

# Evergreen

VA FUNDAMENTAL LARGE CAP FUND

Annual Report  
as of December 31, 2009



Evergreen Investments<sup>SM</sup>  
MUTUAL FUNDS

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This annual report must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus of the Evergreen fund contained herein. The prospectus contains more complete information, including fees and expenses, and should be read carefully before investing or sending money.

The fund will file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Form N-Q will be available on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, the fund's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800.SEC.0330.

A description of the fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, as well as information regarding how the fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is available by visiting our Web site at [EvergreenInvestments.com](http://EvergreenInvestments.com) or by visiting the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are also available without charge, upon request, by calling 800.343.2898.

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## LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

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February 2010

### Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to provide the Annual Report for Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2009 (the “period”).

After a tumultuous 2008, U.S. stocks enjoyed an impressive, though sometimes volatile, recovery over the 2009 fiscal year. The bond market also recovered some of its normalcy; the best-performing fixed income markets at the end of the period were those that were the most depressed and distorted as it began. A variety of concerns, including recession, the dollar, employment, and the banking system, weighed heavily on both equity and fixed income investors throughout the fiscal year. Key issues for many investors included the pace of the economic recovery, and whether or not the market’s impressive comeback would be sustainable.

Early in 2009, the fixed income markets were dogged by worries about deflation, as evidenced by investors’ willingness to accept virtually nothing for short-term loans to the government. Concerns about federal spending also increased with the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed into law in February. Yields climbed for longer-term U.S. Treasuries during the first quarter of 2009, and international markets were hit hard, as economies in both developed and emerging countries struggled. Equity markets, which were affected by the weakness in economic data and corporate profits, rallied off their March 9th lows, with international and small cap stocks leading the gains. Signs of stability emerged in the corporate credit markets, as both issuance and performance improved. Stocks finished a banner third-quarter 2009, with all major market indexes climbing by approximately 15%, as investor sentiment was buoyed by signs of improvement in the economy and corporate earnings. In October 2009, stocks closed lower for the first time in seven months, as investors questioned whether the huge rally had exceeded the economy’s ability to generate growth in output and profits. The weakness in U.S. markets in October failed to extend beyond our borders, as developed markets, which had also rallied off the lows of last year, experienced just a fractional loss, and emerging markets managed to rise by 1%, adding to impressive fiscal-year-end returns.

The market’s technicals appeared much stronger than its fundamentals throughout most of the period. Fortunately, however, the fundamental picture began to brighten, as better-than-expected economic data during the last months of the period suggested the possibility of improvements in corporate performance. Interest rates and inflation remained low, providing a healthy backdrop for corporations that have been aggressively cutting costs from their expense structures. Yet challenges remain, particularly in the



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President and Chief  
Executive Officer

form of housing, the dollar, employment, and credit availability. In addition to these domestic challenges, other global issues surfaced, such as the debt crisis in the Persian Gulf emirate of Dubai at the end of November, which caused a global sell-off in the last few trading days of the month and raised fears of other global issues surfacing.

During a period that swung from recession to recovery, portfolio managers of Evergreen's Variable Annuity Funds continued to maintain strategies consistent with each fund's goal and the asset class in which the fund invests. Managers of equity-oriented portfolios tended to focus on long-term growth opportunities, while the professionals supervising fixed income portfolios attempted to seek total return and current income.

We believe the changing conditions in the investment environment over the period have underscored the value of a well-diversified, long-term investment strategy to help soften the effects of volatility in any one market or asset class. As always, we encourage investors to maintain diversified investment portfolios in pursuit of their long-term investment goals.

Please visit us at **EvergreenInvestments.com** for more information about our funds and other investment products available to you. Thank you for your continued support of Evergreen Investments.

Sincerely,



**W. Douglas Munn**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Evergreen Funds

**Notice to Shareholders:**

The Evergreen Funds' Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the reorganizations of the Evergreen Funds, including the Fund in this report, into *Wells Fargo Advantage Funds*<sup>®</sup>. Each reorganization is subject to the satisfaction of a number of conditions, including approval by the Evergreen Fund's shareholders at a meeting expected to be held in June 2010. It is anticipated that the reorganizations, if they are approved by shareholders and all conditions to the closing are satisfied, will occur in July 2010. Additional information, including a description of the applicable reorganization and information about fees, expenses, and risk factors, will be provided to shareholders of each Evergreen Fund in a Prospectus/Proxy Statement that is expected to be mailed in April, 2010.

The foregoing is not an offer to sell, nor is it a solicitation of an offer to buy, shares of any Wells Fargo Advantage Fund, nor is it a solicitation of any proxy. For more information, or to receive a free copy of the Prospectus/Proxy Statement once a registration statement relating to a proposed reorganization has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and becomes effective, please call 1.800.343.2898 or visit [Evergreeninvestments.com](http://Evergreeninvestments.com). The Prospectus/Proxy Statement will also be available for free on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Please read the Prospectus/Proxy Statement carefully before making any investment decisions.

## FUND AT A GLANCE

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as of December 31, 2009

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

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**Investment Advisor:**

Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC

**Portfolio Managers:**

Walter T. McCormick, CFA; Emory Sanders, Jr., CFA

### PERFORMANCE AND RETURNS

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Portfolio inception date: 3/1/1996

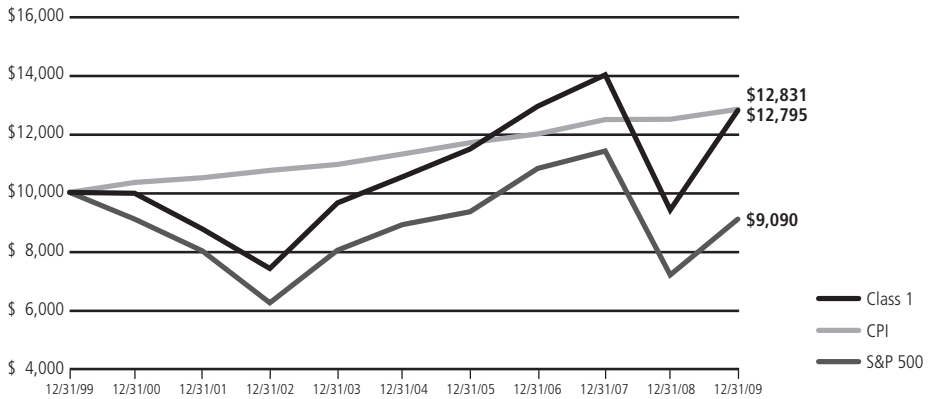
Class inception date	Class 1 3/1/1996	Class 2 7/31/2002
<b>Average annual return</b>		
1-year	36.06%	35.75%
5-year	3.98%	3.72%
10-year	2.50%	2.31%

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance quoted represents past performance and current performance may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 1.800.321.9332.** The performance of each class may vary based on differences in fees and expenses paid by the shareholders investing in each class. Performance includes the reinvestment of income dividends and capital gain distributions, but does not reflect contract, policy, or separate account charges assessed by participating insurance companies.

Please keep in mind that high double-digit returns were primarily achieved during favorable market conditions. You should not expect that such favorable returns can be consistently achieved. A Fund's performance, especially for very short time periods, should not be the sole factor in making your investment decision.

Historical performance shown for Class 2 prior to its inception is based on the performance of Class 1, the original class offered. The historical returns for Class 2 have not been adjusted to reflect the effect of the class' 12b-1 fee. The fund incurs a 12b-1 fee of 0.25% for Class 2. Class 1 does not pay a 12b-1 fee. If the fee had been reflected, returns for Class 2 would have been lower. Returns reflect expense limits previously in effect, without which returns would have been lower.

**LONG-TERM GROWTH**



Comparison of a \$10,000 investment in the Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund Class 1 shares versus a similar investment in the S&P 500 Index (S&P 500) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The **S&P 500** is an unmanaged market index and does not include transaction costs associated with buying and selling securities, any mutual fund fees or expenses or any taxes. The **CPI** is a commonly used measure of inflation and does not represent an investment return. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The fund's investment objective may be changed without a vote of the fund's shareholders.

Foreign investments may contain more risk due to the inherent risks associated with changing political climates, foreign market instability and foreign currency fluctuations.

Small and mid cap securities may be subject to special risks associated with narrower product lines and limited financial resources compared to their large cap counterparts, and, as a result, small and mid cap securities may decline significantly in market downturns and may be more volatile than those of larger companies due to the higher risk of failure.

Value-based investments are subject to the risk that the broad market may not recognize their intrinsic value.

High yield, lower-rated bonds may contain more risk due to the increased possibility of default.

All data is as of December 31, 2009, and subject to change.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY**

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The fund's Class 1 shares returned 36.06% for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2009. During the same period, the S&P 500 returned 26.46%.

The fund's objective is to seek capital growth with the potential for current income.

### **Investment process**

Our investment discipline looks to find companies with sustainable competitive advantages, to understand their long-term potential, and to buy them when, for various reasons, their long-term values aren't reflected in current stock prices. We seek companies that have the ability to consistently grow their cash flows, not just their short-term earnings. We view cash flows driven by sustainable competitive advantages as the most reliable measure of a company's ability to create value for shareholders. For this reason, we place an emphasis on quality companies that dominate their marketplace, have high barriers to entry, have customers with high switching costs, or are in an industry with low competition.

Over the course of the fiscal year, we were able to capitalize on the disparity between our long-term assessments of fair values and the market's embedded expectations. Our strategy of focusing on companies likely to generate higher cash flows over time due to sustained competitive advantages led to significant outperformance versus our benchmark for the 12-month period. Positive excess returns were particularly notable between February and April of 2009.

### **Contributors to performance**

Internet retail companies Amazon.com Inc. and Blue Nile Inc. appreciated 162% and 159% respectively over the period, benefiting from an increase in online retail purchases. Further upside is likely, in our view, due to the currently low online retail penetration (roughly 5%) relative to our 10% expected penetration over the next decade. Amazon and Blue Nile have demonstrated their ability to grow market share at the expense of traditional brick-and-mortar retailers, with lower inventory turns and higher cost structures.

Our stock selection within the Financials sector also aided performance. We invested in the highest quality companies, which we recognized as being deeply undervalued at the beginning of the year. Holdings such as Goldman Sachs Group, Prudential Financial Inc., T. Rowe Price Group, and State Street Corp. were selected based on their strong management teams and franchises. While we recognized that commercial real estate exposures still pose significant challenges for under-capitalized banks, we anticipate further advancement of our holdings as dividend payouts begin to increase and earnings become more normalized for these higher quality companies.

Within the Information Technology sector, we favored communication equipment, software, and service companies that have strong balance sheets and cash that could be used for international expansion or acquisitions. Many of these are multinational companies, allowing us to benefit from growth in international markets.

Positive excess returns at the end of the period were most prevalent within the Consumer Discretionary sector, where online retailer, Amazon.com Inc., benefited from continued organic growth trends, and footwear-and-clothing company Timberland benefited from a return to more normalized earnings power. Another top contributor was Visa Inc., which has been an ideal way for us to play the ongoing transition toward the use of plastic for purchases. We also like the fact that there's no credit risk to Visa's business. There's no lending to its business, only profits from the transactions that take place naturally, both in the U.S and around the world. Visa is a unique company with a limited number of competitors that we believe will be able to sustain its competitive advantage going forward.

**Detractors from performance**

Our positioning within the Industrials sector detracted from returns. At the end of the period, General Electric Co. continued to lag the market due to stresses related to its credit subsidiary. While the company's earnings power has suffered as they shrink that business, we have held onto our position because we believe that its global infrastructure presence and ability to capture sustainable cash flows from large projects and equipment sales will prove favorable as recovery ensues.

Aerospace and defense holdings also hindered results, as investors began to question the government's intentions for defense spending. While Wall Street is focusing on short-term headwinds for these companies, we take a longer-term perspective, and recognize that a company's true profit potential is measured over the entirety of its product or program cycle.

This commentary reflects the views and opinions of the fund's portfolio manager(s) on the date indicated and may include statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" under the U.S. Securities laws. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, projections, estimates and information about possible or future results related to the fund, markets, or regulatory developments. The views expressed above are not guarantees of future performance or economic results and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from the views expressed herein. The views expressed above are subject to change at any time based upon economic, market, or other conditions and Evergreen undertakes no obligation to update the views expressed herein. Any discussions of specific securities should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell those securities. The views expressed herein (including any forward-looking statements) may not be relied upon as investment advice or as an indication of the fund's trading intent.

## ABOUT YOUR FUND'S EXPENSES

The Example below is intended to describe the fees and expenses borne by shareholders and the impact of those costs on your investment.

### Example

As a shareholder of the fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads), redemption fees and exchange fees; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution (12b-1) fees and other fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The Example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

The example illustrates your fund's costs in two ways:

#### • Actual expenses

The section in the table under the heading "Actual" provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in these columns, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the appropriate column for your share class, in the column entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

#### • Hypothetical example for comparison purposes

The section in the table under the heading "Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)" provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees, exchange fees or separate account charges assessed by participating insurance companies. Therefore, the section in the table under the heading "Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)" is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 7/1/2009	Ending Account Value 12/31/2009	Expenses Paid During Period*
<b>Actual</b>			
Class 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,235.29	\$ 4.73
Class 2	\$1,000.00	\$1,233.87	\$ 6.14
<b>Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)</b>			
Class 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.97	\$ 4.28
Class 2	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.71	\$ 5.55

\* For each class of the fund, expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio of each class (0.84% for Class 1 and 1.09% for Class 2), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 / 365 days.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

Year Ended December 31,

CLASS 1	Year Ended December 31,			
	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.72	\$ 19.33	\$ 19.60	\$ 17.89
<b>Income from investment operations</b>				
Net investment income	0.20	0.29	0.25	0.25
Net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments	4.38	(6.64)	1.37	2.02
Total from investment operations	4.58	(6.35)	1.62	2.27
<b>Distributions to shareholders from</b>				
Net investment income	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.22)	(0.24)
Net realized gains	0	0	(1.67)	(0.32)
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.18)	(0.26)	(1.89)	(0.56)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 17.12	\$ 12.72	\$ 19.33	\$ 19.60
<b>Total return<sup>1</sup></b>	36.06%	(32.85)%	8.29%	12.67%
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>				
Net assets, end of period (thousands)	\$ 54,624	\$ 46,238	\$ 90,276	\$ 112,413
<b>Ratios to average net assets</b>				
Expenses including waivers/reimbursements but excluding expense reductions	0.85%	0.79%	0.75%	0.74%
Expenses excluding waivers/reimbursements and expense reductions	0.85%	0.79%	0.75%	0.74%
Net investment income	1.27%	1.45%	1.09%	1.19%
Portfolio turnover rate	35%	25%	21%	21%

<sup>1</sup> Total return does not reflect charges attributable to your insurance company's separate account.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

Year Ended December 31,

CLASS 2	Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.68	\$ 19.25	\$ 19.53	\$ 17.83	\$ 16.51
<b>Income from investment operations</b>					
Net investment income	0.15	0.20	0.16	0.18	0.13
Net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments	4.38	(6.56)	1.40	2.03	1.32
Total from investment operations	4.53	(6.36)	1.56	2.21	1.45
<b>Distributions to shareholders from</b>					
Net investment income	(0.15)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.13)
Net realized gains	0	0	(1.67)	(0.32)	0
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.15)	(0.21)	(1.84)	(0.51)	(0.13)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	\$ 17.06	\$ 12.68	\$ 19.25	\$ 19.53	\$ 17.83
<b>Total return<sup>1</sup></b>	35.75%	(33.01)%	8.01%	12.39%	8.75%
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (thousands)	\$ 72,070	\$ 43,393	\$ 66,201	\$ 65,913	\$ 57,360
<b>Ratios to average net assets</b>					
Expenses including waivers/reimbursements but excluding expense reductions	1.10%	1.05%	1.00%	0.99%	1.04%
Expenses excluding waivers/reimbursements and expense reductions	1.10%	1.05%	1.00%	0.99%	1.04%
Net investment income	0.95%	1.20%	0.83%	0.94%	0.74%
Portfolio turnover rate	35%	25%	21%	21%	29%

<sup>1</sup> Total return does not reflect charges attributable to your insurance company's separate account.

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2009

	Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS 98.1%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 15.1%</b>		
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 1.0%</b>		
Burger King Holdings, Inc. ....	70,576	\$ 1,328,240
<b>Internet &amp; Catalog Retail 3.9%</b>		
Amazon.com, Inc. * .....	28,966	3,896,506
Blue Nile, Inc. * .....	17,542	1,110,935
		<u>5,007,441</u>
<b>Media 5.0%</b>		
CBS Corp., Class B .....	294,482	4,137,472
Omnicom Group, Inc. ....	54,600	2,137,590
		<u>6,275,062</u>
<b>Specialty Retail 3.1%</b>		
Home Depot, Inc. ....	133,932	3,874,653
<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods 2.1%</b>		
Timberland Co., Class A * .....	148,771	2,667,464
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES 9.9%</b>		
<b>Beverages 2.3%</b>		
Diageo plc .....	100,291	1,749,012
PepsiCo, Inc. ....	18,707	1,137,386
		<u>2,886,398</u>
<b>Food Products 1.9%</b>		
McCormick & Co., Inc. ....	67,387	2,434,692
<b>Household Products 3.7%</b>		
Clorox Co. ....	28,089	1,713,429
Procter & Gamble Co. ....	49,449	2,998,093
		<u>4,711,522</u>
<b>Tobacco 2.0%</b>		
Philip Morris International, Inc. ....	51,834	2,497,880
<b>ENERGY 9.5%</b>		
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 1.4%</b>		
Schlumberger, Ltd. ....	27,195	1,770,123
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 8.1%</b>		
Apache Corp. ....	24,034	2,479,588
Chevron Corp. ....	23,983	1,846,451
ConocoPhillips .....	60,635	3,096,629
Exxon Mobil Corp. ....	41,068	2,800,427
		<u>10,223,095</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS** continued

December 31, 2009

	Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS</b> continued		
<b>FINANCIALS</b> 18.9%		
<b>Capital Markets</b> 3.9%		
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ....	15,023	\$ 2,536,483
State Street Corp. ....	23,627	1,028,720
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. ....	26,882	1,431,466
		<u>4,996,669</u>
<b>Commercial Banks</b> 2.4%		
Wells Fargo & Co. ° ....	111,924	3,020,829
<b>Consumer Finance</b> 3.8%		
American Express Co. ....	35,918	1,455,397
Visa, Inc., Class A ....	38,623	3,377,968
		<u>4,833,365</u>
<b>Diversified Financial Services</b> 6.7%		
Bank of America Corp. ....	181,588	2,734,716
JPMorgan Chase & Co. ....	81,315	3,388,396
Moody's Corp. ρ ....	86,834	2,327,151
		<u>8,450,263</u>
<b>Insurance</b> 2.1%		
Prudential Financial, Inc. ....	52,294	2,602,149
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> 15.2%		
<b>Biotechnology</b> 1.9%		
Amgen, Inc. * ....	43,180	2,442,693
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies</b> 1.6%		
Medtronic, Inc. ....	45,727	2,011,073
<b>Pharmaceuticals</b> 11.7%		
Johnson & Johnson ....	47,835	3,081,052
Merck & Co., Inc. ....	128,677	4,701,858
Novartis AG, ADR ....	69,965	3,808,195
Pfizer, Inc. ....	178,230	3,242,004
		<u>14,833,109</u>
<b>INDUSTRIALS</b> 8.8%		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense</b> 4.0%		
Boeing Co. ....	44,472	2,407,270
Lockheed Martin Corp. ....	19,709	1,485,073
United Technologies Corp. ....	16,420	1,139,712
		<u>5,032,055</u>
<b>Air Freight &amp; Logistics</b> 2.1%		
Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. ....	37,005	1,285,183
United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B ....	23,832	1,367,242
		<u>2,652,425</u>

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

December 31, 2009

	Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS <small>continued</small></b>		
<b>INDUSTRIALS <small>continued</small></b>		
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 2.7%</b>		
General Electric Co. ....	229,263	\$ 3,468,749
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 19.6%</b>		
<b>Communications Equipment 6.8%</b>		
Cisco Systems, Inc. * .....	184,222	4,410,275
QUALCOMM, Inc. ....	92,469	4,277,616
		<u>8,687,891</u>
<b>Internet Software &amp; Services 5.0%</b>		
Ancestry.com, Inc. ....	72,161	1,010,975
Google, Inc., Class A * .....	8,561	5,307,649
		<u>6,318,624</u>
<b>IT Services 0.9%</b>		
Automatic Data Processing, Inc. ....	25,450	1,089,769
<b>Software 6.9%</b>		
FactSet Research Systems, Inc. ....	34,276	2,257,760
Microsoft Corp. ....	78,936	2,406,759
Nintendo Co., Ltd. ....	7,000	1,659,464
Oracle Corp. ....	97,028	2,381,067
		<u>8,705,050</u>
<b>MATERIALS 1.1%</b>		
<b>Chemicals 1.1%</b>		
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. ....	18,025	1,461,107
<i>Total Common Stocks (cost \$103,847,163)</i> .....		<u>124,282,390</u>
<b>PREFERRED STOCKS 0.4%</b>		
<b>FINANCIALS 0.4%</b>		
<b>Diversified Financial Services 0.4%</b>		
Bank of America Corp., 10.00% (cost \$553,500) .....	36,900	550,548
<b>PRIVATE PLACEMENT 0.5%</b>		
<b>FINANCIALS 0.5%</b>		
<b>Diversified Financial Services 0.5%</b>		
Apollo Management, LP + (cost \$1,955,076) .....	87,285	610,995
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 2.1%</b>		
<b>MUTUAL FUND SHARES 2.1%</b>		
BlackRock Liquidity TempFund, Institutional Class, 0.12% q pp .....	506,362	506,362
Evergreen Institutional Money Market Fund, Class I, 0.01% q ø pp .....	550,250	550,250
Evergreen Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Class I, 0.08% q ø .....	1,031,965	1,031,965
Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Fund Money Market Portfolio, Institutional Class, 0.15% q pp .....	539,390	539,390
<i>Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$2,627,967)</i> .....		<u>2,627,967</u>

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

December 31, 2009

	Value
<b>Total Investments (cost \$108,983,706) 101.1%</b> .....	\$ 128,071,900
<b>Other Assets and Liabilities (1.1%)</b> .....	(1,378,158)
<b>Net Assets 100.0%</b> .....	<u>\$ 126,693,742</u>

\* Non-income producing security

◦ Investment in a non-controlled affiliate. At December 31, 2009, the Fund invested in securities issued by Wells Fargo & Co. with a cost basis of \$3,055,038 and earned \$54,843 of income for the year ended December 31, 2009, which is included in income from affiliated issuers.

ρ All or a portion of this security is on loan.

+ Security is deemed illiquid (unaudited).

q Rate shown is the 7-day annualized yield at period end.

ρρ All or a portion of this security represents investment of cash collateral received from securities on loan.

ø Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC is the investment advisor to both the Fund and the money market fund.

### Summary of Abbreviations

ADR American Depository Receipt

The following table shows the percent of total long-term investments by sector as of December 31, 2009:

Financials	19.9%
Information Technology	19.7%
Health Care	15.4%
Consumer Discretionary	15.3%
Consumer Staples	10.0%
Energy	9.6%
Industrials	8.9%
Materials	1.2%
	<u>100.0%</u>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 2009

<b>Assets</b>	
Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$104,346,453) including \$1,527,600 of securities loaned	\$ 123,468,856
Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (cost \$4,637,253)	4,603,044
Total investments	128,071,900
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$131,277)	128,894
Dividends receivable	175,496
Receivable for Fund shares sold	16,882
Receivable for securities lending income	91
Total assets	128,393,263
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	62,907
Payable for securities on loan	1,596,002
Advisory fee payable	8,700
Distribution Plan expenses payable	1,991
Due to other related parties	1,510
Trustees' fees and expenses payable	11,404
Printing and postage expenses payable	10,834
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,173
Total liabilities	1,699,521
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$ 126,693,742</b>
<b>Net assets represented by</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$ 113,220,790
Overdistributed net investment income	(11,250)
Accumulated net realized losses on investments	(5,601,609)
Net unrealized gains on investments	19,085,811
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 126,693,742</b>
<b>Net assets consists of</b>	
Class 1	\$ 54,624,014
Class 2	72,069,728
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 126,693,742</b>
<b>Shares outstanding (unlimited number of shares authorized)</b>	
Class 1	3,190,587
Class 2	4,225,634
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	
Class 1	\$ 17.12
Class 2	\$ 17.06

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2009

<b>Investment income</b>	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$15,949)	\$ 1,955,725
Securities lending	138,746
Income from affiliated issuers	61,013
Total investment income	2,155,484
<b>Expenses</b>	
Advisory fee	649,547
Distribution Plan expenses	135,699
Administrative services fee	102,534
Transfer agent fees	415
Trustees' fees and expenses	8,317
Printing and postage expenses	39,467
Custodian and accounting fees	28,813
Professional fees	36,364
Other	4,222
Total expenses	1,005,378
Less: Expense reductions	(27)
Net expenses	1,005,351
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>1,150,133</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments</b>	
Net realized gains or losses on:	
Securities in unaffiliated issuers	2,556,788
Foreign currency related transactions	(4,569)
Net realized gains on investments	2,552,219
Net change in unrealized gains or losses on:	
Securities	
Unaffiliated issuers	28,840,995
Affiliated issuers	(278,690)
Foreign currency related transactions	15,281
Net change in unrealized gains or losses on investments	28,577,586
Net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments	31,129,805
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 32,279,938

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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2009		2008	
<b>Operations</b>				
Net investment income	\$	1,150,133	\$	1,651,126
Net realized gains or losses on investments		2,552,219		(4,124,302)
Net change in unrealized gains or losses on investments		28,577,586		(44,540,046)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		32,279,938		(47,013,222)
<b>Distributions to shareholders from</b>				
Net investment income				
Class 1		(585,714)		(924,331)
Class 2		(622,741)		(718,696)
Total distributions to shareholders		(1,208,455)		(1,643,027)
		<b>Shares</b>		<b>Shares</b>
<b>Capital share transactions</b>				
Proceeds from shares sold				
Class 1	291,872	4,135,369	247,841	3,899,426
Class 2	1,079,151	15,738,661	424,144	6,908,969
		19,874,030		10,808,395
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions				
Class 1	34,792	585,714	73,185	924,331
Class 2	37,123	622,741	57,085	718,696
		1,208,455		1,643,027
Payment for shares redeemed				
Class 1	(772,069)	(10,700,945)	(1,355,770)	(22,532,369)
Class 2	(313,864)	(4,390,489)	(497,126)	(8,108,306)
		(15,091,434)		(30,640,675)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital share transactions		5,991,051		(18,189,253)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets		37,062,534		(66,845,502)
<b>Net assets</b>				
Beginning of period		89,631,208		156,476,710
End of period	\$	126,693,742	\$	89,631,208
Overdistributed net investment income	\$	(11,250)	\$	(9,518)

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. ORGANIZATION

Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified series of Evergreen Variable Annuity Trust (the “Trust”), a Delaware statutory trust organized on December 23, 1997. The Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). Shares of the Fund may only be purchased by insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies.

The Fund offers Class 1 and Class 2 shares at net asset value without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. Class 2 shares pay an ongoing distribution fee.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported herein. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Management has considered the circumstances under which the Fund should recognize or make disclosures regarding events or transactions occurring subsequent to the balance sheet date through February 12, 2010 which represents the date the financial statements are issued. Adjustments or additional disclosures, if any, have been included in these financial statements.

#### a. Valuation of investments

Listed equity securities are usually valued at the last sales price or official closing price on the national securities exchange where the securities are principally traded. If there has been no sale, the securities are valued at the mean between bid and asked prices. Non-listed preferred securities are valued using evaluated prices determined by an independent pricing service which takes into consideration such factors as similar security prices, spreads, liquidity, benchmark quotes and market conditions. Securities for which valuations are not readily available from an independent pricing service may be valued by brokers who use prices provided by market makers or estimates of fair market value obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics.

Foreign securities traded on an established exchange are valued at the last sales price on the exchange where the security is primarily traded. If there has been no sale, the securities are valued at the mean between bid and asked prices. Foreign securities may be valued at fair value according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees if the closing price is not reflective of current market values due to trading or events occurring in the foreign markets between the close of the established exchange and the valuation time of the Fund. In addition, substantial changes in values in the U.S. markets subsequent to the close of a foreign market may also affect the values of securities traded in the foreign market. The value of foreign securities may be adjusted if such movements in the U.S. market exceed a specified threshold.

Short-term securities of sufficient credit quality with remaining maturities of 60 days or less at the time of purchase are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at net asset value. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or not reflective of current fair value are valued at fair value as determined by the investment advisor in good faith, according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value are consistent with the market approach, income approach and/or cost approach, where applicable, for each security type.

**b. Repurchase agreements**

Securities pledged as collateral for repurchase agreements are held by the custodian bank or in a segregated account in the Fund's name until the agreements mature. Collateral for certain tri-party repurchase agreements is held at the counterparty's custodian in a segregated account for the benefit of the Fund and the counterparty. Each agreement requires that the market value of the collateral be sufficient to cover payments of interest and principal. However, in the event of default or bankruptcy by the other party to the agreement, retention of the collateral may be subject to legal proceedings. The Fund will enter into repurchase agreements with banks and other financial institutions, which are deemed by the investment advisor to be creditworthy pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. In certain instances, the Fund's securities lending agent may provide collateral in the form of repurchase agreements.

**c. Foreign currency translation**

All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities and income items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund does not separately account for that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments and the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments.

**d. Securities lending**

The Fund may lend its securities to certain qualified brokers in order to earn additional income. The Fund receives compensation in the form of fees or interest earned on the investment of any cash collateral received. The Fund also continues to receive interest and dividends on the securities loaned. The Fund receives collateral in the form of cash or securities with a market value at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the borrower, the Fund could experience delays and costs in recovering the loaned securities or in gaining access to the collateral. In addition, the investment of any cash collateral received may lose all or part of its value. The

Fund has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand.

**e. Security transactions and investment income**

Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses are computed using the specific cost of the security sold. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or in the case of some foreign securities, on the date when the Fund is made aware of the dividend. Foreign income and capital gains realized on some securities may be subject to foreign taxes, which are accrued as applicable.

**f. Federal and other taxes**

The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute all of its taxable income, including any net capital gains (which have already been offset by available capital loss carryovers). Accordingly, no provision for federal taxes is required. The Fund's income and excise tax returns and all financial records supporting those returns for the prior three fiscal years are subject to examination by the federal, Massachusetts and Delaware revenue authorities.

**g. Distributions**

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Such distributions are determined in conformity with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles.

Reclassifications have been made to the Fund's components of net assets to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryovers, as applicable) under income tax regulations. The primary permanent differences causing such reclassifications are due to expiration of capital loss carryovers and overdistributed net investment income. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the following amounts were reclassified:

Paid-in capital	\$(2,098,414)
Overdistributed net investment income	56,590
Accumulated net realized losses on investments	2,041,824

**h. Class allocations**

Income, common expenses and realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated to the classes based on the relative net assets of each class. Distribution fees, if any, are calculated daily at the class level based on the appropriate net assets of each class and the specific expense rates applicable to each class.

**3. ADVISORY FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES**

Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC ("EIMC"), a subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo"), is the investment advisor to the Fund and is paid an annual fee starting at 0.70% and declining to 0.50% as the aggregate average daily net assets of the Fund and its retail counterpart, Evergreen Fundamental Large Cap Fund,

increase. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the advisory fee was equivalent to an annual rate of 0.63% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Fund may invest in money market funds which are advised by EIMC. Income earned on these investments is included in income from affiliated issuers on the Statement of Operations.

EIMC also serves as the administrator to the Fund providing the Fund with facilities, equipment and personnel. EIMC is paid an annual rate determined by applying percentage rates to the aggregate average daily net assets of the Evergreen funds (excluding money market funds) starting at 0.10% and declining to 0.05% as the aggregate average daily net assets of the Evergreen funds (excluding money market funds) increase. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the administrative services fee was equivalent to an annual rate of 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Evergreen Service Company ("ESC"), an affiliate of EIMC and a subsidiary of Wells Fargo, is the transfer and dividend disbursing agent for the Fund. ESC receives account fees that vary based on the type of account held by the shareholders in the Fund.

Wachovia Bank NA, a subsidiary of Wells Fargo and an affiliate of EIMC, through its securities lending division, Wachovia Global Securities Lending, acts as the securities lending agent for the Fund (see Note 5).

The Fund has placed a portion of its portfolio transactions with brokerage firms that are affiliates of Wells Fargo. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$1,830 to broker-dealers affiliated with Wells Fargo.

#### **4. DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

Evergreen Investment Services, Inc. ("EIS"), an affiliate of EIMC and a subsidiary of Wells Fargo, serves as distributor of the Fund's shares. The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan, as allowed by Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act, for Class 2 shares. Under the Distribution Plan, distribution fees are paid at an annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net assets for Class 2 shares.

#### **5. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS**

Cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities (excluding short-term securities) were \$42,691,473 and \$34,984,803, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Fair value measurements of investments are determined within a framework that has established a fair value hierarchy based upon the various data inputs utilized in determining

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the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized into three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, 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 methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

As of December 31, 2009, the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets, which are carried at fair value, were as follows:

Investments in Securities	Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
<b>Equity securities</b>				
<i>Common stocks</i>	\$124,282,390	\$ 0	\$0	\$124,282,390
<i>Preferred stocks</i>	550,548	0	0	550,548
<b>Other</b>	0	610,995	0	610,995
<b>Short-term investments</b>	2,627,967	0	0	2,627,967
	\$127,460,905	\$610,995	\$0	\$128,071,900

Further details on the major security types listed above can be found in the Schedule of Investments.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Fund loaned securities to certain brokers and earned \$138,746, net of \$15,720 paid to Wachovia Global Securities Lending as the securities lending agent. At December 31, 2009, the value of securities on loan and the total value of collateral received for securities loaned amounted to \$1,527,600 and \$1,596,002, respectively.

On December 31, 2009, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$109,488,441. The gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation on securities based on tax cost was \$26,122,651 and \$7,539,192, respectively, with a net unrealized appreciation of \$18,583,459.

As of December 31, 2009, the Fund had \$5,096,874 in capital loss carryovers for federal income tax purposes with \$919,366 expiring in 2010 and \$4,177,508 expiring in 2016.

### 6. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the SEC, the Fund may participate in an inter-fund lending program with certain funds in the Evergreen fund family. This program

allows the Fund to borrow from other participating funds. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Fund did not participate in the interfund lending program.

#### **7. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS**

As of December 31, 2009, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized Appreciation	Capital Loss Carryovers	Temporary Book/Tax Differences
\$18,581,076	\$5,096,874	\$(11,250)

The differences between the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis and the amounts reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are primarily due to wash sales. The temporary book/tax differences are a result of timing differences between book and tax recognition of income and/or expenses.

The tax character of distributions paid were \$1,208,455 and \$1,643,027 of ordinary income for the years ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

#### **8. EXPENSE REDUCTIONS**

Through expense offset arrangements with ESC and the Fund's custodian, a portion of fund expenses has been reduced.

#### **9. DEFERRED TRUSTEES' FEES**

Each Trustee of the Fund may defer any or all compensation related to performance of his or her duties as a Trustee. The Trustees' deferred balances are allocated to deferral accounts, which are included in the accrued expenses for the Fund. The investment performance of the deferral accounts is based on the investment performance of certain Evergreen funds. Any gains earned or losses incurred in the deferral accounts are reported in the Fund's Trustees' fees and expenses. At the election of the Trustees, the deferral account will be paid either in one lump sum or in quarterly installments for up to ten years.

#### **10. FINANCING AGREEMENT**

The Fund and certain other Evergreen funds share in a \$100 million unsecured revolving credit commitment for temporary and emergency purposes, including the funding of redemptions, as permitted by each participating fund's borrowing restrictions. Borrowings under this facility bear interest at the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 1.25% or LIBOR plus 1.25%. Prior to June 26, 2009, the interest rate was 0.50% per annum above the Federal Funds rate. All of the participating funds are charged an annual commitment fee of 0.145% on the unused balance, which is allocated pro rata. Prior to June 26, 2009, the annual commitment fee was 0.09%. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Fund had no borrowings.

**11. REGULATORY MATTERS AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Evergreen funds, EIMC and certain of EIMC's affiliates are involved in various legal actions, including private litigation and class action lawsuits, and are and may in the future be subject to regulatory inquiries and investigations.

EIMC and EIS have reached final settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Securities Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth") primarily relating to the liquidation of Evergreen Ultra Short Opportunities Fund ("Ultra Short Fund"). The claims settled include the following: first, that during the period February 2007 through Ultra Short Fund's liquidation on June 18, 2008, Ultra Short Fund's former portfolio management team failed to properly take into account readily-available information in valuing certain non-agency residential mortgage-backed securities held by the Ultra Short Fund, resulting in the Ultra Short Fund's net asset value ("NAV") being overstated during the period; second, that EIMC and EIS acted inappropriately when, in an effort to explain the decline in Ultra Short Fund's NAV, certain information regarding the decline was communicated to some, but not all, shareholders and financial intermediaries; third, that the Ultra Short Fund portfolio management team did not adhere to regulatory requirements for affiliated cross trades in executing trades with other Evergreen funds; and finally, that from at least September 2007 to August 2008, EIS did not preserve certain text and instant messages transmitted via personal digital assistant devices. In settling these matters, EIMC and EIS have agreed to payments totaling \$41,125,000, up to \$40,125,000 of which will be distributed to eligible shareholders of Ultra Short Fund pursuant to a methodology and plan approved by the regulators. EIMC and EIS neither admitted nor denied the regulators' conclusions.

Three purported class actions have also been filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts relating to the same events; defendants include various Evergreen entities, including EIMC and EIS, and Evergreen Fixed Income Trust and its Trustees. The cases generally allege that investors in the Ultra Short Fund suffered losses as a result of (i) misleading statements in Ultra Short Fund's registration statement and prospectus, (ii) the failure to accurately price securities in the Ultra Short Fund at different points in time and (iii) the failure of the Ultra Short Fund's risk disclosures and description of its investment strategy to inform investors adequately of the actual risks of the fund.

EIMC does not expect that any of the legal actions, inquiries or settlement of regulatory matters will have a material adverse impact on the financial position or operations of the Fund to which these financial statements relate. Any publicity surrounding or resulting from any legal actions or regulatory inquiries involving EIMC or its affiliates or any of the Evergreen Funds could result in reduced sales or increased redemptions of Evergreen fund shares, which could increase Evergreen fund transaction costs or operating expenses or have other adverse consequences on the Evergreen funds, including the Fund.

**12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 30, 2009, the Trustees of the Fund approved a Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, Wells Fargo Advantage VT Core Equity Fund, which will be a series of Wells Fargo Variable Trust created in order to receive the assets of the Fund upon completion of the reorganization, will acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of the Fund in exchange for shares of Wells Fargo Advantage VT Core Equity Fund.

A special meeting of shareholders of the Fund will be held in June 2010 to consider and vote on the Plan. In April 2010, materials for this meeting will be mailed to shareholders of record on March 10, 2010. If approved by the shareholders at this meeting, the reorganization will take place in July 2010.

Effective January 4, 2010, Wells Fargo Funds Distributor, LLC ("WFFD"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company, replaced EIS as the distributor for the Fund.

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an Accounting Standards Update on "*Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*" which will require reporting entities to make new disclosures about the amount and reasons for significant transfers into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, the input and valuation techniques used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements and information on purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements. Except for the detailed Level 3 roll forward disclosures, the disclosures are effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009. The new disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward activity for Level 3 fair value measurements are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. Management of the Fund is currently evaluating the implications of this Accounting Standards Update and any impacts on the financial statements.

## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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Board of Trustees and Shareholders  
Evergreen Variable Annuity Trust

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of the Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund, a series of the Evergreen Variable Annuity Trust, as of December 31, 2009 and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2009 by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund as of December 31, 2009, the results of its operations, changes in its net assets and financial highlights for each of the years described above, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

**KPMG LLP**

Boston, Massachusetts  
February 12, 2010

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (unaudited)

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**FEDERAL TAX DISTRIBUTIONS**

For corporate shareholders, 100% of ordinary income dividends paid during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 qualified for the dividends received deduction.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

Each year, as required by law, the Fund's Board of Trustees determines whether to approve the continuation of the Fund's investment advisory agreements. At an in person meeting on September 23-24, 2009, the Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or EIMC (the "independent Trustees"), approved the continuation of the Fund's investment advisory agreements. (References below to the "Fund" are to Evergreen VA Fundamental Large Cap Fund; references to the "funds" are to the Evergreen funds generally.)

At the same time, the Trustees considered the continuation of the investment advisory agreements for all of the Evergreen funds. The description below refers in many cases to the Trustees' process for considering, and conclusions regarding, all of the funds' agreements. In all of their deliberations, the Board of Trustees and the independent Trustees were advised by independent counsel to the independent Trustees and counsel to the funds.

***The review process.*** In connection with its review of the funds' investment advisory agreements, the Board of Trustees requests and evaluates, and EIMC and any sub-advisors are required to furnish, such information as the Trustees consider to be reasonably necessary in the circumstances. Over the course of the year preceding their September 2009 meeting, the Trustees regularly reviewed information regarding the investment performance of all of the funds. As part of their ongoing review of investment performance, the Trustees monitored for changes in performance and for the results of any changes in a fund's investment process or investment team. The Trustees paid particular attention to funds whose performance since September 2008 (when the Trustees completed their 2008 review of the funds' investment advisory agreements) indicated short-term or longer-term performance issues and to funds that they had identified during their 2008 review process as having short- or longer-term performance issues.

In spring 2009, a committee of the Board of Trustees (the "Committee"), working with EIMC management, determined generally the types of information the Trustees would review as part of the 2009 review process and set a timeline detailing the information required and the dates for its delivery to the Trustees. The Board engaged the independent data provider Keil Fiduciary Strategies LLC ("Keil") to provide fund-specific and industry-wide data containing information of a nature and in a format generally prescribed by the Committee, and the Committee worked with Keil and EIMC to develop appropriate groups of peer funds for each fund. The Committee also identified a number of expense, performance, and other areas of review and requested specific information as to those areas of review.

The Trustees formed small groups to review individual funds in greater detail. They reviewed, with the assistance of an independent industry consultant that they retained, the

information that EIMC and Keil provided. In addition, the Trustees considered information regarding, among other things, the funds' brokerage practices, the funds' use of derivatives, analyst and research support available to the portfolio management teams, risk management practices, and certain fall-out benefits received directly and indirectly by EIMC and its affiliates from the funds. The Trustees requested and received additional information following that review.

In December 2008 Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo") acquired Wachovia Corporation ("Wachovia"), EIMC's parent company. Wells Fargo and EIMC have taken steps to combine the operations of Wells Fargo's investment management affiliates and EIMC during the past year and have proposed to the Trustees the combination of the mutual fund families managed by them. During the course of the year, and during their review, the Trustees requested and received information about Wells Fargo and its advisory and broker-dealer operations, the status of efforts to combine the Wells Fargo and Evergreen investment management operations, and the effects on the funds and on the services provided by EIMC and its affiliates to the funds. In their deliberations, the Trustees were mindful that it was possible that the proposed combination of the two fund families might be effected during the coming 12-month period.

The Committee met several times by telephone during the 2009 review process to consider the information provided to it. The Committee then met with representatives of EIMC and its affiliates, including Wells Fargo. In addition, during the course of their review, the Trustees discussed the continuation of the funds' advisory agreements with representatives of EIMC, and in meetings with independent legal counsel in multiple private sessions at which no personnel of EIMC were present. At a meeting of the full Board of Trustees held on September 23-24, 2009, the Committee reported the results of its discussions with EIMC. The full Board met with representatives of EIMC and its affiliates and engaged in further review of the materials provided to it, after which the independent Trustees and the full Board approved the continuation of each of the advisory and sub-advisory agreements.

The Trustees' determination to approve the continuation of the advisory and sub-advisory agreements was based on a comprehensive evaluation of all of the information provided to them. In considering the continuation of the agreements, the Trustees did not identify any particular information or consideration that was all-important or controlling, and each Trustee attributed different weights to various factors. The Trustees evaluated information provided to them both in terms of the funds generally and with respect to each fund, including the Fund, specifically as they considered appropriate. Although the Trustees considered the continuation of the agreements for each of the funds as part of the larger process of considering the continuation of the advisory contracts for all of the funds, their determination to continue the advisory agreements for each of the funds was ultimately made on a fund-by-fund basis.

This summary describes a number of the most important, but not necessarily all, of the factors considered by the Board and the independent Trustees.

**Information reviewed.** The Board of Trustees and committees of the Board of Trustees met periodically during the course of the year. EIMC presented a wide variety of information at those meetings regarding the services it provides for the funds, the investment performance of the funds, and other aspects of the business and operations of the funds. At those meetings, and in the process of considering the continuation of the agreements, the Trustees considered information regarding, for example, the funds' investment results; the portfolio management teams for the funds and the experience of the members of the teams, and any recent changes in the membership of the teams; portfolio trading practices; compliance by the funds and EIMC with applicable laws and regulations and with the funds' and EIMC's compliance policies and procedures; risk evaluation and oversight procedures at EIMC; services provided by affiliates of EIMC to the funds and shareholders of the funds; and other information relating to the nature, extent, and quality of services provided by EIMC. The Trustees considered a number of changes in portfolio management personnel at EIMC and its advisory affiliates in the year since September 2008. The Trustees also considered changes in personnel at the funds and EIMC, including the appointment of a new President of the funds, who also serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of EIMC, and a new Chief Investment Officer of EIMC in August of 2008.

The Trustees considered the rates at which the funds pay investment advisory fees, and the efforts generally by EIMC and its affiliates as sponsors of the funds. The data provided by Keil showed the management fees paid by each fund in comparison to the management fees of other peer mutual funds, in addition to data regarding the investment performance of the funds in comparison to other peer mutual funds. The Trustees were assisted by an independent industry consultant in reviewing the information presented to them.

The Trustees noted that, in certain cases, EIMC and/or its affiliates provide advisory services to other clients that are comparable to the advisory services they provide to certain funds. The Trustees considered the information EIMC provided regarding the rates at which those other clients pay advisory fees to EIMC. Fees charged to those other clients were generally lower than those charged to the respective funds. In respect of these other accounts, EIMC noted that the compliance, reporting, and other legal burdens of providing investment advice to mutual funds generally exceed those required to provide advisory services to non-mutual fund clients such as retirement or pension plans.

The Trustees considered the transfer agency fees paid by the funds to an affiliate of EIMC. They reviewed information presented to them showing that the transfer agency fees charged to the funds were generally consistent with industry norms.

The Trustees also considered that EIMC serves as administrator to the funds and receives a fee for its services as administrator. In their comparison of fees paid by the funds with

those paid by other mutual funds, the Trustees considered administrative fees paid by the funds and those other mutual funds. They considered that EIS, an affiliate of EIMC, would serve as distributor to the funds until January 3, 2010, and that Wells Fargo Funds Distributor, LLC, also an affiliate of EIMC, would serve as distributor to the funds beginning on January 4, 2010, and noted that the distributor receives fees from the funds for those services. The Trustees also considered other so-called “fall-out” benefits to EIMC and its affiliates due to their other relationships with the funds, including, for example, soft-dollar services received by EIMC attributable to transactions entered into by EIMC on behalf of the funds and brokerage commissions received by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC (“Wells Fargo Advisors”) (formerly Wachovia Securities, LLC), an affiliate of EIMC, from transactions effected by it for the funds. The Trustees noted that the funds pay sub-transfer agency fees to various financial institutions, including Wells Fargo Advisors and its affiliates, that hold fund shares in omnibus accounts, and that an affiliate of EIMC receives fees for administering the sub-transfer agency payment program. In reviewing the services provided by an affiliate of EIMC, the Trustees noted that the affiliate of EIMC that provides transfer agency services to the funds had won recognition from Dalbar for customer service each year since 1998, and also won recognition from National Quality Review for customer service and for accuracy in processing transactions in 2008. They also considered that Wells Fargo Advisors and its affiliates receive distribution-related fees and shareholder servicing payments (including amounts derived from payments under the funds’ Rule 12b-1 plans) in respect of shares sold or held through them and that an affiliate of EIMC receives compensation for serving as a securities lending agent for a number of the funds.

The Trustees considered regulatory actions taken against EIMC or its affiliates in the past year, and on-going reviews of the operations of EIMC and its affiliates as they might affect the funds. They considered the findings of the regulators, the cooperation of EIMC and its affiliates with those regulators and with the Trustees in respect of those actions and reviews, and the remedial steps EIMC and its affiliates have taken in response. They also considered the scope and nature of on-going reviews being conducted by EIMC and its affiliates, and communications to the Trustees relating to those reviews.

***Nature and quality of the services provided.*** The Trustees considered that EIMC and its affiliates generally provide a comprehensive investment management service to the funds. They noted that EIMC formulates and implements an investment program for the Fund. They noted that EIMC makes its personnel available to serve as officers of the funds, and concluded that the reporting and management functions provided by EIMC with respect to the funds were generally satisfactory. The Trustees considered the investment philosophy of the Fund’s portfolio management team and the in-house research capabilities of EIMC and its affiliates, as well as other resources available to EIMC, including research services available to it from third parties.

The Trustees considered the managerial and financial resources available to EIMC and its affiliates and the commitment that the Evergreen/Wells Fargo organization has made to the funds generally. They considered assurances from representatives of Wells Fargo that the merger of Wells Fargo and Wachovia and the integration of those firms' advisory and broker-dealer operations was not expected to result in any adverse effect on the funds, on the quality and level of services that EIMC provides to the funds, or on the resources available to the funds and to EIMC, and that Wells Fargo is committed to continue providing the funds with high-quality services.

The Trustees noted the resources EIMC and its affiliates have committed to the regulatory, compliance, accounting, tax and oversight of tax reporting, and shareholder servicing functions, and the number and quality of staff committed to those functions, which they concluded were appropriate and generally in line with EIMC's responsibilities to the Fund and to the funds generally. The Board and the independent Trustees concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions regarding the funds' advisory agreements, that they were generally satisfied with the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided by EIMC, including services provided by EIMC under its administrative services agreements with the funds. They determined that the nature and scope of the services provided by EIMC were consistent with EIMC's duties under the investment advisory agreements and appropriate and consistent with the investment programs and best interests of the funds.

***Investment performance.*** The Trustees considered the investment performance of each fund, both by comparison to other comparable mutual funds and to broad market indices. Although the Trustees considered the performance of all share classes, the Trustees noted that, for the one-, three-, five-, and ten-year periods ended December 31, 2008, the Fund's Class 1 shares had outperformed the Fund's benchmark index, the S&P 500 Index, and had performed in the first quintile of the mutual funds against which the Trustees compared the Fund's performance.

The Trustees discussed each fund's performance with representatives of EIMC. In each instance where a fund experienced a substantial period of underperformance relative to its benchmark index and/or the non-Evergreen fund peers against which the Trustees compared the fund's performance, the Trustees considered EIMC's explanation of the reasons for the relative underperformance and the steps being taken to address the relative underperformance. The Trustees emphasized that the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for a fund should not be taken as any indication that the Trustees did not believe investment performance for any specific fund might not be improved, and they noted that they would continue to monitor closely the investment performance of the funds going forward.

***Advisory and administrative fees.*** The Trustees recognized that EIMC does not seek to provide the lowest cost investment advisory service, but to provide a high quality, full-

service investment management product at a reasonable price. They also noted that EIMC has in many cases sought to set its investment advisory fees at levels consistent with industry norms. The Trustees noted that, in certain cases, a fund's management fees were higher than many or most other mutual funds in the same Keil peer group. However, in each case, the Trustees determined on the basis of the information presented that the level of management fees was not excessive. The Trustees noted that the management fee paid by the Fund was higher than the management fees paid by a majority of the mutual funds against which the Trustees compared the Fund's management fee, and that the level of profitability realized by EIMC in respect of the fee did not appear excessive.

***Economies of scale.*** The Trustees noted the possibility that economies of scale would be achieved by EIMC in managing the funds as the funds grow. They reviewed the breakpoints in the Fund's advisory fee structure, which operate generally to reduce the effective management fee rate of the Fund (as a percentage of Fund assets) as the Fund grows in size. They considered that, as a fund shrinks in size, breakpoints result in increasing fee levels. The Trustees noted that they would continue to review the appropriate levels of breakpoints in the future, and concluded that the breakpoints as implemented appeared to be a reasonable step toward the realization of economies of scale by the Fund.

***Profitability.*** The Trustees considered information provided to them regarding the profitability to the EIMC organization of the investment advisory, administration, and transfer agency (with respect to the open-end funds only) fees paid to EIMC and its affiliates by each of the funds. They considered that the information provided to them was necessarily estimated, and that the profitability information provided to them, especially on a fund-by-fund basis, did not necessarily provide a definitive tool for evaluating the appropriateness of each fund's advisory fee. They noted that the levels of profitability of the funds to EIMC varied widely, depending on, among other things, the size and type of fund. They considered the profitability of the funds in light of such factors as, for example, the information they had received regarding the relation of the fees paid by the funds to those paid by other mutual funds, the investment performance of the funds, and the amount of revenues involved. In light of these factors, the Trustees concluded that the profitability to EIMC of the services provided to any of the funds, individually or in the aggregate, should not prevent the Trustees from approving the continuation of the agreements.

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## TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

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**K. Dun Gifford**

Trustee

DOB: 10/23/1938

Term of office since: 1974

Other directorships: None

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Chairman and President, Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust (education); Trustee, Member of the Executive Committee, Former Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Former Treasurer, Cambridge College

**Dr. Leroy Keith, Jr.**

Trustee

DOB: 2/14/1939

Term of office since: 1983

Other directorships: Trustee, Phoenix Fund Complex (consisting of 46 portfolios as of 12/31/2009)

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Chairman, Bloc Global Services (development and construction); Former Managing Director, Almanac Capital Management (commodities firm); Trustee, Phoenix Fund Complex; Director, Diversapack Co. (packaging company); Former Partner, Stonington Partners, Inc. (private equity fund); Former Director, Obagi Medical Products Co.

**Carol A. Kosel**

Trustee

DOB: 12/25/1963

Term of office since: 2008

Other directorships: None

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Former Consultant to the Evergreen Boards of Trustees; Former Vice President and Senior Vice President, Evergreen Investments, Inc.; Former Treasurer, Evergreen Funds; Former Treasurer, Vestaur Securities Fund

**Gerald M. McDonnell**

Trustee

DOB: 7/14/1939

Term of office since: 1988

Other directorships: None

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Consultant, Rock Hill Metals Consultants LLC (Metals Consultant to steel industry); Former Manager of Commercial Operations, CMC Steel (steel producer)

**Patricia B. Norris**

Trustee

DOB: 4/9/1948

Term of office since: 2006

Other directorships: None

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President and Director of Buckleys of Kezar Lake, Inc. (real estate company); Former President and Director of Phillips Pond Homes Association (home community); Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (independent registered public accounting firm)

**William Walt Pettit<sup>2</sup>**

Trustee

DOB: 8/26/1955

Term of office since: 1988

Other directorships: None

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Director, Rogers, Townsend & Thomas, PC (law firm); Director, Superior Packaging Corp. (packaging company); Member, Superior Land, LLC (real estate holding company), Member, K&P Development, LLC (real estate development); Former Vice President, Kellam & Pettit, P.A. (law firm); Former Director, National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. (non-profit organization)

**David M. Richardson**

Trustee

DOB: 9/19/1941

Term of office since: 1982

Other directorships: None

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President, Richardson, Runden LLC (executive recruitment advisory services); Director, J&M Cumming Paper Co. (paper merchandising); Former Trustee, NDI Technologies, LLP (communications); Former Consultant, AESC (The Association of Executive Search Consultants)

**Russell A. Salton III, MD**

Trustee

DOB: 6/2/1947

Term of office since: 1984

Other directorships: None

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President/CEO, AccessOne MedCard, Inc.

**Michael S. Scofield**

Trustee

DOB: 2/20/1943

Term of office since: 1984

Other directorships: None

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Retired Attorney, Law Offices of Michael S. Scofield; Former Director and Chairman, Branded Media Corporation (multi-media branding company)

## TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS continued

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**Richard J. Shima**  
Trustee  
Independent Consultant; Director, Hartford Hospital; Trustee, Greater Hartford YMCA; Former Director, Trust Company of CT; Former Trustee, Saint Joseph College (CT)  
DOB: 8/11/1939  
Term of office since: 1993  
Other directorships: None

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**Richard K. Wagoner, CFA<sup>3</sup>**  
Trustee  
Member and Former President, North Carolina Securities Traders Association; Member, Financial Analysts Society  
DOB: 12/12/1937  
Term of office since: 1999  
Other directorships: None

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### OFFICERS

**W. Douglas Munn<sup>4</sup>**  
President  
Principal occupations: President and Chief Executive Officer, Evergreen Investment Company, Inc.; Chief Operating Officer, Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC; Former Chief Operating Officer, Evergreen Investment Company, Inc.  
DOB: 4/21/1963  
Term of office since: 2009

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**Jeremy DePalma<sup>4</sup>**  
Treasurer  
Principal occupations: Senior Vice President, Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC; Assistant Treasurer, Wells Fargo Advantage Funds; Former Vice President, Evergreen Investment Services, Inc.; Former Assistant Vice President, Evergreen Investment Services, Inc.  
DOB: 2/5/1974  
Term of office since: 2005

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**Michael H. Koonce<sup>4</sup>**  
Secretary  
Principal occupations: Managing Counsel, Wells Fargo & Company; Secretary and Senior Vice President, Alternative Strategies Brokerage Services, Inc.; Evergreen Investment Services, Inc.; Secretary and Senior Vice President, Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC and Evergreen Service Company, LLC  
DOB: 4/20/1960  
Term of office since: 2000

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**Robert Guerin<sup>4</sup>**  
Chief Compliance Officer  
Principal occupations: Chief Compliance Officer, Evergreen Funds and Senior Vice President of Evergreen Investment Company, Inc.; Compliance Manager, Wells Fargo Funds Management Group; Former Managing Director and Senior Compliance Officer, Babson Capital Management LLC; Former Principal and Director, Compliance and Risk Management, State Street Global Advisors; Former Vice President and Manager, Sales Practice Compliance, Deutsche Asset Management  
DOB: 9/20/1965  
Term of office since: 2007

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<sup>1</sup> Each Trustee serves until a successor is duly elected or qualified or until his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office. Each Trustee oversaw 74 Evergreen funds as of December 31, 2009. Correspondence for each Trustee may be sent to Evergreen Board of Trustees, P.O. Box 20083, Charlotte, NC 28202.

<sup>2</sup> It is possible that Mr. Pettit may be viewed as an "interested person" of the Evergreen funds, as defined in the 1940 Act, because of his law firm's previous representation of affiliates of Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo"), the parent to the Evergreen funds' investment advisor, EIMC. The Trustees are treating Mr. Pettit as an interested trustee for the time being.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Wagoner is an "interested person" of the Evergreen funds because of his ownership of shares in Wells Fargo & Company, the parent to the Evergreen funds' investment advisor.

<sup>4</sup> The address of the Officer is 200 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116.

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