,343
Eaton Corp. PLC	1,008	316,058
łowmet Aerospace, Inc.	14,751	1,145,120
łubbell, Inc.	3,488	1,274,794
ngersoll Rand, Inc.	11,526	1,047,022
ohnson Controls International PLC	7,784	517,402
.3Harris Technologies, Inc.	5,339	1,199,033
Frane Technologies PLC	3,893	1,280,524
		8,838,390
Commercial & Professional Services - 1.0%		
/eralto Corp.	6,603	630,388
Vaste Connections, Inc.	2,515	441,030
		1,071,418
Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail - 6.2%		
Amazon.com, Inc.	<b>29,406</b> ª	5,682,709
Best Buy Co., Inc.	2,361	199,009
Chewy, Inc., Cl. A	13,858 <sup>a,b</sup>	377,492
Ross Stores, Inc.	1,924	279,596
		6,538,806
Consumer Durables & Apparel5%		
Lululemon Athletica, Inc.	1,660 ª	495,842
Consumer Services - 1.6%		
nternational Game Technology PLC	15,934	326,010
as Vegas Sands Corp.	17,431	771,322
Planet Fitness, Inc., Cl. A	7,627 <sup>a</sup>	561,271
		1,658,603
Energy - 5.4%		
Chevron Corp.	3,718	581,570
ConocoPhillips	8,912	1,019,355
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	1,884	377,158
CQT Corp.	41,426	1,531,933
Aarathon Petroleum Corp.	1,271	220,493
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	6,584	414,990
Phillips 66	5,542	782,364
Schlumberger NV	15,659	738,792
		5,666,655

### Statement of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.3% (continued)	Shares	value (4)
Financial Services - 4.3%		
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Cl. B	3,657ª	1,487,668
Block, Inc.	13,594ª	876,677
CME Group, Inc.	2,714	533,572
LPL Financial Holdings, Inc.	1,087	303,599
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	2,144	969,774
Voya Financial, Inc.	4,804	341,805
		4,513,095
Food, Beverage & Tobacco - 1.1%		
Celsius Holdings, Inc.	7,283 <sup>a,b</sup>	415,786
PepsiCo, Inc.	1,273	209,956
Philip Morris International, Inc.	5,799	587,613
		1,213,355
Health Care Equipment & Services - 9.5%		
Alcon, Inc.	4,741 <sup>b</sup>	422,328
Align Technology, Inc.	3,955ª	954,856
Baxter International, Inc.	7,422	248,266
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	4,462	1,042,814
Boston Scientific Corp.	9,296ª	715,885
DexCom, Inc.	10,704 <sup>a</sup>	1,213,620
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	5,847ª	540,087
Inspire Medical Systems, Inc.	2,964 <sup>a,b</sup>	396,672
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	2,646 ª	1,177,073
Labcorp Holdings, Inc. Medtronic PLC	2,070 17,908	421,266
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	2,967	1,409,539 1,510,974
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Household & Personal Products8%		10,000,000
Kenvue, Inc.	48,631	884,112
Insurance - 3.6%	, ,	,
American International Group, Inc.	5,620	417,229
Aon PLC, Cl. A	1,665	488,811
Assurant, Inc.	3,204	532,665
Globe Life, Inc.	2,751	226,352
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.	2,745	613,535
The Allstate Corp.	5,167	824,963
Willis Towers Watson PLC	2,755	722,196
		3,825,751
Materials - 2.6%		
CRH PLC	8,131	609,662
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	13,700	665,820
International Paper Co.	14,996	647,077
Newmont Corp.	19,966	835,976
		2,758,535
Media & Entertainment - 8.8%		
Alphabet, Inc., Cl. A	11,855	2,159,388
Alphabet, Inc., Cl. C	19,932	3,655,927
Netflix, Inc.	928ª	626,289
Omnicom Group, Inc.	5,975	535,957
Pinterest, Inc., Cl. A	22,645 a	997,965
Reddit, Inc., Cl. A	10,948 <sup>a,b</sup>	699,468
The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.	7,102	206,597

Description	Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.3% (continued)		
Media & Entertainment - 8.8% (continued)		
The Walt Disney Company	4,880	484,535
		9,366,126
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences - 7.0%		
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1,660 <sup>a</sup>	403,380
Amgen, Inc.	683	213,403
Bio-Techne Corp.	8,284	593,549
Danaher Corp.	6,794	1,697,481
GRAIL, Inc.	1,081ª	16,615
Illumina, Inc.	6,489ª	677,322
Natera, Inc.	2,985 ª	323,246
Novartis AG, ADR	4,123 <sup>b</sup>	438,935
Repligen Corp.	3,304 <sup>a,b</sup>	416,502
Sanofi SA, ADR	23,003	1,116,106
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.	5,346ª	844,668
Zoetis, Inc.	3,688	639,352
		7,380,559
Real Estate Management & Development - 1.2%		
CoStar Group, Inc.	17,768 ª	1,317,319
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment - 10.6%		
Applied Materials, Inc.	7,984	1,884,144
Intel Corp.	9,757	302,174
Micron Technology, Inc.	4,548	598,198
NVIDIA Corp.	67,930	8,392,072
		11,176,588
Software & Services - 9.8%		
CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc., Cl. A	1,416ª	542,597
Dolby Laboratories, Inc., Cl. A	4,772	378,086
HubSpot, Inc.	1,122ª	661,744
International Business Machines Corp.	2,560	442,752
Microsoft Corp.	12,824	5,731,687
MongoDB, Inc.	1,009 <sup>a</sup>	252,210
Roper Technologies, Inc.	1,305	735,576
Shopify, Inc., Cl. A	16,843 ª	1,112,480
Snowflake, Inc., Cl. A	3,740 ª	505,237
		10,362,369
Technology Hardware & Equipment - 6.8%		5 40 4 500
Apple, Inc.	25,756	5,424,729
Cisco Systems, Inc.	25,590	1,215,781
Jabil, Inc.	1,892	205,831
Pure Storage, Inc., Cl. A	5,548 ª	356,237
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Telecommunication Services - 1.4%	00.353	1 500 405
AT&T, Inc.	80,253	1,533,635
Transportation - 1.5%	2.242	(72.244
FedEx Corp.	2,242	672,241
Uber Technologies, Inc.	12,774ª	928,414
		1,600,655
Utilities - 1.3%	2 504	E10 150
Constellation Energy Corp.	3,591	719,170
Dominion Energy, Inc.	9,076	444,724

Description		Shares	Value (\$)
Common Stocks - 98.3% (continued)			
Utilities - 1.3% (continued)			
Vistra Corp.		2,103	180,816
			1,344,710
Total Common Stocks (cost \$65,993,391)			103,976,039
	1-Day		
	Yield (%)		
Investment Companies - 1.8%			
Registered Investment Companies - 1.8%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus			
Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares			
(cost \$1,944,838)	5.42	1,944,838°	1,944,838
Investment of Cash Collateral for Securities Loaned - 1.4%			
Registered Investment Companies - 1.4%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus			
Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares			
(cost \$1,455,191)	5.42	1,455,191°	1,455,191
Total Investments (cost \$69,393,420)		101.5%	107,376,068
Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables		(1.5%)	(1,559,293)
Net Assets		100.0%	105,816,775
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ADR—American Depositary Receipt

<sup>a</sup> Non-income producing security.

<sup>b</sup> Security, or portion thereof, on loan. At June 30, 2024, the value of the fund's securities on loan was \$2,386,325 and the value of the collateral was \$2,466,611, consisting of cash collateral of \$1,455,191 and U.S. Government & Agency securities valued at \$1,011,420. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan.

\* Investment in affiliated issuer. The investment objective of this investment company is publicly available and can be found within the investment company's prospectus.

Affiliated Issuers					
	Value (\$)			Value (\$)	Dividends/
Description	12/31/2023	Purchases (\$) <sup>†</sup>	Sales (\$)	6/30/2024	Distributions (\$)
Registered Investment (	Companies - 1.8%				
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Shares - 1.8%	1,622,572	11,225,954	(10,903,688)	1,944,838	36,054
Investment of Cash Colla	ateral for Securities	s Loaned - 1.4%			
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional					
Shares - 1.4%	-	7,326,297	(5,871,106)	1,455,191	1,895 ††
Total - 3.2%	1,622,572	18,552,251	(16,774,794)	3,400,029	37,949

<sup>†</sup> Includes reinvested dividends/distributions.

# Represents securities lending income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral from loaned securities, net of fees and collateral investment expenses, and other payments to and from borrowers of securities.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
Assets (\$):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments		
(including securities on loan, valued at \$2,386,325)—Note 1(c):		
Unaffiliated issuers	65,993,391	103,976,039
Affiliated issuers	3,400,029	3,400,029
Dividends and securities lending income receivable		66,494
Receivable for investment securities sold		13,982
Tax reclaim receivable—Note 1(b)		2,846
Receivable for shares of Beneficial Interest subscribed		179
Prepaid expenses		8,645
		107,468,214
Liabilities (\$):		
Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 3(b)		55,244
Liability for securities on loan—Note 1(c)		1,455,191
Payable for investment securities purchased		91,089
Payable for shares of Beneficial Interest redeemed		4,985
Trustees' fees and expenses payable		1,304
Other accrued expenses		43,626
		1,651,439
Net Assets (\$)		105,816,775
Composition of Net Assets (\$):		
Paid-in capital		63,958,657
Total distributable earnings (loss)		41,858,118
Net Assets (\$)		105,816,775
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Net Asset Value Per Share	Initial Shares	Service Shares
Net Assets (\$)	101,262,303	4,554,472
Shares Outstanding	2,892,668	129,642
Net Asset Value Per Share (\$)	35.01	35.13

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Six Months Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (\$):	
Income:	
Cash dividends (net of \$7,666 foreign taxes withheld at source):	
Unaffiliated issuers	628,119
Affiliated issuers	36,054
Income from securities lending—Note 1(c)	1,895
Total Income	666,068
Expenses:	
Management fee—Note 3(a)	380,770
Professional fees	42,323
Chief Compliance Officer fees—Note 3(b)	13,273
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	11,613
Distribution fees—Note 3(b)	5,495
Trustees' fees and expenses—Note 3(c)	5,273
Custodian fees—Note 3(b)	4,784
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	1,100
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(b)	448
Miscellaneous	10,601
Total Expenses	475,680
Less—reduction in expenses due to undertaking—Note 3(a)	(113,279)
Less—reduction in fees due to earnings credits—Note 3(b)	(211)
Net Expenses	362,190
Net Investment Income	303,878
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 (\$):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	5,001,398
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	8,315,764
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	13,317,162
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	13,621,040

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended	Year Ended
	June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023
Operations (\$):	june ee) <b>101</b> i (enauareea)	
Net investment income	303,878	606,457
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	5,001,398	5,410,177
Net change in unrealized appreciation	· ·	
(depreciation) on investments	8,315,764	15,689,005
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		-,,
Resulting from Operations	13,621,040	21,705,639
Distributions (\$):		
Distributions to shareholders:		
Initial Shares	(5,323,736)	(10,179,083)
Service Shares	(233,235)	(441,306)
Total Distributions	(5,556,971)	(10,620,389)
Beneficial Interest Transactions (\$):		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Initial Shares	961,807	1,960,331
Service Shares	821	24,253
Distributions reinvested:		,
Initial Shares	5,323,736	10,179,083
Service Shares	233,235	441,306
Cost of shares redeemed:		
Initial Shares	(6,266,706)	(10,751,074)
Service Shares	(306,276)	(537,257)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
from Beneficial Interest Transactions	(53,383)	1,316,642
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	8,010,686	12,401,892
Net Assets (\$):		
Beginning of Period	97,806,089	85,404,197
End of Period	105,816,775	97,806,089
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Initial Shares		
Shares sold	28,453	65,122
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	156,330	364,013
Shares redeemed	(186,101)	(360,429)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(1,318)	68,706
Service Shares		
Shares sold	25	783
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	6,827	15,746
Shares redeemed	(9,013)	(17,651)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	(2,161)	(1,122)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables describe the performance for each share class for the fiscal periods indicated. All information (except portfolio turnover rate) reflects financial results for a single fund share. Net asset value total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption at net asset value on the last day of the period. Net asset value total return includes adjustments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as such, the net asset value for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset value and returns for shareholder transactions. The fund's total returns do not reflect expenses associated with variable annuity or insurance contracts.

	Six Months Ended					
	June 30, 2024	Year Ended December 31,				
Initial Shares	(Unaudited)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	32.32	28.87	41.58	35.68	31.82	28.03
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.10	.20	.25	.18	.23	.30
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.48	6.91	(5.47)	8.50	6.17	7.36
Total from Investment Operations	4.58	7.11	(5.22)	8.68	6.40	7.66
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	(.10)	(.20)	(.25)	(.19)	(.23)	(.33)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.79)	(3.46)	(7.24)	(2.59)	(2.31)	(3.54)
Total Distributions	(1.89)	(3.66)	(7.49)	(2.78)	(2.54)	(3.87)
Net asset value, end of period	35.01	32.32	28.87	41.58	35.68	31.82
Total Return (%)	14.35 <sup>b</sup>	26.69	(14.81)	25.63	24.63	29.12
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses						
to average net assets	.93 <sup>c</sup>	.93	.91	.91	.93	.93
Ratio of net expenses						
to average net assets	.70 <sup>c</sup>	.70	.73	.80	.82	.93
Ratio of net investment income						
to average net assets	.61 <sup>c</sup>	.67	.79	.47	.77	1.00
Portfolio Turnover Rate	24.41 <sup>b</sup>	50.51	67.86	53.70	66.45	61.08
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	101,262	93,532	81,555	106,015	91,818	82,328

<sup>*a*</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.

<sup>b</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>c</sup> Annualized.

	Six Months Ended					
	June 30, 2024		Year	Ended Decembe	er 31,	
Service Shares	(Unaudited)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Per Share Data (\$):						
Net asset value, beginning of period	32.43	28.95	41.68	35.76	31.88	28.08
Investment Operations:						
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	.06	.13	.17	.09	.16	.22
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4.49	6.93	(5.49)	8.51	6.19	7.37
Total from Investment Operations	4.55	7.06	(5.32)	8.60	6.35	7.59
Distributions:						
Dividends from net investment income	(.06)	(.12)	(.17)	(.09)	(.16)	(.25)
Dividends from net realized gain on investments	(1.79)	(3.46)	(7.24)	(2.59)	(2.31)	(3.54)
Total Distributions	(1.85)	(3.58)	(7.41)	(2.68)	(2.47)	(3.79)
Net asset value, end of period	35.13	32.43	28.95	41.68	35.76	31.88
Total Return (%)	14.20 <sup>b</sup>	26.35	(15.03)	25.31	24.33	28.79
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):						
Ratio of total expenses						
to average net assets	1.18 <sup>c</sup>	1.18	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.18
Ratio of net expenses						
to average net assets	.95°	.95	.98	1.05	1.07	1.18
Ratio of net investment income						
to average net assets	.36 <sup>c</sup>	.42	.54	.22	.52	.76
Portfolio Turnover Rate	24.41 <sup>b</sup>	50.51	67.86	53.70	66.45	61.08
Net Assets, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	4,554	4,274	3,849	4,936	4,778	4,484

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.
<sup>b</sup> Not annualized.
<sup>c</sup> Annualized.
See notes to financial statements.

#### **NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:**

Growth and Income Portfolio (the "fund") is a separate diversified series of BNY Mellon Variable Investment Fund (the "Trust"), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as an open-end management investment company and operates as a series company currently offering four series, including the fund. The fund is only offered to separate accounts established by insurance companies to fund variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. The fund's investment risk. BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. (the "Adviser"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY"), serves as the fund's investment adviser. Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" or "NIMNA"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as the fund's sub-adviser. NIMNA has entered into a sub-sub-investment advisory agreement with its affiliate, Newton Investment Management Limited ("NIM"), which enables NIM to provide certain advisory services to the Sub-Adviser for the benefit of the fund, including, but not limited to, portfolio management services. NIM is subject to the supervision of NIMNA and the Adviser. NIM is also an affiliate of the Adviser. NIM, located at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V,4LA, England, was formed in 1978. NIM is an indirect subsidiary of BNY.

BNY Mellon Securities Corporation (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, is the distributor of fund's shares, which are sold without a sales charge. The fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of \$.001 par value shares of Beneficial Interest in each of the following classes of shares: Initial and Service. Each class of shares has identical rights and privileges, except with respect to the Distribution Plan, and the expenses borne by each class, the allocation of certain transfer agency costs and certain voting rights. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets.

The Trust accounts separately for the assets, liabilities and operations of each series. Expenses directly attributable to each series are charged to that series' operations; expenses which are applicable to all series are allocated among them on a pro rata basis.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") is the exclusive reference of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The fund is an investment company and applies the accounting and reporting guidance of the FASB ASC Topic 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies. The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Trust enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) Portfolio valuation: The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e., the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's investments relating to fair value measurements. 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 fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund's investments are as follows:

The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has designated the Adviser as the fund's valuation designee to make all fair value determinations with respect to the fund's portfolio investments, subject to the Board's oversight and pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act.

Investments in equity securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities are primarily traded. Securities listed on the National Market System for which market quotations are available are valued at the official closing price or, if there is no official closing price that day, at the last sales price. For open short positions, asked prices are used for valuation purposes. Bid price is used when no asked price is available. Registered investment companies that are not traded on an exchange are valued at their net asset value. All of the preceding securities are generally categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Securities not listed on an exchange or the national securities market, or securities for which there were no transactions, are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. These securities are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair valuing of securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using calculations based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as prices of relevant ADRs and futures. Utilizing these techniques may result in transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to accurately reflect fair value, 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 (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

For securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and such securities are generally categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2024 in valuing the fund's investments:

	Level 1-Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2- Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3-Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Assets (\$)				
Investments in Securities: <sup>†</sup>				
Equity Securities - Common				
Stocks	103,976,039	-	-	103,976,039
Investment Companies	3,400,029	-	-	3,400,029
† See Statement of Investments for addi	tional detailed categorizations if a	nn		

<sup>†</sup> See Statement of Investments for additional detailed categorizations, if any.

(b) Foreign currency transactions: The fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized on securities transactions between trade and settlement date, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign

withholding taxes recorded on the fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities other than investments resulting from changes in exchange rates. Foreign currency gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are also included with net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

(c) Foreign taxes: The fund may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, realized and unrealized capital gains on investments or certain foreign currency transactions. Foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the fund invests. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the fund and are reflected in the Statement of Operations, if applicable. Foreign taxes payable or deferred or those subject to reclaims as of June 30, 2024, if any, are disclosed in the fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(d) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income, including, where applicable, accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recognized on the accrual basis.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement with BNY, the fund may lend securities to qualified institutions. It is the fund's policy that, at origination, all loans are secured by collateral of at least 102% of the value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the value of foreign securities loaned. Collateral equivalent to at least 100% of the market value of securities on loan is maintained at all times. Collateral is either in the form of cash, which can be invested in certain money market mutual funds managed by the Adviser, or U.S. Government and Agency securities. Any non-cash collateral received cannot be sold or re-pledged by the fund, except in the event of borrower default. The securities on loan, if any, are also disclosed in the fund's Statement of Investments. The fund is entitled to receive all dividends, interest and distributions on securities loaned, in addition to income earned as a result of the lending transaction. Should a borrower fail to return the securities in a timely manner, BNY is required to replace the securities for the benefit of the fund or credit the fund with the market value of the unreturned securities and is subrogated to the fund's rights against the borrower and the collateral. Additionally, the contractual maturity of security lending transactions are on an overnight and continuous basis. During the period ended June 30, 2024, BNY earned \$258 from the lending of the fund's portfolio securities, pursuant to the securities lending agreement.

For financial reporting purposes, the fund elects not to offset assets and liabilities subject to a securities lending agreement, if any, in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Therefore, all qualifying transactions are presented on a gross basis in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. As of June 30, 2024, the fund had securities lending and the impact of netting of assets and liabilities and the offsetting of collateral pledged or received, if any, based on contractual netting/set-off provisions in the securities lending agreement are detailed in the following table:

	Assets (\$)	Liabilities (\$)
Securities Lending	2,386,325	-
Total gross amount of assets and		
liabilities in the Statement		
of Assets and Liabilities	2,386,325	-
Collateral (received)/posted not offset		
in the Statement of		
Assets and Liabilities	(2,386,325) <sup>1</sup>	-
Net amount	-	-

<sup>1</sup> The value of the related collateral received by the fund normally exceeded the value of the securities loaned by the fund pursuant to the securities lending agreement. In addition, the value of collateral may include pending sales that are also on loan. See Statement of Investments for detailed information regarding collateral received for open securities lending.

(e) Affiliated issuers: Investments in other investment companies advised by the Adviser are considered "affiliated" under the Act.

(f) Market Risk: The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed-income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or

financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies world-wide.

**Foreign Investment Risk:** To the extent the fund invests in foreign securities, the fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign issuers. Special risks associated with investments in foreign issuers include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political and economic instability and differing auditing and legal standards.

**Growth Stock Risk:** Investors often expect growth companies to increase their earnings at a certain rate. If these expectations are not met, investors can punish the stocks inordinately, even if earnings do increase. In addition, growth stocks may lack the dividend yield that may cushion stock prices in market downturns.

(g) Dividends and distributions to shareholders: Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income are normally declared and paid quarterly. Dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(h) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of taxable income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows: ordinary income \$590,262 and long-term capital gains \$10,030,127. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

### NOTE 2—Bank Lines of Credit:

The fund participates with other long-term open-end funds managed by the Adviser in a \$738 million unsecured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the "Citibank Credit Facility") and a \$300 million unsecured credit facility provided by BNY (the "BNY Credit Facility"), each to be utilized primarily for temporary or emergency purposes, including the financing of redemptions (each, a "Facility"). The Citibank Credit Facility is available in two tranches: (i) Tranche A is in an amount equal to \$618 million and is available to all long-term open-ended funds, including the fund, and (ii) Tranche B is an amount equal to \$120 million and is available only to BNY Mellon Floating Rate Income Fund, a series of BNY Mellon Investment Funds IV, Inc. In connection therewith, the fund has agreed to pay its pro rata portion of commitment fees for Tranche A of the Citibank Credit Facility and the BNY Credit Facility. Interest is charged to the fund based on rates determined pursuant to the terms of the respective Facility at the time of borrowing. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund did not borrow under the Facilities.

### NOTE 3—Management Fee, Sub-Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Adviser, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .75% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. The Adviser has contractually agreed, from January 1, 2024 through May 1, 2025, to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the direct expenses of the fund so that the direct expenses of neither class of fund shares (excluding Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan fees, taxes, interest expense, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) exceed .70% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. On or after May 1, 2025, the Adviser may terminate this expense limitation agreement at any time. The reduction in expenses, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to \$113,279 during the period ended June 30, 2024.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of .36% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets.

(b) Under the Distribution Plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act, Service shares pay the Distributor for distributing its shares, for servicing and/or maintaining Service shares' shareholder accounts and for advertising and marketing for Service shares. The Distribution Plan provides for payments to be made at an annual rate of .25% of the value of the Service shares' average daily net assets. The Distributor may make payments to Participating Insurance Companies and to brokers and dealers acting as principal underwriter for their variable insurance products. The fees payable under the Distribution Plan are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred. During the period ended June 30, 2024, Service shares were charged \$5,495 pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

The fund has an arrangement with BNY Mellon Transfer, Inc., (the "Transfer Agent"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund may receive earnings credits when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset Transfer Agent fees. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes transfer agent net earnings credits, if any, as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund has an arrangement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, whereby the fund will receive interest income or be charged overdraft fees when cash balances are maintained. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes this interest income and overdraft fees, if any, as interest income in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates the Transfer Agent, under a transfer agency agreement, for providing transfer agency and cash management services for the fund. The majority of Transfer Agent fees are comprised of amounts paid on a per account basis, while cash management fees are related to fund subscriptions and redemptions. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$365 for transfer agency services. These fees are included in Shareholder servicing costs in the Statement of Operations. These fees were partially offset by earnings credits of \$211.

The fund compensates the Custodian, under a custody agreement, for providing custodial services for the fund. These fees are determined based on net assets, geographic region and transaction activity. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$4,784 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended June 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$13,273 for services performed by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer and his staff. These fees are included in Chief Compliance Officer fees in the Statement of Operations.

The components of "Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: Management fee of \$64,768, Distribution Plan fees of \$935, Custodian fees of \$4,341, Chief Compliance Officer fees of \$4,058 and Transfer Agent fees of \$109, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$18,967.

(c) Each board member of the fund also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex. Annual retainer fees and meeting attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

### **NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:**

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended June 30, 2024, amounted to \$24,494,040 and \$30,225,444, respectively.

At June 30, 2024, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$37,982,647, consisting of \$39,814,611 gross unrealized appreciation and \$1,831,963 gross unrealized depreciation.

At June 30, 2024, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants for Open-End Management Investment Companies. (Unaudited)

N/A

Item 9. Proxy Disclosures for Open-End Management Investment Companies. (Unaudited)

N/A

# Item 10. Remuneration Paid to Directors, Officers, and Others of Open-End Management Investment Companies. (Unaudited)

Each board member also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets. Trustees fees paid by the fund are within Item 7. Statement of Operations as Trustees' fees and expenses.

## Item 11. Statement Regarding Basis for Approval of Investment Advisory Contract. (Unaudited)

At a meeting of the fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board") held on March 5-6, 2024, the Board considered the renewal of the fund's Investment Advisory Agreement, pursuant to which the Adviser provides the fund with investment advisory and administrative services, the Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement, pursuant to which Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (the "Sub-Adviser" or "NIMNA") provides day-to-day management of the fund's investments, and the Sub-Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement (collectively with the Investment Advisory Agreement and Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement, the "Agreements") between NIMNA and Newton Investment Management Limited ("NIM"), pursuant to which NIMNA may use the investment advisory personnel, resources and capabilities available at its sister company, NIM, in providing the day-to-day management of the fund's investments. The Board members, none of whom are "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the fund, were assisted in their review by independent legal counsel and met with counsel in executive session separate from representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. In considering the renewal of the Agreements, the Board considered several factors that it believed to be relevant, including those discussed below. The Board did not identify any one factor as dispositive, and each Board member may have attributed different weights to the factors considered.

Analysis of Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services Provided to the Fund. The Board considered information provided to it at the meeting and in previous presentations from representatives of the Adviser regarding the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, including the fund. The Adviser provided the number of open accounts in the fund, the fund's asset size and the allocation of fund assets among distribution channels. The Adviser also had previously provided information regarding the diverse intermediary relationships and distribution channels of funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex (such as intermediary, in which intermediaries typically are paid by the fund and/or the Adviser) and the Adviser's corresponding need for broad, deep, and diverse resources to be able to provide ongoing shareholder services to each intermediary or distribution channel, as applicable to the fund.

The Board also considered research support available to, and portfolio management capabilities of, the fund's portfolio management personnel and that the Adviser also provides oversight of day-to-day fund operations, including fund accounting and administration and assistance in meeting legal and regulatory requirements. The Board also considered the Adviser's extensive administrative, accounting and compliance infrastructures, as well as the Adviser's supervisory activities over the Sub-Adviser. The Board also considered portfolio management's brokerage policies and practices (including policies and practices regarding soft dollars) and the standards applied in seeking best execution.

<u>Comparative Analysis of the Fund's Performance and Management Fee and Expense Ratio.</u> The Board reviewed reports prepared by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent provider of investment company data based on classifications provided by Thomson Reuters Lipper ("Lipper"), which included information comparing (1) the performance of the fund's Initial shares with the performance of a group of multi-cap core funds underlying variable insurance products ("VIPs") selected by Broadridge as comparable to the fund (the "Performance Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all multi-cap core funds underlying VIPs (the "Performance Universe"), all for various periods ended December 31, 2023, and (2) the fund's actual and contractual management fees and total expenses with those of the same group of funds in the Performance Group (the "Expense Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all multi-cap core funds underlying VIPs with similar 12b-1/non-12b-1 structures, excluding outliers (the "Expense Universe"), the information for which was derived in part from fund financial statements available to Broadridge as of the date of its analysis. The Adviser previously had furnished the Board with a description of the methodology Broadridge used to select the Performance Group and Performance Universe and the Expense Group and Expense Universe.

*Performance Comparisons.* Representatives of the Adviser stated that the usefulness of performance comparisons may be affected by a number of factors, including different investment limitations and policies that may be applicable to the fund and comparison funds and the end date selected. The Board also considered the fund's performance in light of overall financial market conditions. The Board discussed with representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser the results of the comparisons and considered that the fund's total return performance was above the Performance Group median and above the Performance Universe median for all periods. The Adviser also provided a comparison of the fund's calendar year total returns to the returns of the fund's benchmark index. The Board noted that the fund had a four star rating for each of the three- and ten-year periods, a five star rating for the five-year period, and a four star overall rating from Morningstar based on Morningstar's risk-adjusted return measures.

Management Fee and Expense Ratio Comparisons. The Board reviewed and considered the contractual management fee rate payable by the fund to the Adviser in light of the nature, extent and quality of the management services and the sub-advisory services provided

by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, respectively. In addition, the Board reviewed and considered the actual management fee rate paid by the fund over the fund's last fiscal year, which included reductions for a fee waiver and expense limitation arrangement in place that reduced the management fee paid to the Adviser. The Board also reviewed the range of actual and contractual management fees and total expenses as a percentage of average net assets of the Expense Group and Expense Universe funds and discussed the results of the comparisons.

The Board considered that the fund's contractual management fee was higher than the Expense Group median contractual management fee, the fund's actual management fee was lower than the Expense Group median and slightly higher than the Expense Universe median actual management fee, and the fund's total expenses were slightly higher than the Expense Group median and higher than the Expense Universe median total expenses.

Representatives of the Adviser stated that the Adviser has contractually agreed, until May 1, 2025 to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the direct expenses of the fund so that the direct expenses of neither class of fund shares (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, taxes, interest expense, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) exceed .70% of the fund's average daily net assets.

Representatives of the Adviser noted that there were no other funds advised by the Adviser that are in the same Lipper category as the fund or separate accounts and/or other types of client portfolios advised by the Adviser or the Sub-Adviser that are considered to have similar investment strategies and policies as the fund.

The Board considered the fee payable to the Sub-Adviser in relation to the fee payable to the Adviser by the fund and the respective services provided by the Sub-Adviser and the Adviser. The Board also took into consideration that the Sub-Adviser's fee is paid by the Adviser, out of its fee from the fund, and not the fund.

<u>Analysis of Profitability and Economies of Scale.</u> Representatives of the Adviser reviewed the expenses allocated and profit received by the Adviser and its affiliates and the resulting profitability percentage for managing the fund and the aggregate profitability percentage to the Adviser and its affiliates for managing the funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, and the method used to determine the expenses and profit. The Board concluded that the profitability results were not excessive, given the services rendered and service levels provided by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board also considered the expense limitation arrangement and its affiliates. The Board also had been provided with information prepared by an independent consulting firm regarding the Adviser's approach to allocating costs to, and determining the profitability of, individual funds and the entire BNY Mellon fund complex. The consulting firm also had analyzed where any economies of scale might emerge in connection with the management of a fund.

The Board considered, on the advice of its counsel, the profitability analysis (1) as part of its evaluation of whether the fees under the Agreements, considered in relation to the mix of services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, including the nature, extent and quality of such services, supported the renewal of the Agreements and (2) in light of the relevant circumstances for the fund and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized if the fund grows and whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of fund shareholders. Representatives of the Adviser stated that a discussion of economies of scale is predicated on a fund having achieved a substantial size with increasing assets and that, if a fund's assets had been stable or decreasing, the possibility that the Adviser may have realized any economies of scale would be less. Representatives of the Adviser also stated that, as a result of shared and allocated costs among funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, the extent of economies of scale could depend substantially on the level of assets in the complex as a whole, so that increases and decreases in complex-wide assets can affect potential economies of scale in a manner that is disproportionate to, or even in the opposite direction from, changes in the fund's asset level. The Board also considered potential benefits to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser from acting as investment adviser and sub-investment adviser, respectively, and took into consideration the soft dollar arrangements in effect for trading the fund's investments.

At the conclusion of these discussions, the Board agreed that it had been furnished with sufficient information to make an informed business decision with respect to the renewal of the Agreements. Based on the discussions and considerations as described above, the Board concluded and determined as follows.

• The Board concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser are adequate and appropriate.

- The Board was satisfied with the fund's performance.
- The Board concluded that the fees paid to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser continued to be appropriate under the circumstances and in light of the factors and the totality of the services provided as discussed above.
- The Board determined that the economies of scale which may accrue to the Adviser and its affiliates in connection with the management of the fund had been adequately considered by the Adviser in connection with the fee rate charged to the fund pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement and that, to the extent in the future it were determined that material economies of scale had not been shared with the fund, the Board would seek to have those economies of scale shared with the fund.

In evaluating the Agreements, the Board considered these conclusions and determinations and also relied on its previous knowledge, gained through meetings and other interactions with the Adviser and its affiliates and the Sub-Adviser, of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser and the services provided to the fund by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. The Board also relied on information received on a routine and regular basis throughout the year relating to the operations of the fund and the investment management and other services provided under the Agreements, including information on the investment performance of the fund in comparison to similar mutual funds and benchmark performance indices; general market outlook as applicable to the fund; and compliance reports. In addition, the Board's consideration of the contractual fee arrangements for the fund had the benefit of a number of years of reviews of the Agreements for the fund, or substantially similar agreements for other BNY Mellon funds that the Board oversees, during which lengthy discussions took place between the Board and representatives of the Adviser. Certain aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than in others, and the Board's conclusions may be based, in part, on its consideration of the fund's arrangements, or substantially similar arrangements for other BNY Mellon funds that the Board oversees, in prior years. The Board determined to renew the Agreements.

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