

# Davis Financial Portfolio

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For Variable Annuity Investors Who Are Looking for Long-Term Capital Appreciation from Banking and Financial Services Stocks<sup>1</sup>

Portfolio of Davis Variable Account Fund, Inc.

## ► Portfolio Manager



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## ► Investment Strategy

The Portfolio seeks to purchase durable, well-managed businesses at value prices and hold them for the long term.

We believe financial stocks offer attractive investment opportunities over the long term for four compelling reasons:<sup>2</sup>

- Powerful demographic trends—not only in America where 76 million baby boomers are entering their peak earning and investing years, but also in Europe and Asia—should lead to greater demand for financial products worldwide.
- Companies with strong brand names are emerging in financial services that should increasingly gain market share from weaker competitors.
- Consolidation within financial services industries is a continuing trend that should result in improving profit margins for surviving companies.
- Many financial companies generate strong free cash flow that can be used to increase value for shareholders through share repurchases, acquisitions and higher dividends.

The Portfolio's overriding theme is looking for durable companies that are conservatively valued. It also may invest in companies outside the financial arena.

## ► Portfolio Data

Inception Date	7/1/99
Total Net Assets	\$70,926,507
Number of Securities	31
Beta (3 years)	1.1
Turnover as of most recent audited financial statement	12% <sup>3</sup>

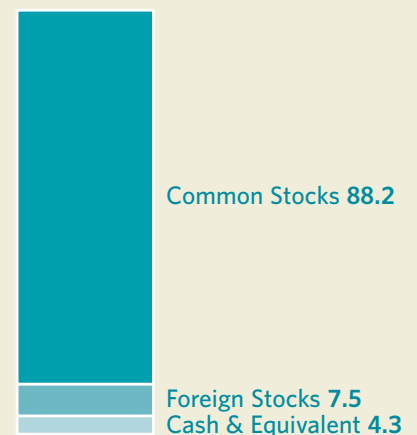
## ► Top 10 Holdings

Berkshire Hathaway—Class A	7.0%
American Express	6.6
Markel	5.9
Bank of New York Mellon	5.1
JPMorgan Chase	5.1
Capital One Financial	4.8
Wells Fargo	4.8
Visa—Class A	4.6
U.S. Bancorp	4.4
Loews	4.1

## ► Top Industries

Diversified Financials	47.9%
Insurance	24.4
Banks	19.6
Information Technology	3.8

## Asset Allocation (%)



1. There is no guarantee that the investment goals/objectives will be met. 2. Our views and opinions regarding the investment prospects of our portfolio holdings include “forward-looking statements” which may or may not be accurate over the long term. While we believe we have a reasonable basis for our appraisals and we have confidence in our opinions, actual results may differ materially from those we anticipate. 3. Over the last five years, the high and low turnover rate for Davis Financial Portfolio was 32% and 2%, respectively.

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the center of controversy. The company's stock may never recover or may become worthless; financial services risk: investing a significant portion of assets in the financial services sector may cause the Fund to be more sensitive to systemic risk, regulatory actions, changes in interest rates, non-diversified loan portfolios, credit, and competition; foreign country risk: foreign companies may be subject to greater risk as foreign economies may not be as strong or diversified; emerging market risk: securities of issuers in emerging and developing markets may present risks not found in more mature markets; foreign currency risk: the change in value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency; depositary receipts risk: depositary receipts may trade at a discount (or premium) to the underlying security and may be less liquid than the underlying securities listed on an exchange; focused portfolio risk: investing in a limited number of companies causes changes in the value of a single security to have a more significant effect on the value of the Fund's total portfolio; interest rate sensitivity risk: interest rates may have a powerful influence on the earnings of financial institutions; credit risk. The issuer of a fixed income security (potentially even the U.S. Government) may be unable to make timely payments of interest and principal; and fees and expenses risk: the Fund may not earn enough through income and capital appreciation to offset the operating expenses of the Fund. As of September 30, 2017, the Fund had approximately 7.5% of assets invested in foreign companies. See the prospectus for a complete description of the principal risks.

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Turnover Rate is a measure of the trading activity in a mutual fund's investment portfolio that reflects how often securities are bought and sold.

The Portfolio generally uses Global Industry Classification Standard (“GICS”) as developed by Morgan Stanley Capital International and Standard & Poor's Corporation to determine industry classification. GICS presents industry classification as a series of levels (i.e. sector, industry group, industry, and sub-industry). Allocations shown are at the Industry Group level except for the following industry groups which have been combined as indicated: Information Technology: Software & Services, Technology Hardware & Equipment, Semi-conductors & Semiconductor Equipment; Health Care: Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Health Care Equipment & Services. The Advisor may reclassify a company into an entirely different industry if it believes that the GICS classification for a specific company does not accurately describe the company. Industry Group weightings are subject to change.

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