Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF DREYFUS

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this annual report for Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio, covering the 12-month period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as general market perspectives, we provide a Discussion of Fund Performance on the pages that follow.

The reporting period began with major global economies achieving above-trend growth. In the United States, a robust economy and strong labor market encouraged the Federal Reserve to continue moving away from its accommodative monetary policy while other major central banks began to consider monetary tightening. Both U.S. and non-U.S. equity markets remained on an uptrend. Interest rates rose across the yield curve, putting pressure on bond prices.

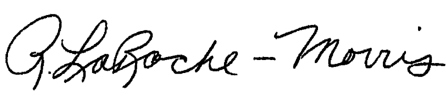
A few months into the reporting period, global growth trends began to diverge and market volatility returned. While the U.S. economy continued to grow at a healthy rate, other developed markets began to weaken. However, robust growth and strong corporate earnings continued to support U.S. stock returns while other developed markets declined throughout the summer. In the fall, a broad sell-off occurred, partially offsetting earlier U.S. gains. Emerging markets remained under pressure as weakness in their currencies relative to the U.S. dollar added to investors' uneasiness. Global equities continued their general decline through the end of the period.

Fixed income markets struggled during the first half of the period as interest rates rose and favorable U.S. equity markets fed investor risk appetites. However, in autumn volatility crept in, the yield curve began a flattening trend that continued through the end of December. As long-term debt yields fell, prices rose for many bonds, leading to moderately positive returns for several fixed income market sectors.

Despite continuing political variables, U.S. inflationary pressures and flagging growth rates, we are optimistic that the U.S. economy will remain strong in the near term. However, we remain attentive to signs that point to potential changes on the horizon. As always, we encourage you to discuss the risks and opportunities in today's investment environment with your financial advisor.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,



Renee Laroche-Morris
President
The Dreyfus Corporation
January 15, 2019

For the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as provided by Mark A. Bogar, CFA, James A. Lydotes, CFA, and Andrew Leger, Portfolio Managers

Market and Fund Performance Overview

For the 12-month period ended December 31, 2018, Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio's Initial Shares produced a total return of -16.81%, and its Service Shares produced a total return of -16.98%.[1] This compares with a -13.79% return produced by the fund's benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index (the "Index"), for the same period.[2]

International equities lost ground as a result of high levels of market volatility, exacerbated by U.S. inflationary pressures and international trade conflicts. The fund underperformed the Index during the reporting period, largely due to disappointing stock selection in French, Swiss, and Japanese markets.

The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund seeks long-term capital growth. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in stocks. The fund normally invests substantially all of its assets in the stocks of foreign companies (i.e., those organized under the laws of countries other than the U.S.), including those located in emerging market countries. The fund ordinarily invests most of its assets in securities of foreign companies which The Dreyfus Corporation considers to be value companies. The fund's investment approach is value-oriented and research-driven. In selecting stocks, the portfolio managers identify potential investments through extensive quantitative and fundamental research.

Emphasizing individual stock selection rather than economic and industry trends, the fund focuses on three key factors: value, or how a stock is valued relative to its intrinsic worth based on traditional value measures; business health, or overall efficiency and profitability as measured by return on assets and return on equity; and business momentum, or the presence of a catalyst (such as corporate restructuring, change in management or spin-off) that potentially will trigger a price increase in the near term to medium term.

Stocks Pressured by Trade Tensions

The positive global economic growth trends that characterized 2017 remained in place during the first quarter of 2018, with most European and Asian economies continuing to expand and corporate earnings continuing to rise. However, international equities came under pressure from intensifying inflation concerns in the United States and heightened protectionist rhetoric and actions by the U.S. government. Consequently, stocks of companies deemed vulnerable to international trade disruptions were hit particularly hard. European stocks were further undermined by a recent budget crisis between Italy and the European Union (EU) which exacerbated sovereign risk worries. In Japan, cyclical industries tied to Chinese demand pulled back due to investor uncertainties associated with targeted U.S. tariffs on China.

Concerns surrounding U.S. inflationary pressures eased later in the reporting period and international trade issues focused more narrowly on the relationship between the United

States and China. In response, European and Japanese equity markets recouped much of the ground they had lost earlier. Asian markets, on the other hand, continued to dip after the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese imports, followed by Chinese retaliation and threats of additional tariffs from both countries.

Stocks gained ground early in the second half of the reporting period, led by U.S. and Japanese markets. In the U.S. market, economic and earnings data remained robust, offsetting the effects of interest-rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. In Japan, stocks benefited from a weaker yen and the leadership election for the Liberal Democratic Party that once again supported Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, which reduced uncertainty regarding economic policy. In Europe, stocks gained despite concerns about budget negotiations between Italy and the EU as well as uncertainty surrounding Brexit negotiations.

Late in the reporting period, however, stocks sold off on concerns about slowing global economic and earnings growth. Pressures on tariff-sensitive industries and lower-than-expected earnings in the information technology sector in particular weighed on returns.

Stock Selection Undermined Relative Performance

The fund lagged the Index most significantly in France, largely due to a disappointing performance from Atos, an information technology consulting firm, which missed expectations in two consecutive quarters. Global tire maker Cie Générale des Établissements Michelin also hurt the fund's performance due to rising U.S. trade tensions and higher input costs. In Switzerland, the fund's position in Julius Baer Group, a wealth management firm, was hindered by its sensitivity to equity markets, which largely declined. *Adecco Group*, a Swiss-based global staffing firm, was hampered by trade tensions and anticipated global economic weakness. In Japan, industrial robotics parts manufacturer *Harmonic Drive Systems* declined on weaker-than-expected earnings, while Mitsubishi Electric faced headwinds from rising raw-material costs.

On a more positive note, the fund enhanced returns in the lagging Australian market, partly through underweighted exposure and partly through relatively strong individual stock selection, including diversified financial firm Macquarie Group and mining company BHP Group. Favorable stock selection also bolstered the fund's performance in Italy, where luxury apparel manufacturer *Moncler* and telecom operator *Telecom Italia* gained ground in a down market. In the Netherlands, insurance company NN Group performed well on continued benefits from its acquisition of Delta Lloyd Group, a Dutch insurer, as well as its continued stock buybacks. Koninklijke Philips also added to the fund's performance as it has benefited from a corporate restructuring that now focuses on its higher-growth medical devices business.

Finding Opportunities in a Challenging Environment

While the current political environment of heightened international trade tensions may pose challenges for many trade-dependent companies going forward, we believe underlying economic fundamentals in most of the developed world remain steady.

As of the end of the reporting period, we have positioned the fund to benefit from the positive economic environment while keeping a watchful eye on political developments. The sell-off that occurred at the end of the reporting period resulted in attractive valuations given that earnings are expected to remain relatively resilient. In addition, an agreement between

China and the U.S. would reduce uncertainties regarding international trade and thus provide additional support to markets.

The fund has added to its holdings in Finland and Germany and trimmed its positions in Switzerland and the U.K. The fund has also added to the consumer staples and health care sectors and has reduced exposure to the financials and industrials sectors.

January 15, 2019

[1] *Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate such that upon redemption, fund shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. The fund's performance does not reflect the deduction of additional charges and expenses imposed in connection with investing in variable insurance contracts, which will reduce returns. Return figures for the fund reflect the absorption of certain fund expenses by The Dreyfus Corporation pursuant to an undertaking in effect through May 1, 2019, at which time it may be extended, terminated, or modified. Had these expenses not been absorbed, the fund's returns would have been lower.*

[2] *Source: Lipper Inc. — The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. It reflects reinvestment of net dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.*

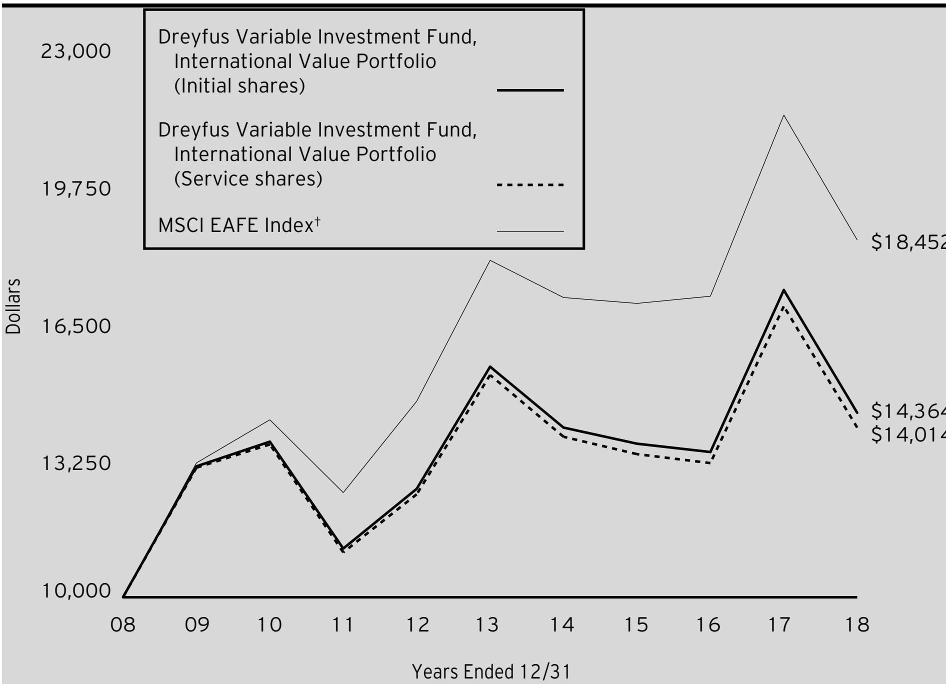
Please note: the position in any security highlighted with italicized typeface was sold during the reporting period.

Equities are subject generally to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees, all of which are more fully described in the fund's prospectus.

The fund's performance will be influenced by political, social, and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, less liquidity, less developed or less efficient trading markets, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability, and differing auditing and legal standards. These risks are enhanced in emerging market countries.

The fund is only available as a funding vehicle under variable life insurance policies or variable annuity contracts issued by insurance companies. Individuals may not purchase shares of the fund directly. A variable annuity is an insurance contract issued by an insurance company that enables investors to accumulate assets on a tax-deferred basis for retirement or other long-term goals. The investment objective and policies of Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio made available through insurance products may be similar to those of other funds managed or advised by Dreyfus. However, the investment results of the fund may be higher or lower than, and may not be comparable to, those of any other Dreyfus fund.

FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited)



Comparison of change in value of $10,000 investment in Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio Initial shares and Service shares and the MSCI EAFE Index (the "Index")

† *Source: Lipper Inc.*

Past performance is not predictive of future performance. The fund's performance does not reflect the deduction of additional charges and expenses imposed in connection with investing in variable insurance contracts which will reduce returns.

The above graph compares a $10,000 investment made in Initial and Service shares of Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio on 12/31/08 to a $10,000 investment made in the Index on that date.

The fund's performance shown in the line graph above takes into account all applicable fees and expenses. The Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Unlike a mutual fund, the Index is not subject to charges, fees and other expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in any index. Further information relating to fund performance, including expense reimbursements, if applicable, is contained in the Financial Highlights section of the prospectus and elsewhere in this report.

Average Annual Total Returns as of 12/31/18

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Initial shares	**-16.81%**	**-1.45%**	**3.69%**
Service shares	**-16.98%**	**-1.69%**	**3.43%**
MSCI EAFE Index	**-13.79%**	**0.53%**	**6.32%**

The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor's shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Go to Dreyfus.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns.

The fund's Initial shares are not subject to a Rule 12b-1 fee. The fund's Service shares are subject to a 0.25% annual Rule 12b-1 fee. All dividends and capital gain distributions are reinvested.

The fund's performance shown in the graph and table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES (Unaudited)

As a mutual fund investor, you pay ongoing expenses, such as management fees and other expenses. Using the information below, you can estimate how these expenses affect your investment and compare them with the expenses of other funds. You also may pay one-time transaction expenses, including sales charges (loads), redemption fees and expenses associated with variable annuity or insurance contracts, which are not shown in this section and would have resulted in higher total expenses. For more information, see your fund's prospectus or talk to your financial adviser.

Review your fund's expenses

The table below shows the expenses you would have paid on a $1,000 investment in Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, International Value Portfolio from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. It also shows how much a $1,000 investment would be worth at the close of the period, assuming actual returns and expenses.

Expenses and Value of a $1,000 Investment
assuming actual returns for the six months ended December 31, 2018

	Initial Shares	Service Shares
Expenses paid per $1,000†	$ 4.03	$ 5.20
Ending value (after expenses)	$ 857.40	$ 857.50

COMPARING YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES WITH THOSE OF OTHER FUNDS (Unaudited)

Using the SEC's method to compare expenses

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has established guidelines to help investors assess fund expenses. Per these guidelines, the table below shows your fund's expenses based on a $1,000 investment, assuming a hypothetical 5% annualized return. You can use this information to compare the ongoing expenses (but not transaction expenses or total cost) of investing in the fund with those of other funds. All mutual fund shareholder reports will provide this information to help you make this comparison. Please note that you cannot use this information to estimate your actual ending account balance and expenses paid during the period.

Expenses and Value of a $1,000 Investment
assuming a hypothetical 5% annualized return for the six months ended December 31, 2018

	Initial Shares	Service Shares
Expenses paid per $1,000†	$ 4.38	$ 5.65
Ending value (after expenses)	$ 1,020.87	$ 1,019.61

† *Expenses are equal to the fund's annualized expense ratio of .86% for Initial shares and 1.11% for Service shares, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).*

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS
December 31, 2018

Description	Shares	Value ($)
Common Stocks - 98.2%		
Australia - 5.4%		
Aristocrat Leisure	28,405	433,817
BHP Group	20,119	485,401
Macquarie Group	8,994	688,221
South32	121,229	286,016
Woodside Petroleum	18,103	399,831
		2,293,286
Austria - 1.8%		
Erste Group Bank	7,985 [a]	266,063
OMV	11,995	524,629
		790,692
Belgium - 1.0%		
UCB	5,437	**443,266**
Finland - 2.2%		
Nokia	99,647	575,751
UPM-Kymmene	14,276	363,001
		938,752
France - 9.9%		
Atos	7,145	581,345
BNP Paribas	13,087	589,415
Cie Generale des Etablissements Michelin	6,830	675,277
Edenred	10,942	401,103
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	1,073	315,296
Sanofi	11,212	968,930
Thales	2,161	251,382
Vinci	5,564	457,238
		4,239,986
Germany - 9.5%		
Allianz	3,398	681,865
Deutsche Boerse	2,803	337,081
Deutsche Post	13,428	367,778
Deutsche Telekom	94,273	1,601,383
Evonik Industries	13,622	340,227
Fresenius & Co.	10,526	508,802
Hapag-Lloyd	7,832 [b]	201,836
		4,038,972
Hong Kong - 3.0%		
AIA Group	79,600	654,810
Sun Hung Kai Properties	43,500	616,786
		1,271,596

Description	Shares	Value ($)
Common Stocks - 98.2% (continued)		
Ireland - .9%		
ICON	2,880 [a]	**372,125**
Italy - 3.8%		
Enel	109,832	633,629
Leonardo	42,344	372,719
UniCredit	54,479	618,006
		1,624,354
Japan - 22.5%		
Asahi Kasei	36,600	373,434
Chubu Electric Power	44,800	637,057
Denso	14,200	630,197
Fujitsu	5,700	357,338
Hitachi	26,400	701,760
ITOCHU	17,800	300,214
Kirin Holdings	31,400	660,495
Mitsubishi Electric	53,400	585,419
Nintendo	1,200	317,053
Panasonic	26,700	239,571
Recruit Holdings	19,000	454,874
Seven & i Holdings	20,200	879,556
Shionogi & Co.	7,600	430,948
Shiseido	6,400	397,664
Showa Denko KK	7,600	222,923
Sony	15,500	746,432
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	30,100	992,603
Suzuki Motor	13,400	678,047
		9,605,585
Macau - 1.2%		
Sands China	117,600	**509,269**
Netherlands - 7.6%		
Heineken	6,457	569,103
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	20,710	522,463
Koninklijke DSM	4,705	382,829
Koninklijke Philips	10,939	385,524
NN Group	15,517	616,408
Royal Dutch Shell, Cl. B	25,975	772,932
		3,249,259
Norway - .9%		
Aker BP	15,832	**400,923**
Portugal - 1.1%		
Galp Energia	28,417	**449,990**
Singapore - .8%		
United Overseas Bank	18,400	**329,798**

Description	Shares	Value ($)
Common Stocks - 98.2% (continued)		
Spain - 4.1%		
ACS Actividades de Construccion y Servicios	12,094	464,933
Amadeus IT Group	7,973	555,153
Banco Santander	158,738	716,360
		1,736,446
Sweden - 2.4%		
Alfa Laval	16,329	348,598
Swedbank, Cl. A	14,584	325,106
Swedish Match	8,575	338,068
		1,011,772
Switzerland - 7.9%		
Ferguson	5,015	321,190
Julius Baer Group	13,151 [a]	469,935
Lonza Group	2,008 [a]	522,034
Novartis	17,273	1,479,404
OC Oerlikon	24,720 [a]	278,431
STMicroelectronics	21,094	301,024
		3,372,018
United Kingdom - 12.2%		
Anglo American	20,102	444,376
BAE Systems	69,521	405,761
Cineworld Group	86,490	289,461
Diageo	13,197	469,068
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles	43,451 [a]	631,723
Legal & General Group	230,505	676,366
Melrose Industries	110,052	227,890
Prudential	26,738	477,730
SSE	50,516	694,556
Tesco	168,294	407,800
Unilever	9,640	504,535
		5,229,266
Total Common Stocks (cost $46,800,090)		**41,907,355**

Description	Shares	Value ($)
Exchange-Traded Funds - .9%		
United States - .9%		
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (cost $385,174)	6,341	**372,724**
Total Investments (cost $47,185,264)	**99.1%**	**42,280,079**
Cash and Receivables (Net)	**.9%**	**394,279**
Net Assets	**100.0%**	**42,674,358**

ETF—Exchange-Traded Fund

[a] *Non-income producing security.*

[b] *Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At December 31, 2018, these securities were valued at $201,836 or .47% of net assets.*

Portfolio Summary (Unaudited) †	Value (%)
Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology & Life Sciences	9.9
Capital Goods	9.4
Banks	9.0
Insurance	7.3
Materials	6.8
Automobiles & Components	6.1
Energy	6.0
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	4.8
Utilities	4.6
Food & Staples Retailing	4.2
Telecommunication Services	3.8
Diversified Financials	3.5
Software & Services	3.5
Consumer Durables & Apparel	3.1
Technology Hardware & Equipment	3.0
Consumer Services	2.2
Household & Personal Products	2.1
Health Care Equipment & Services	2.1
Commercial & Professional Services	2.0
Real Estate	1.4
Media & Entertainment	1.4
Transportation	1.3
Registered Investment Companies	.9
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	.7
	99.1

† *Based on net assets.*

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED ISSUERS

Registered Investment Company	Value 12/31/17($)	Purchases($)	Sales ($)	Value 12/31/18($)	Net Assets(%)	Dividends/ Distributions($)
Dreyfus Institutional Preferred Government Plus Money Market Fund	243,064	14,377,506	14,620,570	-	-	4,407

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS December 31, 2018

Counterparty/ Purchased Currency	Purchased Currency Amounts	Currency Sold	Sold Currency Amounts	Settlement Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)($)
Citigroup					
United States Dollar	115,657	British Pound	90,350	1/2/19	485
United States Dollar	250,980	Euro	219,532	1/2/19	(590)
Gross Unrealized Appreciation					**485**
Gross Unrealized Depreciation					**(590)**

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2018

	Cost	Value
Assets ($):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments	47,185,264	42,280,079
Cash denominated in foreign currency	154,456	153,542
Receivable for investment securities sold		561,250
Tax reclaim receivable		124,088
Dividends receivable		12,806
Receivable for shares of Beneficial Interest subscribed		9,940
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts—Note 4		485
Prepaid expenses		2,894
		43,145,084
Liabilities ($):		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates—Note 3(b)		21,713
Cash overdraft due to Custodian		146,351
Payable for investment securities purchased		179,534
Payable for shares of Beneficial Interest redeemed		43,075
Unrealized depreciation on foreign currency transactions		3,398
Trustees fees and expenses payable		2,191
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts—Note 4		590
Accrued expenses		73,874
		470,726
Net Assets ($)		**42,674,358**
Composition of Net Assets ($):		
Paid-in capital		60,139,906
Total distributable earnings (loss)		(17,465,548)
Net Assets ($)		**42,674,358**

Net Asset Value Per Share	Initial Shares	Service Shares
Net Assets ($)	17,017,686	25,656,672
Shares Outstanding	1,694,237	2,553,552
Net Asset Value Per Share ($)	**10.04**	**10.05**

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Investment Income ($):	
Income:	
Cash dividends (net of $128,060 foreign taxes withheld at source):	
Unaffiliated issuers	1,420,771
Affiliated issuers	4,407
Total Income	**1,425,178**
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fee—Note 3(a)	524,975
Professional fees	121,807
Distribution fees—Note 3(b)	79,951
Custodian fees—Note 3(b)	36,807
Prospectus and shareholders' reports	15,873
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 3(b)	1,587
Loan commitment fees—Note 2	1,363
Trustees' fees and expenses—Note 3(c)	901
Interest expense—Note 2	375
Miscellaneous	44,328
Total Expenses	**827,967**
Less—reduction in expenses due to undertaking—Note 3(a)	(294,031)
Net Expenses	**533,936**
Investment Income—Net	**891,242**
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 4 ($):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	3,301,864
Net realized gain (loss) on forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(20,406)
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	**3,281,458**
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency transactions	(13,160,220)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(131)
Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	**(13,160,351)**
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	**(9,878,893)**
Net Increase from Payment by Affiliate	**102**
Net (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	**(8,987,549)**

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017[a]
Operations ($):		
Investment income—net	891,242	821,565
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	3,281,458	2,755,383
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(13,160,351)	9,080,667
Net increase from payment by affiliate	102	1,201
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	**(8,987,549)**	**12,658,816**
Distributions ($):		
Distributions to shareholders:		
Initial Shares	(342,309)	(293,637)
Service Shares	(500,324)	(394,293)
Total Distributions	**(842,633)**	**(687,930)**
Beneficial Interest Transactions ($):		
Net proceeds from shares sold:		
Initial Shares	2,634,951	2,586,028
Service Shares	5,976,338	8,168,542
Distributions reinvested:		
Initial Shares	342,309	293,637
Service Shares	500,324	394,293
Cost of shares redeemed:		
Initial Shares	(4,135,642)	(2,796,223)
Service Shares	(11,111,204)	(6,422,662)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Beneficial Interest Transactions	**(5,792,924)**	**2,223,615**
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	**(15,623,106)**	**14,194,501**
Net Assets ($):		
Beginning of Period	58,297,464	44,102,963
End of Period	**42,674,358**	**58,297,464**
Capital Share Transactions (Shares):		
Initial Shares		
Shares sold	221,877	239,807
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	28,313	28,619
Shares redeemed	(352,295)	(249,081)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	**(102,105)**	**19,345**
Service Shares		
Shares sold	501,536	731,930
Shares issued for distributions reinvested	41,315	38,318
Shares redeemed	(941,892)	(582,351)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	**(399,041)**	**187,897**

[a] *Distributions to shareholders include only distributions from net investment income. Undistributed investment income—net was $836,598 in 2017 and is no longer presented as a result of the adoption of SEC's Disclosure Update and Simplification Rule*

See notes to financial statements.

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. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. The fund's total returns do not reflect expenses associated with variable annuity or insurance contracts. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements.

	Year Ended December 31,				
Initial Shares	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Per Share Data ($):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.27	9.70	10.04	10.55	11.82
Investment Operations:					
Investment income—net[a]	.21	.19	.18	.18	.19
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.24)	2.54	(.33)	(.45)	(1.27)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.03)	2.73	(.15)	(.27)	(1.08)
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income—net	(.20)	(.16)	(.19)	(.24)	(.19)
Payment by affiliate	.00[b,c]	.00[b,c]	.00[b,c]	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	10.04	12.27	9.70	10.04	10.55
Total Return (%)	(16.81)[c]	28.52[c]	(1.45)[c]	(2.72)	(9.32)
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.42	1.37	1.38	1.38	1.29
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	.86	.86	.85	.83	.99
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.82	1.75	1.87	1.66	1.68
Portfolio Turnover Rate	78.31	62.39	108.21	147.24	45.43
Net Assets, end of period ($ x 1,000)	17,018	22,045	17,241	21,814	33,147

[a] *Based on average shares outstanding.*
[b] *Amount represents less than $.01.*
[c] *The fund received proceeds from a class action settlement from The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. This payment had no impact on total return.*
See notes to financial statements.

	Year Ended December 31,				
Service Shares	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Per Share Data ($):					
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.28	9.72	10.04	10.55	11.82
Investment Operations:					
Investment income—net[a]	.19	.17	.13	.17	.16
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(2.25)	2.54	(.29)	(.47)	(1.28)
Total from Investment Operations	(2.06)	2.71	(.16)	(.30)	(1.12)
Distributions:					
Dividends from investment income—net	(.17)	(.15)	(.16)	(.21)	(.15)
Payment by affiliate	.00[b,c]	.00[b,c]	.00[b,c]	-	-
Net asset value, end of period	10.05	12.28	9.72	10.04	10.55
Total Return (%)	(16.98)[c]	28.14[c]	(1.58)[c]	(2.98)	(9.57)
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.67	1.62	1.61	1.63	1.54
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.08	1.24
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.62	1.49	1.41	1.53	1.40
Portfolio Turnover Rate	78.31	62.39	108.21	147.24	45.43
Net Assets, end of period ($ x 1,000)	25,657	36,253	26,862	18,566	23,038

[a] *Based on average shares outstanding.*
[b] *Amount represents less than $.01.*
[c] *The fund received proceeds from a class action settlement from The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. This payment had no impact on total return.*
See notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

International Value Portfolio (the "fund") is a separate diversified series of Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund (the "Company"), 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 seven 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 objective is to seek long-term capital growth. The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager" or "Dreyfus"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon"), serves as the fund's investment adviser.

MBSC Securities Corporation (the "Distributor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus, is the distributor of the 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 Company 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 Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. 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 Company 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:

Investments in 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 American Depository Receipts 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 Company's Board of Trustees (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 restricted 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.

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("forward contracts") are valued at the forward rate and are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2018 in valuing the fund's investments:

	Level 1 - Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Assets ($)				
Investments in Securities:				
Equity Securities - Common Stocks	372,125	41,535,230†	-	**41,907,355**
Exchange-Traded Funds	372,724	-	-	**372,724**
Other Financial Instruments:				
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts††	-	485	-	**485**
Liabilities ($)				
Other Financial Instruments:				
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts††	-	(590)	-	**(590)**

† *Securities classified within Level 2 at period end as the values were determined pursuant to the fund's fair valuation procedures.*

†† *Amount shown represents unrealized appreciation (depreciation) at period end.*

At December 31, 2018, there were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy. It is the fund's policy to recognize transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period.

(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) 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.

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

(e) Risk: Investing in foreign markets may involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in the U.S. These risks include revaluation of currencies, high rates of inflation, repatriation restrictions on income and capital, and adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities issued in these markets may be less liquid, subject to government ownership controls and delayed settlements, and their prices may be more volatile than those of comparable securities in the U.S.

(f) Dividends and distributions to shareholders: Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net and 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.

(g) 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 December 31, 2018, 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 December 31, 2018, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the four-year period ended December 31, 2018 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

At December 31, 2018, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed ordinary income $901,594, accumulated capital losses $13,360,089 and unrealized depreciation $5,007,053.

The fund is permitted to carry forward capital losses for an unlimited period. Furthermore, capital loss carryovers retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net realized capital gains, if any, realized subsequent to December 31, 2018. The fund has $13,360,089 of long-term capital losses which can be carried forward for an unlimited period.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were as follows: ordinary income $842,633 and $687,930, respectively.

(h) New Accounting Pronouncements: In August 2018, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement ("ASU 2018-13"). The update provides guidance that eliminates, adds and modifies certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. ASU 2018-13 will be effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Management is currently assessing the potential impact of these changes to future financial statements.

NOTE 2—Bank Lines of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed long-term open-end funds in a $1.030 billion unsecured credit facility led by Citibank, N.A. (the "Citibank Credit Facility") and a $300 million unsecured credit facility provided by The Bank of New York Mellon (the "BNYM Credit Facility"), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, 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 $830 million and is available to all long-term open-ended funds, including the fund, and (ii) Tranche B is in amount equal to $200 million and is available only to the Dreyfus Floating Rate Income Fund, a series of The Dreyfus/Laurel Funds, Inc. Prior to October 3, 2018, the unsecured credit facility with Citibank, N.A. was $830 million. 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 BNYM 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.

The average amount of borrowings outstanding under the Facilities during the period ended December 31, 2018 was approximately $12,600 with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 2.98%.

NOTE 3—Investment Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with Dreyfus, the investment advisory fee is computed at the annual rate of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. Dreyfus has contractually agreed, from January 1, 2018 through May 1, 2019, to waive receipt of its fees and/or assume the direct expenses of the fund, so that the direct expenses of none of the classes (excluding Rule 12b-1 Distribution Plan fees, taxes, interest expense, brokerage commissions, commitment fees on borrowings and extraordinary expenses) exceed .86% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. On or after May 1, 2019, Dreyfus may terminate this expense limitation agreement at any time. The reduction in expenses, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to $294,031 during the period ended December 31, 2018.

(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 December 31, 2018, Service shares were charged $79,951 pursuant to the Distribution Plan.

The fund has arrangements with the transfer agent and the custodian whereby the fund may receive earnings credits when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset transfer agency and custody fees. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes net earnings credits, if any, as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates Dreyfus Transfer, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dreyfus, under a transfer agency agreement for providing transfer agency and cash management services for the fund. The majority of transfer agency 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 December 31, 2018, the fund was charged $1,529 for transfer agency services. These fees are included in Shareholder servicing costs in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates The Bank of New York Mellon 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 December 31, 2018, the fund was charged $36,807 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended December 31, 2018, the fund was charged $12,774 for services performed by the Chief Compliance Officer and his staff. These fees are included in Miscellaneous in the Statement of Operations.

The components of "Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: investment advisory fees $37,175, Distribution Plan fees $5,586, custodian fees $19,419, Chief Compliance Officer fees $6,289 and transfer agency fees $147, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of $46,903.

(c) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

(d) During the period ended December 31, 2018, the fund received proceeds of $102 from a class action settlement from BNY Mellon related to foreign exchange transactions.

NOTE 4—Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities and forward contracts, during the period ended December 31, 2018, amounted to $40,726,917 and $46,411,517, respectively.

Derivatives: A derivative is a financial instrument whose performance is derived from the performance of another asset. The fund enters into International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreements or similar agreements (collectively, "Master Agreements") with its over-the counter ("OTC") derivative contract counterparties in order to, among other things, reduce its credit risk to counterparties. Master Agreements include provisions for general obligations, representations, collateral and events of default or termination. Under a Master Agreement, the fund may offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instrument's payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment in the event of default or termination.

Each type of derivative instrument that was held by the fund during the period ended December 31, 2018 is discussed below.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts: The fund enters into forward contracts in order to hedge its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on its foreign portfolio holdings, to settle foreign currency transactions or as a part of its investment strategy. When executing forward contracts, the fund is obligated to buy or sell a foreign currency at a specified rate on a certain date in the future. With respect to sales of forward contracts, the fund incurs a loss if the value of the contract increases between the date the forward contract is opened and the date the forward contract is closed. The fund realizes a gain if the value of the contract decreases between those dates. With respect to purchases of forward contracts, the fund incurs a loss if the value of the contract decreases between the date the forward contract is opened and the date the forward contract is closed. The fund realizes a gain if the value of the contract increases between those dates. Any realized or unrealized gains or losses which occurred during the period are reflected in the Statement of Operations. The fund is exposed to foreign currency risk as a result of changes in value of underlying financial instruments. The fund is also exposed to credit risk associated with counterparty nonperformance on these forward contracts, which is generally limited to the unrealized gain on each open contract. This risk may be mitigated by Master Agreements, if any, between the fund and the counterparty and the posting of collateral, if any, by the counterparty to the fund to cover the fund's exposure to the counterparty. Forward contracts open at December 31, 2018 are set forth in the Statement of Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts.

The provisions of ASC Topic 210 "Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" require disclosure on the offsetting of financial assets and liabilities. These disclosures are required for certain investments, including derivative financial instruments subject to Master Agreements which are eligible for offsetting in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and require the fund to disclose both gross and net information with respect to such investments. For financial reporting purposes, the fund does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to Master Agreements in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

At December 31, 2018, derivative assets and liabilities (by type) on a gross basis are as follows:

Derivative Financial Instruments:	Assets ($)	Liabilities ($)
Forward contracts	485	(590)
Total gross amount of derivative assets and liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	485	(590)
Derivatives not subject to Master Agreements	-	-
Total gross amount of assets and liabilities subject to Master Agreements	485	(590)

The following table presents derivative assets net of amounts available for offsetting under Master Agreements and net of related collateral received or pledged, if any, as of December 31, 2018:

Counterparty	Gross Amount of Assets ($)[1]	Financial Instruments and Derivatives Available for Offset ($)	Collateral Received ($)	Net Amount of Assets ($)
Citigroup	485	(485)	-	-

Counterparty	Gross Amount of Liabilities ($)[1]	Financial Instruments and Derivatives Available for Offset ($)	Collateral Pledged ($)	Net Amount of Liabilities ($)
Citigroup	(590)	485	-	(105)

[1] *Absent a default event or early termination, OTC derivative assets and liabilities are presented at gross amounts and are not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.*

The following summarizes the average market value of derivatives outstanding during the period ended December 31, 2018:

	Average Market Value ($)
Forward contracts	173,720

At December 31, 2018, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was $47,282,715; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized depreciation on investments inclusive of derivative contracts was $5,002,741, consisting of $1,433,510 gross unrealized appreciation and $6,436,251 gross unrealized depreciation.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of International Value Portfolio

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of International Value Portfolio (the "Fund") (one of the funds constituting Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund), including the statements of investments, investments in affiliated issuers and forward foreign currency exchange contracts, as of December 31, 2018, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the funds constituting Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund) at December 31, 2018, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian and others or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from others were not received. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more Dreyfus investment companies since at least 1957, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

New York, New York
February 11, 2019

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund elects to provide each shareholder with their portion of the fund's foreign taxes paid and the income sourced from foreign countries. Accordingly, the fund hereby reports the following information regarding its fiscal year ended December 31, 2018:

- the total amount of taxes paid to foreign countries was $128,060.

- the total amount of income sourced from foreign countries was $1,545,122.

Where required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their proportionate share of foreign taxes paid and foreign sourced income for the 2018 calendar year with Form 1099-DIV which will be mailed in early 2019.

BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION (Unaudited)
INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph S. DiMartino (75)
Chairman of the Board (1995)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Corporate Director and Trustee (1995-present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

- CBIZ (formerly, Century Business Services, Inc.), a provider of outsourcing functions for small and medium size companies, Director (1997-present)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 122

Peggy C. Davis (75)
Board Member (2006)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Shad Professor of Law, New York University School of Law (1983-present)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 45

David P. Feldman (79)
Board Member (1994)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Corporate Director and Trustee (1985-present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

- BBH Mutual Funds Group (5 registered mutual funds), Director (1992-2014)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 31

Joan Gulley (71)
Board Member (2017)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.(1993-2014), Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer and Executive Committee Member (2008-2014)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 52

Ehud Houminer (78)
Board Member (2006)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Board of Overseers at the Columbia Business School, Columbia University (1992-present)
- Trustee, Ben Gurion University

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 52

Lynn Martin (79)
Board Member (2012)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- President of The Martin Hall Group LLC, a human resources consulting firm (2005-2012)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 31

Robin A. Melvin (55)
Board Member (2012)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Co-chairman, Illinois Mentoring Partnership, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the quantity and quality of mentoring services in Illinois; (2014-present; board member since 2013)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 99

Dr. Martin Peretz (79)
Board Member (1990)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Editor-in-Chief Emeritus of The New Republic Magazine (2011-2012) (previously, Editor-in-Chief, 1974-2011)
- Lecturer at Harvard University (1968-2010)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 31

Once elected all Board Members serve for an indefinite term, but achieve Emeritus status upon reaching age 80. The address of the Board Members and Officers is c/o The Dreyfus Corporation, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166. Additional information about the Board Members is available in the fund's Statement of Additional Information which can be obtained from Dreyfus free of charge by calling this toll free number: 1-800-DREYFUS.

James F. Henry, Emeritus Board Member
Philip L. Toia, Emeritus Board Member

OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

BRADLEY J. SKAPYAK, President since January 2010.

Chief Operating Officer and a director of the Manager since June 2009, Chairman of Dreyfus Transfer, Inc., an affiliate of the Manager and the transfer agent of the funds, since May 2011 and Chief Executive Officer of MBSC Securities Corporation since August 2016. He is an officer of 62 investment companies (comprised of 122 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1988.

BENNETT A. MACDOUGALL, Chief Legal Officer since October 2015.

Chief Legal Officer of the Manager and Associate General Counsel and Managing Director of BNY Mellon since June 2015; from June 2005 to June 2015, he served in various capacities with Deutsche Bank – Asset & Wealth Management Division, including as Director and Associate General Counsel, and Chief Legal Officer of Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. from June 2012 to May 2015. He is an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 47 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 2015.

JAMES BITETTO, Vice President since August 2005 and Secretary since February 2018.

Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon and Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1996.

SONALEE CROSS, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2018.

Counsel of BNY Mellon since October 2016; Associate at Proskauer Rose LLP from April 2016 to September 2016; Attorney at EnTrust Capital from August 2015 to February 2016; Associate at Sidley Austin LLP from September 2013 until August 2015. She is an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 31 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 2016.

SARAH S. KELLEHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since April 2014.

Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon since December 2017, from March 2013 to December 2017, Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon. She is an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since March 2013.

JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.

Senior Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 53 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

NATALYA ZELENSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2017.

Counsel of BNY Mellon since May 2016; Attorney at Wildermuth Endowment Strategy Fund/Wildermuth Advisory, LLC from November 2015 until May 2016; Assistant General Counsel at RCS Advisory Services from July 2014 until November 2015; Associate at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan from January 2013 until January 2014. She is an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by Dreyfus. She is 33 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 2016.

JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001.

Director – Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 60 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005.

Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 50 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1991.

ROBERT S. ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since August 2005.

Senior Accounting Manager – Dreyfus Financial Reporting of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 54 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007.

Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1989.

ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002.

Senior Accounting Manager – Fixed Income and Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 63 investment companies (comprised of 147 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004.

Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager, the Dreyfus Family of Funds and BNY Mellon Funds Trust (63 investment companies, comprised of 147 portfolios). He is 61 years old and has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.

CARIDAD M. CAROSELLA, Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since January 2016.

Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Dreyfus Family of Funds and BNY Mellon Funds Trust since January 2016; from May 2015 to December 2015, Interim Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer of the Dreyfus Family of Funds and BNY Mellon Funds Trust and the Distributor; from January 2012 to May 2015, AML Surveillance Officer of the Distributor and from 2007 to December 2011, Financial Processing Manager of the Distributor. She is an officer of 57 investment companies (comprised of 141 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 50 years old and has been an employee of the Distributor since 1997.

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A description of the policies and procedures that the fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, and information regarding how the fund voted these proxies for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available at http://www.dreyfus.com and on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. The description of the policies and procedures is also available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-DREYFUS.

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